

Dear South Tulsa Baptist Church family,

These are strange and unprecedented times. We continue to seek God's wisdom prayerfully, so that we might make thoughtful decisions to love our neighbors in our community during this growing crisis. In light of the increasing concerns related to the COVID-19 coronavirus, the shutdown of schools and community events, and the urging of our national, state, and local leaders, we are taking the following steps which will go into effect on Tuesday, March 17th, 2020.

- Effective immediately, our services will go to online-only, and no in-person meetings will take place on our main campus. This includes all worship services, classes, activities, events, practices, meetings, etc.
- For this coming Sunday, March 22nd, we will broadcast worship live at 10:00 a.m. with encouraging music, readings, and Pastor Eric's next message in our series "The Prayers of Jesus." We will also broadcast some of our Bible Studies at 9:00 a.m. (more info to follow).
- Our church offices will continue operations, but staff are encouraged to work remotely as much as possible. Any staff who feel ill or who have anyone in their household exhibiting fever or any symptoms will stay home. We encourage church family to contact our ministers and staff by phone, email, or text until our offices resume normal activity.
- We will continue to evaluate this situation and our response on a week-by-week basis and provide reliable health updates and church information at <http://southtulsa.org/coronavirus>.
- As needs arise, we will be using our existing ministries – including Benevolence, the Ministry Center, and Jenks CarePoint to provide for the needs of homebound and vulnerable people in our community. Stay tuned for communication about items we will be collecting and ways you and your family can help.
- Please sign up for our church email list by contacting info@southtulsa.org or follow us on Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram to receive links to resources for use at home including: Bible studies, encouraging words, family devotionals, family projects, and some much needed humor from time to time.

Many of us have been praying for years that the Lord would do a great work in our community, state, and nation to awaken people to the hope of the Gospel. May we continue to lift up the name of Jesus Christ so that He might draw people to Himself.

If you have not yet begun praying earnestly, now is the time.

"Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need." (Hebrews 4:16)

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Eric Costanzo