



IMMANUEL BIBLE CHURCH

March 29, 2020

WE ARE GOING LIVE! Yes, that's right, come and worship with us (virtually) and the rest of the congregation at 10:30 am this Sunday. Details listed below.

Our main priority is the safety, health and well-being of our church and community. To that end, please let us know at any time if you need help or if you know someone who might need help. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact Pastor Dave or an Elder.

Finally, BUT most importantly, we ask you all to pray for those affected by this situation and for God to contain the spread of this virus.

Thank you, IBC Elders

Announcements

Church Activities:

All regularly scheduled church activities are postponed indefinitely.

Church Office Closed:

Office hours are now cancelled until further notice due to the "Stay in Place" order. We will continue to update you as the situation requires.

Sunday Morning Prayer:

During the Coronavirus crisis, Sunday morning prayer time continues via teleconferencing at 8:30 AM. You can use the call in number: 605-313-5297 – Access Code: 577829. Contact Rod Bowers if you have questions.

Instructions on Giving:

There are two ways to remain faithful in giving back to the Lord.

- 1) You can mail your check to Immanuel Bible Church (145 East Summit Street, Chelsea, MI 48118).
- 2) Give online using the secure giving platform on our website (<http://ibcchelsea.com/ministries/financial-giving/>). You can also click on the "Financial Giving" link in the top right corner of IBC's home page at ibcchelsea.com.

Instructions to view or listen to this week's message:

Go to the church website at ibcchelsea.com, and you'll see instructions on the main page. You can join us in worship this Sunday morning for a live stream at 10:30 am by clicking on the word SERMONS in the menu bar above, or on the "Sermons" bubble you can reach by scrolling down to the "Preaching the Word" section. In addition to the live viewing at 10:30 am on Sunday, the video recording will be available for viewing after the service via Vimeo, and the audio download from the church website will be available on Monday.

Opportunities for Assistance:

IBC would like to take the opportunity to serve those in our church and community who may need assistance during this time. PLEASE let us know how we can serve you. A couple of current outreaches that are available until further notice include:

- Grocery/errand runs for those who are high risk. For those who are high risk (elderly, immunocompromised, pregnant or sick), let us help pick up and deliver your groceries, medications, or anything else you might need. We have had numerous volunteers offer to help with grocery pick-up.
- Child care on a limited basis. For those in need of child care during this time, please let us know. We have several families available to help watch kids on a limited basis.
- Please contact one of the elders to coordinate any needs; this includes anything you may need help with that is not included on this list as well. Please feel free to extend this offer to any person you may know of that needs extra support or encouragement during this time.

IBC Missions Update

Ethnos360/Nate Eutsey:

I trust you are living out your faith and experiencing God's peace in these uncertain times. I wanted to write and let you know that I am well here in Papua New Guinea. We all have been informed that we have the freedom to return to our passport countries. Some have chosen to do so others have not. I have made the decision to stay. I feel safe here and think the risk is similar wherever I am. And like the message said, be praying for the Amdu team they begin teaching the Gospel message this week! Exciting times that will have an impact on eternity during this crazy time around the world. In Christ, Nate

Every Child Mission:

- ECM operates in Congo, Ghana and Uganda. Each of these countries can combat the virus by closing schools, churches etc. They do not have our same ability, however, to treat the infected people as do we in the US. Pray that the number of cases would be limited and not of a severe nature.
- Three of ECM's missionaries plan to return to the US have been suspended with so few planes flying. Pray for patience and comfort and virus free transportation when flying resumes.
- Mark Luckey is ECM's Executive Director. He and his wife live in Valparaiso, Indiana. They have six children with the two youngest still living at home. Their son in the Air Force will be stationed in Kuwait for the next seven more months. With the virus making everyday life more difficult, their daughter-in-law and her two young children will be traveling to Indiana to stay with the Luckeys. Pray for safe travels and that the Luckeys house stays sanitized and sane.
- Mark and his wife just returned from Uganda with five supporters. They visited the National Office and its Director and the Coordinators of several Hope Centers. The trip was enlightening and encouraging!

Jest Kidding/Sheldon & Vicky Rhodes:

A couple of weeks ago as things started to close, meetings we had scheduled begin to cancel. Summer plans are up in the air. This is a bit of concern as a good portion of our income is from the offerings at churches, etc. I expect that at least some of our supporters will be stopping their personal mission support. It is good to know we have a God who will meet our needs. He has always been faithful. I know He will provide somehow.

The unscheduled time home has allowed me time to put together some new gospel magic tricks that I have had in mind for some time. I have been writing more on a series of devotionals that has been in the works. Vicky's folks, 90/91, live about 2 miles from us. We need wisdom as Dad still has the idea that he can come and go as he likes. He shouldn't be driving at all but nobody wants to take his car away. We aren't sure how to handle it.

With kids home from school, they are spending even more time on the internet. We have had an increase in traffic to all 3 of our websites; Jest Kidding, Goliath's spear and God's Family. Praise the Lord that because of the internet, we are still able to have an impact on lives. Getting the gospel out is the only thing that can give people hope in these uncertain times. God is still in control. He still has a plan and His will WILL be done. Keep praying for each other and staying in the Word. God is good all the time, Sheldon

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