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Dear Montclair Family,

Greetings in the mighty name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Most recently, we have been closely monitoring the Coronavirus (COVID-19) situation and enhancing our procedures so that we can continue to do ministry in the present age, effectively and intentionally. According to the CDC, the best way to prevent illness is to avoid being exposed to this virus. Therefore, we have decided to cancel ALL church services until further notice. This includes our Wednesday evening prayer service. However, our March Gladness revival speakers will still share the gospel from Facebook live on Fridays at 7:30pm, Saturdays at 11:30 am and I will continue on Wednesdays at 7:15pm.

Additionally, please remember to wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds especially after going to the restroom; before eating, and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing. If soap and water are not readily available, use an alcohol-based sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol. Always wash hands with soap and water if hands are visible dirty.

Finally, as Christian believers, let us not allow this pandemic or any other crisis to invoke fear, panic, worry, and or anxiety within. Remember that “God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind. (II Timothy 1:7).” Furthermore we believe that “in the last days perilous times shall come (II Timothy 3:1). Should you feel overwhelmed, please feel free to contact your pastor so we can pray together. Also, here are a few biblical scriptures (Psalm 27, Psalm 46, Psalm 91, Luke 21) to help you through this time. If stress continues, do not hesitate to contact your local mental healthcare provider or therapist.

Yours in the Master’s service,

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