



**PARKVIEW**  
BAPTIST CHURCH

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Dear Parkview Family,

First, let me just say how thankful I am for you! You have demonstrated your love and care for my family in so many tangible ways. We are grateful for you and your help during our period of transition. I couldn't imagine a more challenging time for a transition, but I also could not imagine being cared for and supported any greater than the way that you have thus far. Thank You on behalf of the entire DeGeorge crew!

These are certainly unique times that we find ourselves in and present challenges for our typical way of doing Church. The pandemic and subsequent fallout have left us having to think through every established norm that we use in holding worship services, conducting Bible studies, scheduling church activities, visiting the sick, and the list goes on. Let me assure you that our leadership is committed to gathering as much as possible. We also recognize the need to exercise caution as we hold our worship services and activities. We want to err on the side of caution, which is why we are also encouraging the wearing of masks. I recognize that there are a thousand different thoughts out there on that particular topic, but our practice should be to use charity and concern for our neighbors to guide us in making decisions. As followers of Christ we are guided by scriptures like Philippians 2:1-10, among others, which give us direction for living faithfully in all situations. I am thankful that you are making every effort to that end. We realize that some of you will continue to wait to return to worship services until a later date, and we understand that. We will continue to provide online streaming of our worship so that you can be a part and participate with us. ***Our chief priority in scheduling is our Sunday morning worship times.*** We will continue to seek to do everything we can to protect those and keep ourselves in a position to continue to hold them. With that said, with the recent spike in cases and what we see happening statewide and nationally we feel it is best to ***limit our gathering on campus to Sunday mornings exclusively. All other gatherings will be done virtually.*** We feel that right now this is a necessary step to continue to protect our ability to meet. The last thing we would want is for a cluster of positive cases to originate within one of our meetings and force us back to online only Sunday worship. This is not a decision that we make lightly. We have long been ready to resume a normal slate of activities on our campus including Sunday school and the like, but we also must exercise caution in doing so. It may be awhile before we are able to resume those activities. Possibly even as late as the beginning of 2021. Prayerfully it will be sooner, and prayerfully we will see the number of cases begin to decrease. But, at present, that is not the case. We will be working to provide virtual content to supplement some of these activities until we are able to resume them. This week we will have no MidWeek message or gatherings as we transition back to an online Midweek stream option.

Thank You for your understanding during this challenging moment. While many aspects of our fellowship has been challenged by the onset of COVID, we are still intent on being united in our purpose for the glory of Christ and the advancement of the gospel. Hopefully the days ahead will bring some relief from this present challenge, and we will once again resume our other gatherings. Please check email, our website, and social media platforms for continued updates regarding our plans for the days ahead.

Yours In Christ,  
Pastor Chris DeGeorge