

Templeton Hills

"....an house of prayer for all people" Isaiah 56:7

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Dear Church Family & Friends,

"There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear..." (1 John 4:18). We are living in times when our focus needs to be more and more constantly on Jesus, and His incredible love, in order to not be paralyzed by fear. Last week the sermon was focused on the good news pandemic of love that Jesus is going to unleash through His church to the whole world. If you missed it, you can listen here: https://templetonhills.adventistfaith.org/podcasts/5269/media_entries/53153

Love is also not foolish. And "the prudent sees danger and hides himself, but the simple go on and suffer for it" (Proverbs 27:12).

We want to make sure our church works to preserve everyone's health both within our church, and outside. This is important for everyone, regardless of whether they are considered "vulnerable" to the novel coronavirus, because we don't want to be a part of spreading this to others who are vulnerable. Love "does not seek it's own" -1 Corinthians 13:5.

We have received counsel from the Central California Conference of Seventh-day Adventists on important precautions that churches are encouraged to take at this time due to the potential dangers of COVID-19. Following these precautions can enable us to more effectively continue to love and serve without putting the vulnerable among us in harms way.

Here are the precautions we plan to implement for at least the next two Sabbaths:

- 1. If you have any cold or flu like symptoms, or have traveled in a cdc level three country in the past two weeks (https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/notices/); please self-quarantine yourself and do not come to church. (But if you need any assistance, don't hesitate to contact me or the church so that we can come to your aid!)
- 2. If you are afraid for your health, feel free to stay home but please stay connected to Jesus, communicate with your church family, and consider options for spiritual enrichment at home (I'll provide some ideas at the end of this email)
- 3. For those who do attend church:
 - a. Please consider greeting each other without a handshake or hug or other form of physical touch
 - b. **Potluck will be cancelled** because communal meals are a place that a virus could easily be shared
 - c. Wash your hands frequently as this is the most helpful way to not spread a virus. We hope to make hand sanitizer available if it can be found, but hand washing is the most effective form of prevention.

Most importantly, let's keep our eyes on Jesus and be praying for each other, our community, and this hurting world. Please also stay connected with your church family! To receive text message updates simply text the word: *JOIN* to 805-434-1710

Here are some ideas for spiritual encouragement if you decide to stay home at any point during the course of this pandemic:

• Adventist Hope TV Channel:

https://www.hopetv.org/watch/hope-channel/

• Audio only:

- https://templetonhills.adventistfaith.org/podcasts/5269 Sermons at Templeton Hills
- https://audiomack.com/artist/zac-page Audio Pastor Zac has compiled including Steps To Christ, Desire of Ages, Knowing Jesus (revival seminar Zac shared @ Burlingame SDA Church Feb 2020) and Steps to Personal Revival

• Video:

- https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCVgOiUUKOGQPdJALo3Pw-fA Templeton Hills Youtube Channel
- https://pmchurch.org/ Livestream and recorded sermons by Dwight Nelson

• Other Websites with incredible resources:

- https://www.revivalandreformation.org/
- https://egwwritings.org/
- https://lightbearers.org/

Feel free to call, text or email me if you need anything!

I'm praying for each of you, that you will experience Jesus' incredible peace in the midst of the storms of this old world:

Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

-John 14:27

These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.

-John 16:33

Blessings and courage in Jesus my friend!

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