



## **Thalia Lynn Baptist Church**

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March 23, 2020

Dear Church Family,

We are in trying times. The Covid-19 virus continues to cause more havoc in the world. Sources tell us that we will be adjusting what we do and where we go for as long as eighteen months. Let me assure you that the church staff is working harder than ever to do what the church must do. So, what must we do?

- Remember that the mission of the church has not changed. We are still commissioned to make disciples. The method of accomplishing that mission must change.
- We will continue to have services at Thalia Lynn at 8:30 and 11:00 but ask that you not attend, unless you are leading in worship. We have taken precautions to ensure the safety of those who have come but we do not feel that it is prudent for you to attend at this time. We do not know how long this will last.
- Services will continue to be streamed live on Facebook Live until we find a better venue. You can watch on your smart phone, tablet or computer. These services will be live at 8:30 and 11:00 Sunday mornings but can be watched any time you wish.
- The church staff is searching for ways to continue providing discipleship opportunities for everyone. Right Now Media is a resource that many of you can use right away. The link to Right Now Media is on our website.
- The staff is seeking the best means of holding Bible Study classes online too. They are researching different ways people can remotely interact with each other as they study the Bible. They will be communicating this with each of the teachers.
- I am planning on offering the course "Let's Talk about God" (Systematic Theology Course) as I had already planned. I will also do this on Facebook Live. I will stream it at 6:00 PM on Wednesdays starting April 22. You will be able to make comments and I will answer them at that time.
- We will have Holy Week services online, too. I encourage each of you to buy crackers or matza and some grape juice or wine (bet you never thought you would hear that from a Baptist preacher!) so that you will be able to physically participate in your homes for the Maundy Thursday service.
- The summer activities such as VBS, concerts and camps are on hold at this time. We do not anticipate being able to provide these events due to the coronavirus.
- We ask you to pray each morning at 7:00 AM that God will intervene and end the effect of this virus. If we believe in God, why don't we believe in God? Think about that.

- If you do not have the means to stream services or have other needs, please call the church and let us know. We will do our best to get you what you need.
- Most churches are afraid that their revenues will fall during this crisis. I am not. I believe that God moves in the hearts of His people to give. I believe that you are people who listen to God. God bless you for your faithfulness!

Each day we hear news that changes the way we must do things. Each day businesses must operate in a different way. Health officials give us different and sometimes confusing reports of how we can protect ourselves every day. We may not know what to do, but our eyes are on the Lord.

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Prentis McGoldrick". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Prentis McGoldrick, D. Min.