

**First Baptist Church
Rome, Georgia**

Updated Tuesday, March 17, 2020

- As of Tuesday, March 17, the church offices will close indefinitely. Because ministers will be in and out of the office, it is best not to call the church phone, but to contact ministers directly.
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Please continue to share needs and prayer concerns with the ministers so that they can get these out to the congregation in a timely manner. The staff is formulating a plan to get prayer concerns out on a regular basis.

- No meetings or gatherings, including worship, Wednesday activities, Bible Studies, community groups, weddings, funerals, or other meetings will take place at the church until further notice.
- Beginning Wednesday, March 18, “Prayers and Reflections” will take place Monday through Saturday on the church Facebook account, on the church website, and through Vimeo. Each day, by noon, a different minister will present a devotional thought and offer a prayer. Members are encouraged to watch and to share these videos with friends and family.
- Sunday worship will look different. The ministers will pre-record a service to broadcast on Comcast Channel 44 and [livestream](#) through the church website, just like every week, at 11 a.m. For your convenience, we will email a printable order of worship and [place a copy on the website](#) on Thursdays. Those already on the worship preview list will get the order of worship automatically. If you want to receive an order of worship by email, please email Keith Reaves at kreaves@fbcrome.org.

- Virtual Bible Study (VBS): Adult Bible Study Classes will continue meeting on Sunday mornings. These meetings will use ZOOM, an internet-based live video conference. You will hear more from your class leaders about this option along with directions for your first meeting. If you do not currently attend Bible Study and would like to participate, please contact Tamara Smathers at ttsmathers@fbcrome.org.
- In addition to our Extended Family Committee, the ministers and deacons will check on our extended family regularly. Many members have asked how they can be of help to our most vulnerable members. If you want to be added to a list of those willing to buy groceries, take a meal or help in other ways, contact Gwen Stephens.
- We encourage you to continue giving to the church, as you are able. You may contribute through the church website at <https://fbcrome.com/give/> or you may mail your contribution to the church at P. O. Box 1189, Rome, GA 30162. If you want to bring your offering to the church, please contact a minister.

Continue to pray for all involved!

Check the church website frequently for ongoing updates.

Click [here](#) for the latest news from the Centers for Disease Control.