



March 19, 2020

Beloved Disciples of Calvary,

“Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.” (Philippians 1:2) I pray that as you receive this correspondence, you continue to place your faith, hope and trust in Almighty God. For as believers, we know that all things truly work together for the good!

None of us could have ever imagined finding ourselves in the midst of a world-wide pandemic. COVID-19 (coronavirus) has forever impacted our lives and has altered our daily routines. We have been limited to “social distancing”, schools and businesses have closed their doors, the economy is steadily shifting and there are limits now placed on public gatherings. Now, more than ever, is the time for the church to remain grounded in its faith, and through the use of creative measures, continue to live out our mission and mandate of spreading the gospel and developing disciples.

As demonstrated over the past week, your safety and overall well-being are of utmost importance. I, along with the staff and servant leadership team of Calvary, have assessed federal and state recommendations during this time and have, to the best of our abilities, implemented precautionary measures and guidelines. We are committed to providing updates as they come through the use of “One Call Now”, the church’s website (<https://calvarybaptistbuffalo.org>) and social media platforms (Facebook and Instagram). In addition, we’ve had to modify worship services and hours of operation. Please read carefully the following adjustments that are implemented until further notice.

- ALL *physical* meetings, ministry opportunities, rehearsals and worship services are suspended! Meetings via the phone or video conference are encouraged.
- Tuesday’s Food Pantry will operate as normal with modified hours, 9:30 a.m. - Noon. “Helpful Hands” (volunteers) are needed to offer relief to the populations most vulnerable.
- All funerals are reduced to immediate family and Homegoing Service **ONLY**. Consider rescheduling to a June memorial services.
- In lieu of Midweek Bible Study we will dial in on our “*No Time to Panic*” *Prayer Conference Call*. Dial (425) 436-6322; Access Code: 243162. We will also utilize Facebook live which can be accessed via our website and on <https://www.facebook.com/CalvaryBuffalo>
- “*Thinking of you Thursdays!*” All members are asked to intentionally call/ FaceTime at least 3 people you wouldn’t ordinarily call (particularly students and seniors) to check in on them and talk for a minimum of three minutes! Let them know you’re still thinking of them during this time and that they are not forgotten.

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- “*Cyber Sunday Services!*” Using the same conference call line number and Facebook live, we will worship virtually on Sunday’s at 10:00 a.m.
- In the event you need to reach the church office, you can call between the hours of 9am-Noon, Monday through Friday.

Again, we will assess the outlined measures and make adjustments where needed as often as needed. I am also asking that during this time, we remember our financial responsibilities to the ministry. While we are cautious in our operation, we still are engaged in outreach within the community and there are still essential expenses that are not deferred. None of this can happen without resources. There are a number of ways to continue to contribute through your regular tithes and offering.

1. Givelify (recommended method)/ “*Givelify Fridays!*” Choose to make your contribution to Givelify on Friday.
 - Download the free Givelify app
 - Locate Calvary Baptist Church Buffalo (look for the logo)
 - Tap the “give” button
 - Tap an amount
 - Select an envelope
 - Tap “give now”
 - Create your account
 - Securely enter your payment information
 - Complete your donation
2. Mail checks which are delivered and received daily!
3. Call the office to schedule a “Pray and Pickup.” A member of the Deacons will come to your home (outside only) pray with you and pickup your contribution.

Finally, I ask each of you to choose faith over fear during this time! We take precautions, but we don’t live our lives with a sense of panic. Limit your television time and social media intake and use this as a time to grow closer to God, your family, and God’s people. My prayer is that we will all remain engaged, unified and prayerful. I just dare to believe that we will make it to the other side of this and something good will come of it all!

In God I Trust,

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