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FBC Corona Virus Ministry Plan:

What was meant for evil, God intended for good....

At First Baptist Church, we believe this is an opportunity for us to put hands and feet to the needs of our community, to grow closer in smaller groups as a church, and to trust God in new and surprising ways.

Here are some action steps we are taking and want to let you know about so you can participate:

- 1- Freely receive, freely give. First Baptist Church is a collection point for personal care items and non-perishable foods. Anyone who would have extra toilet paper, baby wipes, disinfectants, diapers, formula, or non-perishable foods that they would like to donate to others in need can bring them to the church. Whatever resources we collect will be distributed to the most vulnerable in our community.
- 2- Serve. We will have opportunities to serve our community in the upcoming days and weeks. Many have already offered to do so. Thank you so much! We will need people to sort and package personal care items for distribution, deliver food and activity bags to homes, disinfect the church, and other opportunities as they become apparent.
- 3- Worship. Wednesday Night Live and Sunday Morning Worship Services are cancelled for the next couple weeks (at least). During this time of isolation, we will be providing "virtual engagements" via Facebook, which will also be posted to our website. Stay tuned to www.firstbaptistaledo.com and "like" or "follow" First Baptist Church of Aledo, Illinois on Facebook. We would like to encourage this as an opportunity for people to join in small groups in homes for worship, intentionally remembering elderly friends and family, for "watch parties", perhaps followed by a shared meal. Instead of isolation, this time can be redeemed as an opportunity to grow closer with a few people, or invite some new people to join in fellowship. Gatherings would be ten or less in homes @ 10:15am on Sunday. We will also have some mid-week engagements that are still being planned.
- 4- Giving. This is an unsettling economic time. For some this is a desperate situation. At First Baptist, we would like to encourage you to consider donations to the Deacon Fund. The Deacon Fund is what we use to help people in need with urgent bills and necessities. We anticipate there will be some people in our community in vulnerable situations. If you would like to help, this is a great way to do it. You can give online at www.firstbaptistaledo.com, or through our app which can be downloaded through itunes or google play, or text "fbcaledo" to 77977.
- 5- Fearless. We are trusting God for great things. We want to be wise and cautious, so we are respecting the recommendations of our health and government agencies. We also want to be bold and faithful, making the most of the opportunity to show our community that Christ is still the greatest hope for the world, and the Church is His Body. You are the church. Thank you for exalting Christ with us through this situation

In Christ,

Pastor Luke Dunn

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