



FPC This Week



Dear FPC family and friends,

I want to begin this letter with some very meaningful words from the Apostle Paul. Words I believe provide focus as well as comfort. These words are found in 2 Corinthians 4:16-18:

“So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.”

The world, life, has its times of struggle and affliction – it has been so since the fall. As Christians, we must remember that “we are not citizens of this world” ; we have a higher calling. Yet we all feel the stress and loneliness of our current situation. Good information can often relieve some of the stress of isolation so I have listed some points to share below:

The governor’s current shelter in place mandate runs to Friday, May 8.

Providing that date is not extended, we will have Sunday service at the church on Sunday, May 10 at 10:30 am.

No decision will be made about Sunday School at church until we get close to a confirmed return date.

With June and the tourism season possibly approaching, we will take all necessary precautions to keep our church clean.

We will continue to look at lessons learned from our current situation to prepare for any possible future event.

We will also look at positive and safe ways to bring fellowship into our church community.

We will continue to encourage your generous giving and look for ways to make that process more accessible.

We will continue to encourage evangelism and bringing others into our church and a relationship with Jesus Christ.

So for now, I would ask you all to continue to support FPC, continue to spend time in the Word of God, continue to pray for one another, and continue to remain safe. Small groups have been meeting via Zoom, and I'd like to encourage you to keep meeting and encouraging one another. Soon, we will all be praising God together again.

Continue to look to the church website for sermons and encouragement. We will continue our series in 1 John starting this coming Sunday.

And be encouraged! By recording the sermon and making it available on YouTube, Facebook, IGTV and the website, we reached at least 700 people on Easter. We have picked up more Instagram followers and more Facebook page followers. We are reaching people not only in our area, but also across the country and world with the hope, peace and love found in Christ.

So, have a great week, be strong, be healthy, and be safe. More to follow...

Blessings,
Pastor Mike

Pastor Mike's Book List for Surviving the Corona

Spiritual Disciplines for the Christian Life by Donald S. Whitney

Habits of Grace: Enjoying Jesus Through the Spiritual Disciplines by David Mathis

God Is: A Devotional Guide to the Attributes of God by Mark Jones

Through the Bible, Through the Year: Daily Reflections from Genesis to Revelation
by John Stott

Basic Christianity by John Stott

How Jesus Transforms the Ten Commandments by Edmond P. Clowney

Christian Basics by Sinclair B. Ferguson

Influenza: The Hundred Year Hunt to Cure the Deadliest Disease in History
by Dr. Jeremy Brown

The Man Who Saved the Union: Ulysses Grant in War and Peace by H.W. Brands

Safely Home: A Novel by Randy Alcorn

The Boys in the Boat by Daniel James Brown

What Is Reformed Theology? by R.C. Sproul

Israel and the Nations: The History of Israel from the Exodus to the Fall of the Second Temple by F.F. Bruce

For encouragement and/or the latest church news, you can check out the following sites:

The church website: fpcnewport.org

Facebook: facebook.com/fpcnewport

Instagram: fpcnewport
Pastor Mike has posted videos on IGTV!



YouTube: FPC Newport Pastor Mike Herring

Please remember that the health and safety of all of our FPC family and friends, including our staff, is a top priority, along with the safety and health of our community. This is truly how we love one another, by putting others above ourselves and understanding that by social distancing, we are showing love.

There will be no worship service at FPC through May 8. We will continue to re-evaluate as we listen to the federal, state and civil authorities.

The staff and leadership will keep you updated on when we will meet again for Sunday morning worship as a congregation.



1 JOHN

Pastor Mike will resume his sermon series on 1 John on April 19. Look for a new sermon to be posted early that Sunday morning on Facebook and YouTube, as well as links from the church website and Instagram.

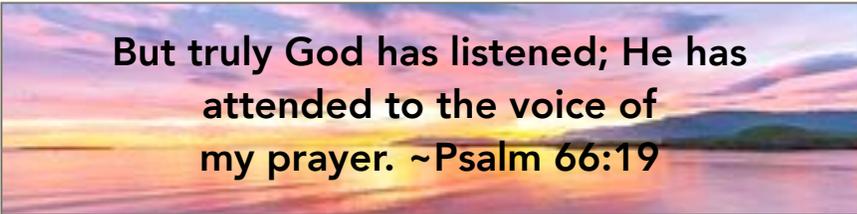
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PRAYER REQUESTS

- For those ill with the coronavirus, pray for healing. Pray for the stop of the spread of the coronavirus. Pray for our world, our country, our state, and our community. Pray that hearts would turn to Jesus Christ in this global storm.
- For all of those serving on the frontlines: healthcare workers, first responders, hourly workers, military personnel, including the National Guard.
- Pray for wisdom for our civic leaders, from the President on down. Pray for the governors of the states.
- For our pastor, elders, deacons, staff, musicians and volunteers.
- For Dick and Cindy Price as Dick continues to recover from his 2nd stem cell transplant. Dick is doing much better and would love to hear from you. To find out how you can let the Prices know you are thinking of them, contact Deidra Ricci at pamperdee@cox.net

If you have a prayer request that you would like to be added to the ENews, please send it to irene@fpcnewport.org. Your prayer care and needs are of the highest importance!



But truly God has listened; He has attended to the voice of my prayer. ~Psalm 66:19



We serve a RISEN SAVIOR!
The resurrection was only the beginning...

HALLELUJAH!

WHO DO I WANT TO BE DURING COVID-19?



AN OPPORTUNITY FOR PURPOSE

A local group, SewHope, is making masks for Lifespan and Care New England hospitals (RI Hospital, Miriam, etc) at their request, using a pattern and fabric approved by the hospitals. THEY DESPERATELY NEED THESE MASKS AND ARE BEGGING FOR MORE. If you are an experienced sewist with a sewing machine please find the "SewHopeSNE" group on Facebook and join—they need more people who can sew! Materials will be supplied to you. Please help out if you can! (Please note: they cannot take any more requests for masks.) (Link: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/291487031831768/>)

Proverbs to Ponder:

**"Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and those who love it will eat its fruit."
(Proverbs 18:21)**