

# *New Macedonia Baptist Church*

*From The Desk Of*

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**Dear Members and Friends:**

I pray that this message finds you in good spirit and in good health. As you hear in the news reports, the corona virus continues to spread daily. But, in spite of the challenges that the corona virus is causing in the lives of God's people, it's a good day to be alive! For we know, as Christian brothers and sisters, that God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind. II *Timothy 1:7*

I wanted to give you an update on the status of worship at New Macedonia. On Monday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>; Georgia's Governor Brian Kemp issued new executive orders as it relates to containing the spread of the virus. His executive order bans all gatherings of ten or more people unless you can maintain at least six feet between people at all times. In addition; the Governor empowered the Department of Public Health to close any business, establishment, non-profit, or organization for not complying with his order. The executive order went into effect on March 24<sup>th</sup> and expires at noon on Monday, April 6, 2020.

I and the leadership of this church are equally concerned about your health and welfare. As a church, we must exercise wisdom and comply with the governor's decision. Therefore; in-person Sunday worship services and all other related activities will now be cancelled until further notice. The church's leadership and I will continue monitoring the situation regularly and provide updates on the status of our operations. Please visit our website at <https://www.newmacedonia.org> on a regular basis for the most current updates regarding this situation.

Take note of the following important items. They are necessary for our continued spiritual growth, corporate worship and for taking care of the ministry and worship facility that God has blessed us with.

1. Continue watching **Sunday worship services via LiveStream** at <https://livestream.com/accounts/17687280> and via facebook live @NMBC Riverdale. You may view the worship service beginning at 8:00 am and anytime afterwards.
2. **Sunday school** will be provided from 9:15 am – 10:15 am using conference call. I encourage you to participate using the following telephone number and access code:
  - Telephone number: 1-712-775-7031
  - Passcode: 709940080#

March 29, 2020 - Sunday school lesson will come from Isaiah Chapter 52:13-15 and Isaiah Chapter 53:1-12

April 5, 2020 - Sunday school lesson will come from Zechariah Chapter 9:9-17

3. **Bible Study:**
  - **Wednesday's noonday bible study** is cancelled until further notice. Please continue reading and studying "Song of Solomon"
  - **Tuesday night bible study** lessons are posted to our website at [www.newmacedonia.org](http://www.newmacedonia.org) for your viewing and study. Click on the icon "*Online Bible Study*".
4. Continue giving your **tithes, offerings and donations**. We have seven options for giving. Each option is posted on our website at <https://www.newmacedonia.org>. Click on "Giving Tithes, Offerings & Donation" to review each option.
5. Receive updates from New Macedonia via **NMBC Text Messaging**. To enroll, text **7725NMBC** to **877-595-7725**.

Although we are not together physically, let us use the avenues provided above to come together to seek the Lord and his wisdom. This battle is not ours, but the Lord's.

Yours in Christ,

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