

March 18, 2019

From your Pastors, Staff and Deacons

At Forestville Baptist Church, we want to care for our congregation in all respects, including the physical well-being of the body of Christ. The news regarding the Coronavirus (COVID-19) is evolving, seemingly by the minute. We want to keep you informed of what's happening at Forestville Baptist Church.

With the recent mandate from our governor regarding gatherings, we are canceling all services beginning immediately. We are planning to resume services on Sunday April 5, 2020, although this is subject to change. The church offices and ministerial functions will continue as we minister to the body and to the community. Please take this time to spend in the Word and in prayer. Tithes will be accepted at the office in our reception dropbox, by mailing to 2 Old McElhaney Rd, Greenville SC 29617 or by tithing on-line.

- You can access the sermons on <u>Facebook</u>
- This Sunday at 10:45 AM, you may access the Forestville Facebook page.
 Join us there fore prayer, special music and a message by Pastor Bill.
 <u>Facebook Live.</u>
- You can access sermons on the church <u>Website</u>.

Please take every precaution to keep yourself and others safe, especially in light of recent developments with the Coronavirus. South Carolina DHEC and the CDC have created some guidelines, specifically:

Stay home when you are sick and especially if you currently have a fever or have had a fever or symptoms of any illness in the last 24 hours.

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- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom, before eating, and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.
- If you have traveled to any high alert areas (currently China, South Korea, Iran, Europe, Japan), we urge you to consider refraining from attending church events, classes, and services until the 14-day timeframe has been observed. We also ask that anyone returning from a high-alert area within the United States (see the most up to date list) to consider doing the same.
- If you or someone you know tests positive for COVID-19, please let us know so we can find a way to help, pray for everyone involved, and take any necessary precautions here at Forestville Baptist Church.

This pandemic has caused much fear, panic, and chaos (have you been shopping recently?). All of us are impacted, our families, businesses, churches, schools, and other organizations. We are the body of Christ, pray for opportunities to witness, minister, or just help calm people around you with the "Good News" of the gospel.

We must remember that God has not called us to live in fear but in faith. *"For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but one of <u>power</u>, <u>love</u> and <u>sound judgment</u>." 2 Timothy 1:7*

Our prayer is that God will fill all of us with these three gifts, no matter what comes our way.

We thank God for you.

In Christ's love,

John E. Little

John E. Little Chairman of Deacons

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