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Throughout the Bible we see accounts of the unexpected because we live in a fallen world. We look forward to the time when life will be as God originally intended before the fall. But until that time, we are reminded that through it all there is one constant - God never changes, He is in control over all the nations of the world, and He has a plan for our good.

Certainly, we are facing an event that, three months ago, no one would have ever expected. An event whose final outcome we don't yet know. However, we can say with King Jehoshaphat, **"we do not know what to do, but our eyes are on You" (2 Chronicles 20:12).**

At Community Bible Church we are seeking the Lord's direction during these uncertain times. To not meet corporately in the same room, is not an **Acts 5:29** mandate, but an application of **Romans 13:1**, to honor the governing authorities and to honor our fellow citizens with a testimony that shows we care. The federal government is limiting gatherings to 10 or more, which, for us, means that we are temporarily suspending all **in-person activities at all our campuses**, including our Sunday & Wednesday worship services.

Because we recognize now, more than ever, that we need to hear from God's Word; we need to pray; and we need to sing as a community of saints, we are offering worship services online. To that end, our services will include music, a message from God's word and yes, even baptisms! With that said, we will continue to have on our campus our traditional "Meet the Pastor" gatherings, limiting each meeting to ten. They will be held in a very large classroom with participants spaced ten feet apart. No children will be allowed in the buildings for their safety.

There are a number of ways you can participate in our online services: At our web site communitybiblechurch.us/live where you can take notes, chat with us, and even submit prayer requests. On our social media presence, facebook.com/cbcbft you can even use your smartphone. And, for superior sight and sound, we can be found on ROKU and Apple TV devices; simply download the Community Bible Church US app from the respective app stores. If you have any problems with setting up your home to livestream the worship services, please call the church and we will walk you through step-by-step the needed process. Ask for Jason and his team.

We want to remind you we are here for you. We are manning the phones at (843) 525-0089. We are taking prayer requests at communitybiblechurch.us/pray. And we are updating the situation as it relates to our church community at our main page, communitybiblechurch.us.

As long as the Lord allows, it is our intent to not only serve you, our local body of believers, but also to continue supporting our 300+ missionaries worldwide. These are the men and women that are on the frontlines of faith. To that end, we ask you to continue your giving and your praying for them because many are in places where the medical care is substandard. You can mail your tithes and offerings to Community Bible Church, PO Box 119, Beaufort, SC 29901, or we offer online giving at communitybiblechurch.us/give.

Three things to remember: 1) The church is not brick and mortar. We are the body of Christ. As such, we have an incredible opportunity to share with others (while maintaining an appropriate social distance). True hope is found in a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. 2) **"Greater is He Who is in you than he who is in the world" (1 John 4:4).** And 3) God is in control as He is working, **"all things together for good"** to those of us who love Him and are **"the called according to His purpose" (Romans 8:28).**

Praying with you,

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