

March 18, 2020

Dear Destiny Family,

As we pray and believe that a breakthrough against the coronavirus will come quickly, Destiny Church is taking proactive steps to ensure the continued safety and health for our church and city. We are trusting that God will protect you and provide for your needs each day, physically, emotionally, and spiritually. Due to the most recent recommendations from our government, we will be complying by suspending meetings and gatherings of more than 10 people until further notice. We are working on providing some talks via audio and video, but as of now, we feel it best to meet in small groups and prayer meetings. This will affect our current scheduled events as follows:

- **All Sunday morning gatherings are CANCELED** including: Worship service, Table Talk, Hearing God – Next Steps (Prophetic Practice), Dream Interpretation Practice, Children’s Church & Nursery
- **The following gatherings WILL CONTINUE to meet** at this time (and will be re-evaluated if numbers increase):
 - Weekly Intercessory Prayer (Tuesdays @ Noon)
 - Monthly Destiny Prayer (3rd Wednesday of the month @ 6:30pm) – *Note: we will NOT be meeting this month, so next scheduled meeting is Apr 15.*
 - Weekly Immanuel Journaling Practice (Thursdays @ 6:30pm)
 - Monthly Worship with the Word (3rd Friday of the month @ 6:30pm)
- **The following gathering is still being evaluated** at this time:
 - Monthly Ladies Chat & Share (1st Saturday of the month @ 9:30am)

While it may seem that much is being taken away, we believe God is presenting us with a unique opportunity to bring about some positive adjustments. We understand that building community is one of the most important things we can do to build one another up and provide a supportive environment to grow in our faith. Now, more than ever, remaining connected will be key. One such way of keeping people connected is through small home groups. Of course, we encourage everyone to follow the [recommended guidelines](#) to help maintain a safe environment for everyone (ie. proper hand washing, remaining at home if you feel sick, etc.).

In light of this, we’d be interested in knowing **which of you may be interested in attending, hosting and/or leading a home group of around 10 people, or joining a Zoom (online) small group**. Please let us know by completing a short survey. ([Click HERE for survey](#)) We are still discussing details and, of course, there are many unique situations and circumstances to consider. If you express interest in any of the areas listed, we will contact you for further information. If you are in the [high risk](#) category or sick we ask that you not attend any groups. If you have any questions or advice, please contact us. We look forward to hearing from you very soon.

Philippians 4:6-7 "Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

I like what Larry Orth, pastor at Calvary E-Free in Rochester, has said, “Meet practical needs of those around us, in faith, sharing ourselves and our stuff when we are most tempted to cloister and hoard. Adhering to recommended health practices is wise, but let’s face it: we can’t cover every contingency. Meaningful life is risky. God may on occasion ask you to reach beyond your comfort zone. And that extra toilet paper you bought? Be open to God’s gentle voice telling you to share. The generous one will prosper (Proverbs 11:25, Galatians 6:9-10).”

TESTIMONIES

We are already looking forward to hearing how God moves in each of your lives this season. Share your testimony with us [HERE](#).

Sincerely,

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