

Flint First



“Be Disciples, Make Disciples”

Greetings Flint First Family and Friends

I'd like to take a moment of your time to update you with some important information regarding the response to the Covid-19 pandemic.

First of all, the church will endure. We will continue to serve, love, reach-out, pray, and worship. But there are going to be some dramatic differences in how we operate for the next several weeks. It is our aim to do our part in slowing down the spread of this virus, protect our most vulnerable, and to continue the mission and purpose of the church all at the same time.

The Big Change

We will no longer be having worship gatherings over 10 people. Which means there will no longer be Sunday or Wednesday worship services at the church building. This does not mean that we are canceling worship services; they will continue, but they will only be accessible through technology.

The Response

In this post/packet you will find the written plans of different department leaders from Flint First along with a schedule. Feel free to reach out to any one of these leaders or myself with any questions you may have.

Children's ministry, Teen ministry, Small Group, Prayer, Pastoral Care, Preaching, Worship Music, Giving of Offering, Living on Mission, and many other aspects of organization will not slow down through this pandemic, each ministry will simply find new and innovative platforms to make the ministry work.

Our Expectation

We need a few things from each and every one of you. Many in our Flint First family are not going to have access to the technology which is going to be vital in keeping us all connected. Our pastoral care team is responding to this, but we need individuals to take it upon themselves to continue to reach out to one another. Please look for ways to safely include those who may “fall through the cracks” because of the new plan.

Please connect with us with any questions about anything, at any time. If you are struggling to use technology, let us know. If you'd like to be on our call list from the pastoral care team, let us know. If you have any tangible needs that the church can help with, let us know.

The operational costs, and mission of the church will not be put on hold. I want to encourage everyone to continue to be faithful in giving using our online platform, or by mailing to the church. If you need assistance with these options, let us know. Not just to the church, but also consider those whose family income will be put in jeopardy. This is a great time for the church to demonstrate the generosity of our Savior.

I understand this may seem overwhelming, but God is still in control.

2 Timothy 1:7...For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.

Your Pastor,
Scotty Grigonis

Children's Ministry

- Make a Facebook Group for Children's Ministry. Here I plan on sharing the lessons and engaging with families through videos and weekly bible story time along with providing different links and resources. My hope is to make this an interactive and engaging group for our families to stay connected to each other. Our Children's Ministry Volunteers will also be invited to join.
- On Wednesdays I will be doing a live lesson on zoom. These lessons will be the lessons we have been doing at church on Wednesday. I will be sharing the link to this on Facebook with our families.
- On Sundays I will be releasing a post that include a link to a life church video lesson and some talking points on the video lesson along with one video link to a praise and worship video.

Mission's Ministry

Life-on-Life

Focus:

- Neighbors, family, church family and/or friends (anyone is an option, but the unchurched and high-risk persons would be ideal).

What to do:

- Call, text, private message, video chat
- Talk to them on a semi-regular basis (at least 1x week but 2x is better)
- If you are going to the store – ask if you could pick something up for them (you don't have to pay for it unless you want to.) You are saving them a trip to the store and the potential exposure to Covid.
- Offer to help with outside chores: trash, collecting mail, walk their pet
- Pray with and for them by phone, text, private message, video chat or prayer walk
- Stand outside their window and talk to them on the phone for human 'contact'

Other ideas:

- Buy extra – share
- Make an extra effort to thank those who are working – medical, postal workers, trash persons, delivery persons, clerks at the store, etc.