



March 14, 2020

To the Saints of Mt. Holly,

We are living in trying times and in uncharted waters. But as followers of Jesus Christ, we can rest in His sovereign hand moving for His glory as I'll be sharing this morning.

In light of the actions of our President and our State Governor, and with the insights from the medical community, we will take the following actions:

1. Mt. Holly has withdrawn from the Easter outreach event. I believe it will be canceled.
2. As a church, following today's service, we will suspend all services and activities until Palm Sunday, April 5th. Then we will evaluate the progress of the Coronavirus and what the authorities are advising or mandating for its citizenry.
3. Hospital care by the Elders and Deacons will be via phone.

The Elder's responsibility is to look after the welfare of the flock. The majority of our congregation is over sixty years old and many have underlying health issues. Biblical wisdom tells us, "Let each of you look not only to his own interest, but also to the interest of others" (Phil. 2:4). This is not an easy decision. The medical community is advising not to have social contact; to practice "social distancing." As long as government actions don't violate scriptural principles, then part of our witness as a church is to adhere to the authorities over us. Thus, the prudent action is to suspend all activities within the church for a few weeks.

In Charlottesville, Lee and I have withdrawn from our local Bible study group, and my high school group has disbanded for a season. Many churches in Charlottesville are closing for a few weeks as well. As we navigate through this crisis, we thank you for your prayers and cooperation. Let us use this time to grow closer to our Lord by trusting in Him and seeing His glory displayed.

Grace2U,
The Elders