

Dear Ebenezer Church Family,

The Bible tells us approximately 365 times to "Fear Not or Not Be Afraid"

It's amazing how we could look at this and realize that GOD has given us a "Fear Not" message to help us each new day.

During this time there is much fear and uncertainty, but here is your reminder, "Fear Not".

On behalf of the entire leadership at Ebenezer Church we want each of you to know, with complete assurance, that we are not taking this pandemic of COVID-19/Coronavirus lightly.

As we met together, the first thing on our minds was: what is the correct biblical thing to do?

We know that we are not to give into fear because fear is from the enemy. We also know, according to the scripture in 1 John 4:18 ~ "There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear." Perfect Love is only found in Jesus Christ.

As a Christian, we know without a shadow of doubt who is in control. Isaiah 41:10 ~ "So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."

With that being said, we as Christians are commanded and directed to adhere and follow those in which GOD has placed as authority over us. Once again, we look at what the scriptures teach us.

Romans 13:1-2 ~ 1 Let everyone (*Paul is speaking to Christians*) be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God. 2 Consequently, whoever rebels against the authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and those who do so will bring judgment on themselves.

President Trump, Vice President Pence, The CDC (Center for Disease Control) along with Governor Wolfe of Pennsylvania has recommended that all gatherings of 10 or more be cancelled during this time. According to scripture we are to respect their requests. We must understand as well that this recommendation is for other entities as well and is not targeted to just places of worship.

By prayer and the following of scripture, the board of administrators has voted to cancel upcoming Church events as well as onsite classes and worship service. With that being said, GOD has given us technology to still continue sharing the Gospel Message. Beginning this Sunday, March 22nd we will be livestreaming our worship service. There will be a small team of praise musicians and singers so that we can still worship together in song. The writer of Hebrews 10:24-25 (CEV) states;

"24 We should keep on encouraging each other to be thoughtful and to do helpful things.
25 Some people have gotten out of the habit of meeting for worship, but we must not do that. We should keep on encouraging each other"

Even though we are not able to be together in person, we can still join together as the family of GOD using the technology that He has given to us until that day that we join together again.

I want to encourage each of you to take this time and reach out to each other to make sure that your Brothers and Sisters in the Lord are doing well. This is a way that the body can remain strong and will grow even stronger.

There are two ways that you can still be a part of the worship service at Ebenezer.

The first is by logging onto our website, www.welcometoebenezer.com and clicking on the "Live Stream" link, while you're there you can also view previous sermons. The second is going to our church Facebook page at www.facebook.com/EUBChurch and watching a live stream of the service. I would like to give a reminder as well, that without you we are unable to continue the word the Lord has called us to do. As well as being able to watch the worship services there is a link to be able to continue tithing. We want to encourage you to continue a heart of obedience unto the Lord and be a part of the worship experience of tithing. If you are not comfortable in giving electronically, please feel free to mail your tithe into the church as well.

We look forward to the time in which we can join together with handshakes and hugs but until then, continue on and remember, "Fear Not".

With much Love and JOY in CHRIST,
Pastor David