

November 27, 2020

Dear Church Family,

I read the following verses this week:

***“Be merciful to me, God; be merciful to me because I come to you for protection. Let me hide under the shadow of your wings until the trouble has passed. I cry out to God Most High, to the God who does everything for me. He sends help from heaven and saves me” (Psalm 57:1-3a).***

I feel the truth recorded here by the Psalmist is significant and speaks to the time we are living in.

It has been awhile since I last provided a “Covid 19” update! We have so enjoyed being in the yellow phase of recovery and being able to meet in person, however, as of 12:01 AM, November 27, 2020 we find Zone 3 back in the orange phase. This means many of our ministry plans need to undergo significant changes. To give a brief synopsis of the new guidelines within the Orange Phase of recovery: religious services are limited to 50 people (including staff, music and tech people), congregational singing is no longer permitted, in terms of seating, we are now limited to single household bubbles. Outdoor gatherings are limited to 25 people.

Due to the restrictions from the Province of New Brunswick, and Chief Medical Officer, Dr. Jennifer Russell, our leadership team is informing you of the plan to move worship services online until further notice.

- Celebration Sunday: November 29, 2020—There will be no in-person service. We will celebrate online together at 11:00 AM. The only people who will be in the building are staff, worship team, tech people and the family members of the three individuals who are being baptized.
- “Journey Through Bethlehem”: December 5-6—We regret to inform you that this event will be canceled. As previously noted, the Orange Phase limits outdoor gatherings to 25 people. Given this restriction it is impossible to proceed.
- Sunday, December 6, 2020—9:00 AM—We will meet together online from the safety and comfort of our homes. The pre-recorded service will stream at 9:00 AM and then be posted for you to view at your convenience.
- Young Adults will meet Monday at 7:00 PM. Details TBA.
- ALIVE—Will not meet on December 1st. We will announce plans for this ministry in the next Covid 19 update.
- Prayer Gathering will continue online Wednesdays via Zoom with Pastor Craig at 6:30 PM.
- Children’s Ministry—Will move on line December 6 until further notice. More details to follow.
- Youth Ministry—The “Car Rally” scheduled for Sunday, November 29 is canceled. The youth will meet via Zoom: Middle Ground at 6:30 PM and Higher Ground at 8:00 PM.
- Life Groups:
  - Ephesians and Joshua: led by Doug and Marg Arnold will be canceled until further notice.
  - Exodus: led by Pastor Nick Devine will continue online Sunday mornings at 8:00 AM.
  - 1 Corinthians: led by Corinne Gray will meet Wednesdays at 9:00 AM. Details TBA.
  - Ephesians: led by Matt Sealy will meet online Sunday night at 7:00 PM.

We had planned to unveil our "Gifts for Christmas" tree on November 29 at the in person service, to assist those who are in need. If you would like to give the gift of encouragement in this way, please contact Corinne Gray for details by email: [jeffcor.gray@gmail.com](mailto:jeffcor.gray@gmail.com); Office: 324-8020; Cell: 425-4647.

We will continue to monitor the situation and adjust other ministry plans as needed in the coming days. We thank you for your support in the ministry! We thank God for each of you!

If you have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the church office at 324-8020

In Christ Alone,

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On behalf of the Woodstock Baptist Ministry Team and Board of Deacons