Covid-19 Update #3 Woodstock Baptist Church March 27, 2020

Hi Everyone,

The warmer temperatures, the melting snow, the robins singing and the mud we track inside from our walks to catch a few breaths of fresh air in our yard are the telltale signs of spring.

As we all settle into a whole new world of social distancing, self isolation, and continuous handwashing we do our best to keep in touch with many different vehicles, such as: email, texts, social media and the good old fashioned telephone. I think we are all well aware this "new world" is going to be our "new norm" for some time. All of our in person gatherings and public worship services will remain suspended until further notice.

I cannot tell you how much I personally miss our in person gatherings, however, in the absence of in person gatherings I am thankful that we can use alternative means to connect and stay in touch. Our ministry team has been vigilant to accomplish this.

## Please note:

- We will continue to live stream our 10:30 AM Worship Service for you to watch from your home.
   Please join us live. You can do this by clicking the following link: https://woodstockbaptist.ca/watch-live/
- If you are unable to join us live please remember you can still watch our service at your convenience by going to our website and click on the following link: https://woodstockbaptist.ca/previously-recorded-services/
- If you or someone you know does not have a computer or device to view the live stream or the
  pre-recorded service and you would like a DVD to watch, please let us know and we will deliver
  one to you.
- We will continue to post a verse of the day!
- Pastor Craig (on Wednesday) and Pastor Nick (on Friday) will continue to share an on-line video devotional.
- Below is a summary of various ministries meeting on line:
  - Adult Sunday School: Pastor Nick's Sunday School Class will meet on-line Sundays beginning March 29 from 9:15-10 AM. Please contact Pastor Nick at: nicholas.devine29@gmail.com
  - o Young Adults: We will meet on-line via Zoom on Monday Night at 7 PM.
  - Kids Program: We will continue to work through our curriculum online! A Bible story video will be posted on the WBC Kids Facebook page each week for your kids to watch and enjoy along with some other fun activities and resources. Parents stay tuned to that Facebook page for updates and activities!
  - Youth: We will be having Higher Ground and Middle Ground meetings on Zoom, the day and time is yet to be determined but we will be sharing that information with you as soon as it is finalized. We are presently connecting with parents and youth to check in and to collect email addresses/cell phone numbers so that we can arrange to meet together on

Zoom. This week, Corinne will be doing some test meetings so that students and youth leaders can get online and get familiar with zoom. We would like to be able to connect as many students together as possible, so please feel free to contact Corinne with an email address/phone number and please download the Zoom app.

- Our "Covid-19 Team" has been busy this week seeking to minister in practical ways to meet needs in our church and community. If you or someone you know has a need please let us know.
   We will seek to provide assistance wherever needed and possible.
- If you have a prayer request or praise item please share it with us. We would love to pray for you and your requests and celebrate your praise items!
- Please note: The Evangelical Fellowship of Canada and the World Evangelical Alliance are inviting Canadians and churches to a Global Day of Prayer and Fasting as part of the Church response to the COVID-19 pandemic. You can find a prayer guide by clicking on the following link: <a href="https://covid19.worldea.org/global-day-of-prayer-fasting/">https://covid19.worldea.org/global-day-of-prayer-fasting/</a>

We are doing our best to communicate and keep you informed, however, if you have a question, concern or an idea for ministry please get in touch with us. We would love to hear from you.

We miss all of you and we miss being together. While we wait for our reunion, please continue to pray for the World, Canada, New Brunswick, Carleton County, Woodstock and surrounding areas! Pray for one another. Pray for our Church Family and our leadership team as we continue to lead in unprecedented times.

Lastly, but most importantly I want to leave you with these words from the Prophet Isaiah:

"You will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are steadfast, because they trust in you." ~Isaiah 26:3~

Praying with you, Praying for you,

Rev. Craig Woodcock on behalf of the WBC Ministry Team and the Board of Deacons