

Dear Church Family,

While it seems that we have experienced constant change in the situation with the COVID-19 virus in the past week, yesterday's announcement by the president was a game-changer. If you have not seen the document that was released by the White House yesterday, here is the link for you to read it.

[whitehouse.gov/articles/15-days-slow-spread](https://www.whitehouse.gov/articles/15-days-slow-spread)

I am making the decision that our prayer meeting will be canceled for the next two Wednesday nights - the Prayer-Points will be e-mailed each Wednesday afternoon. I am also suspending the gathering on our main campus for Sunday morning worship March 22 and 29. Our Sunday morning services will be streamed online and that can be accessed via our website: www.gvbcnaz.com.

If you are unable to access the internet, a DVD of each service will be made available. I know that some of you have a favorite online or TV preachers that you watch regularly. If you don't, I suggest finding TV programs of Charles Stanley, David Jeremiah, the late Adrian Rogers.

It is time to change the script of how we are thinking and speaking of this situation from fear to love. I know we want to demonstrate our faith and confidence in the Lord by moving forward without making any drastic changes, but we have to filter our actions and decisions through love. Paul says, "Love does no wrong to a neighbor, therefore love is the fulfillment of the law". Romans 13:10.

In this situation, love means making sure we do not do anything that can spread the virus further and do harm to others. It also means caring for those in our congregation who will suffer in other ways during this time. We have a great opportunity to demonstrate the love of Christ by meeting basic needs and ministering in our community. We can bring groceries to those who cannot get out or make phone calls to those who feel isolated or alone.

We need to prepare for possible financial shortfall in giving while at the same time standing ready to help people in our church family that may experience financial crisis. I recommend that you give via online or mail in your contribution. There will be further instructions on how to access our online giving.

The good news is we can discover new and creative ways to reach people and "do church." Honestly, I don't think our church will ever be the same. Let's continue to pray for one another, encourage one another, and work together to make disciples of all people in our community and around the world.

May the Lord bring revival and spiritual awakening to us in these days!

Sincerely,
Pastor John