

March 17, 2020

Dear Members of Mill Creek,

We are in the midst of some quickly changing times that are requiring us to make adjustments almost daily and I wanted to give you an update on what is happening here at Mill Creek. As of today, we are suspending our Sunday morning and Wednesday evening gatherings at the church until further notice but will be monitoring the situation daily. We do not want to place a specific time frame on this because we are praying that things return to normal sooner than later and want to have the flexibly to change with them. In the meantime, as staff, we will seek to keep things as normal as possible and are looking at creative ways to "do" and "be" the church.

Because of the internet speed in our area, doing something like Facebook live from the church is not a viable option. We will be recording a worship service and posting it on YouTube for you to view. You can access these services from the church web page www.millcreekbc.com as well as our YouTube channel which is Mill Creek Baptist Church Fincastle. Cindie is working with some of our musicians to help provide for a meaningful worship experience for you to view. We will try to have these posted by Sunday morning so you can "go to church" from the comforts of your home. You may even want to use this time to reach out to neighbors and invite them to check us out online and follow up with them. Who knows, maybe by doing this these same neighbors will feel more at ease in coming once we're all back together.

As staff, we are here for you in whatever ways we can be. Obviously, we are limited when it comes to hospital and nursing home visits right now but will connect through calls and notes. We will be in the office as much as possible but would recommend you call before stopping by.

We are the most connected society in history, and we want to stay connected as best as we can during this challenging time. We will be looking for and sharing suggestions with you and would ask that you share your suggestions with us. Mill Creek has never been defined by borders of brick and mortar but rather by people who seek to be the church in the community, and here's one more opportunity for all of us to be the church.

Keep watch for updates and be sure to share them with friends and family who may not have email or social media accounts.

Grace, peace and health to you all,

Pastor Danny