

March 25, 2020 UPDATE

Meherrin Baptist Family

As we continue in prayer and seeking the Lord's direction in how to love, minister, and grow spiritually during this unprecedented time in recent generations, the following is our immediate course of action:

- ALL campus gatherings are canceled.
- This includes Sunday services, mid-week Bible studies, even community church events until further notice.

Our plan to worship:

- We will live stream the Sunday morning worship at 11am on our church Facebook page (Meherrin Baptist Church)
- The page is now open to the public and the video can be shared
- The video will be uploaded to our church YouTube page for those that do not use Facebook.
- Additionally, the audio version of the service will be uploaded to our website (MeherrinBaptistChurch.com) and will be broadcast on 98.3fm radio the following Sunday at 11am.
- A children's sermon will be uploaded to our Facebook page each week. The video will include encouragement for the children to memorize a Bible verse each week and for their parent to upload a video of them reciting their verse in the comment section of the sermon video. Additionally, children will be encouraged to draw a picture relating to the sermon and post the picture in the comment section as well. We hope this will give the children a continued sense of connectedness to the church and promote worship in our homes!
- Sunday School classes are encouraged to meet via Facebook live or some other determined media outlet to maintain their sense of community with prayer, Bible study, and encouragement for one another.
- We have a strong and effective ministry of giving and continue to try and identify needs in our community that we can help with. Our tithes and Annie Armstrong emphasis (North American Missions) will continue as well as our new building project (Buy-A-Brick campaign). Gifts may be mailed or brought by the office (M-Th 8am-1pm). In addition, we are looking to provide another means to worship through giving by providing an online giving platform.

Ministry Goals:

- Deacons will continue to be available to try and meet the needs of our families. Please contact your deacon with any concerns that arise. Deacons will also be calling their families at times to pray with them. *(If you are unsure who your family deacon is you can call the church office at 252-398-4663.)*
- Church members are encouraged to do the same as the deacons concerning their neighbors particularly for the aging or disabled population who may not be able to do many things for themselves.
- Church members are encouraged to invite a neighbor that they have never worshipped with to watch the Sunday worship service online together.

- We are embarking on a community prayer emphasis to pray for every home in Murfreesboro. Soon we hope for each street and every address to be adopted for daily prayer. A card will be mailed to each address to let that person, family, or business know that our Meherrin family is praying for them.
- The church prayer list will be added to the website for our church family to continue with our intercessory prayer ministry; updates can be emailed to the church office at mbc1729@embarqmail.com . For greater privacy on the web, the prayer list will be password protected with only church members having the passcode.
- We are encouraged to contact the Red Cross to give blood as shortages continue.

Important Focus:

- To remain steadfast in faith believing that our Father will supply and guide us through these hardships. He is faithful, good, and all powerful and therefore, worthy of our total surrender and trust. This does not mean that His faithful followers will not face difficulties and have to make sacrifices, we may indeed have to part with various comforts we have come to enjoy, but His promise is to keep us from despair if our hope is secure in Him. (Psalm 18:2, Psalm 46:1)
- This is a season of great opportunity for the church to be light in a dark time. Many are afraid, confused, doubting, even frustrated and our words of Jesus's truth and our attitudes of grace and humility are critical to the work of our Lord among those who do not know Him. We must wake each day, put on the "full armor of God" (Eph. 6) and let our light so shine before others that they would see our love for them through our good works, that they too might glorify our Father in heaven (Matt 5:16). Let us be people without fear living in the Father's love for the world to see (1 John 4:18).

We will continue to provide updates through this website, weekly Facebook notifications, and mass text messaging. Please contact your deacon with any needs or emergencies or call the church office and we will do our best to love, pray, and help. May your hope abound in Him and may the Lord find us faithful!

Do it all for Him,
Pastor John