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FBC Corona Virus Ministry Plan: WEEK 2...

First of all, I would like to thank everyone for the help, support, prayers, and encouragement that you have given over the past week! We continue to learn each day how we can best respond to the needs of our community and church family, and wanted to take this opportunity to let you know what is going on.

Even though we don't know what to expect in the upcoming weeks, we thought it best to let you know that all our events for April have been postponed till further notice. Because of this, we will not be sending out an April Newsletter. Instead we will be sending these weekly updates.

1. **Freely receive, freely give**. We continue to be a collection point for personal care items and non-perishable food. We have a volunteer who is organizing the donations, and placing them in the Blessing Box twice per day. This is a great way to offer support to those who need help. Please give as the Lord blesses you, or come get items that you are in need of.

2. Serve. Volunteers have offered to help in any way needed, and we have been able to put some people to work. Some are delivering food to students that is being provided by the Mercer County School District, others are making phone calls to check on members of our church and community. If you would like to help serve in some way, please contact the church office and if a need arises, we will let you know.

3. **Worship**. We desire to be creative through this time of isolation and give people many ways to stay connected. We are hosting several Facebook Live events per week. Tuesday and Thursday evenings at 6:30pm, Luke and Josh are hosting a Virtual Devotion event. Wednesday Nights at 6:30pm Mollie is hosting a Kids Club event. On Fridays at 6:30pm Mario and Jon are hosting a Refuge Student Ministry event. We are also hosting a live stream worship on Sunday Mornings at 10:15am, which has been via Facebook, but are working hard to offer other platforms. You should be able to go to our website at <u>www.firstbaptistaledo.com</u> and find our service live as well. And finally, we are on WRMJ 102.3 at 5:10pm on Sunday evenings.

4. **Giving**. People have been extremely generous over the past week or so. Our Deacon Fund is fully funded. We are ready to help when and where needed. We also want to let you know that while online giving is accessible through our website and app, you can always mail a check or offering through the mail to FBC - 800 NE 6th Ave. Aledo, IL 61231. We continue to be open during regular office hours Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 8:30am-4pm and Wednesdays 8am-1pm.

5. **Physical Resources**. We are beginning to recognize that people may need other things besides food and personal care items. Here are some other things that you may want to know about: We have activity bags for kids, and board games as long as they last. Our church library is open if you'd like a book. Also, if you want a copy of a previous worship service, we are happy to provide a CD to you. Just let us know what service you'd like, and if you'd like us to mail it to you.

6. We continue to be Fearless. We are praying for revival through this situation. We believe God is doing great things in this unprecedented time in our history. Pray for hearts to be open, as we pray for you.

In Christ, Pastor Luke

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