

Good morning First Baptist Church family,

This email is an update as to how FBC Leamington will respond to the Coronavirus situation for the foreseeable future.

By Sunday of last week, the government of Canada had recommended that gatherings of people of 250 or more should be avoided and canceled. We chose to meet, using extra precautions, as we still complied with this recommendation. Yesterday however that recommendation had changed to groups of over 50 people in particular, as well as any non-essential social gathering in general. With this update the elders believe it wise to cancel this Sunday service, as well as all regular ministries and special FBC events held at the church. We do not cancel this lightly. It is unfortunate that we cannot meet together as a family, but we do so out of love for each other and our community, as well as out of respect and obedience for our governing authorities (both of which are biblical and God-honouring reasons).

Because there is uncertainty as to how long these restrictions will be in place, we will simply update the congregation on a week-to-week basis via email, Facebook, and phone.

We are currently working on some sort of live-stream on Sunday morning at our regular service time (10:30am), and we will keep you updated on what that will look like as we figure things out.

In the meantime, we would ask for us as a church family to do three things:

- 1) To remember to check-in on each other, especially those who are in the demographic that is particularly vulnerable to this virus. We encourage you to phone each other and offer any practical help anyone may need. Also, if you are vulnerable, please don't hesitate to call the church, pastor Jason, or pastor Mike to ask for help picking up groceries, medication, or other necessities.
- 2) Pray for our church, our country, and the world as we go forward in dealing with this virus.
- 3) Trust in the sovereignty of God over all things and rest in the peace of God that transcends all understanding. We are not to fear as the world fears, because we are not afraid of what the world is afraid of. This is an opportunity to tell as well as show the peace and hope that comes through faith in the gospel of Jesus Christ.

In all this we are reminded of and hopeful for the day when the Church will be together forever in perfect health and peace with Jesus Christ our Lord.

- Your servants, the elders of FBC