

KELLEY CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

FROM THE SENIOR PASTOR'S DESK

My sisters and brothers, I know that many of us are worried about the worldwide outbreak of the coronavirus. This situation is something that we have never faced before. Life brings us many lessons and tests, and this is another one of those times.

What are we learning from this?

- We are frail human beings.
- We have a common humanity, meaning we are a global community.
- We either live work together as brothers and sisters, or we will die together as fools.

What should our faith tell us during this time?

- God is our hope, a very present help in a time of need
- God is with us through this whole ordeal.
- The world's greatest wireless connection is prayer.

What decision has the United Methodist Church made about the coronavirus?

Based on the Bishop's decision, the President declaring a national crisis, and top U.S. health officials urging Americans to stay home amid the coronavirus, we will close **everything** at KCUMC for at least two weeks.

If things change in the next two weeks with the coronavirus no longer being spread from person to person contact, than I will send out another notice announcing all activities will resume.

What should we be doing in the next two weeks?

During the next two weeks, we still need to worship God despite the coronavirus. Although we won't be in our worship center together, we still need to praise God. You see, worship played a vital role in the Children of Israel winning their first battle entering the Promised Land (Joshua 6). Moreover, it was instrumental in Paul and Silas escaping their prison cell. It was instrumental in Joshua and the Children of Israel bringing down the walls of Jericho. There are so many examples that I could give to prove and demonstrate the power of worshipping God in spirit and truth no matter where we are. So, let's win this battle by continuing to glorify God at home in the following ways for the next two Sundays:

1. Read Your Bible (Below is a Bible reading plan for the next two weeks)

Directly below click the link or copy and paste in the web address bar

<https://www.upperroom.ca/pages/Community-Bible-Reading>

2. Pray for the sick and shut-in
3. Go to the following online Facebook link (click the link or copy and paste in the web address bar) and watch KCUMC worship service. On the link directly below, you will find your Senior pastor delivering messages, teaching, and preaching the word of God.

<https://www.facebook.com/1634168860230035/videos/927396914345155/>

Worshipping God means not only that we praise God wherever we are but also that we give God our tithes and offering no matter where we are. God saw this day of the coronavirus coming, and he helped KCUMC prepare for it through our Faith and Hope offering. For this fund to do what it was intended to do—a raining day fund—we have to continue giving our tithes and offerings.

Not giving to the Lord for two consecutive Sundays will wipe out our Faith and Hope offering. Let's not let that happen. I called on you to give magnanimously to the Faith and Hope offering, and you outstandingly answered the call.

I am challenging you now to help us win this battle that we are currently facing. So as your pastor and your leader, I am asking you to give in the following ways so that this virus, and being out of church two consecutive Sundays, don't throw us off track from doing the Lord's work:

1. Pay online

Click here to pay online or copy and paste into the web address bar

https://www.eservicepayments.com/cgi-bin/Vanco_ver3.vps?appver3=tYgT1GfNxRUldiimjHMvOYswAar303gvM5Td1agnhQNSrmZ9U_AtN0pBcgWapVsZums9tj3wI7okSf0MyMa8uksYYGDnqHB6faFiSpfkCj8=&ver=3

2. Call the following people, and they will come to your home to pick up your tithes and offerings.

Jesse Edwards Phone: 678-637-8732

Barry Sayers Phone: 404-506-5000

3. Pay online using PayPal

How to use PayPal

- Follow these step-by-step instructions to learn how to **use PayPal**.
 - Step 1: Go to the **PayPal** website and click Sign Up.
 - Step 2: A new page will open with an option to choose between a 'Personal' or 'Business' account. ...
 - Step 3: You now have to fill in your name, email address, plus a password.
 - Step 4: log in to your account
 - Step 5: Press send
 - Step 6: Place in the PayPal bar Kelley Chapel email address

kelleychapelumc1898@gmail.com
 - Step 7: Put in the amount you want to send and follow the instructions.

4. Mail to the church to

Kelley Chapel United Methodist Church
3399 Kelley Chapel Road
Decatur, GA. 30034

I want to thank you once again for all you do. You are the best, and I am proud to say to everyone I know, "I am the pastor of Kelley Chapel United Methodist Church." 😊

Lastly, but not least, if you need to reach me in case of an emergency—or you want just to talk—you can contact me at 770-774-8830. If you know members who do not have email or who do not check their email regularly, please call people and pass this information on to them.

Love you all,

Pastor

Rev. Derrick R. Rhodes, D.Min, Ph.D