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**A Message from Pastor Mark, March 19, 2020**

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March 19, 2020

Dear Members of OSLC,

I'm writing on behalf of our church council. We met on March 18 to address the many issues that are coming up with the coronavirus. We had a good discussion and reached a number of conclusions. Let me share that with you.

We decided that all church activities, including Sunday morning worship, will be cancelled through March 31. We of course didn't want to do that, but given all that is happening we thought that the wise and faithful way to proceed. After March 31 the council will make a determination on a week by week basis, using the guidance of local, state, and national officials.

During this time when we are not having worship, it will be even more important to be hearing and reading God's Word. To that end, we have added a new page, Weekly Sermon, under news and media. Each week we will post a video link on our church website. The link will include Scripture readings, a sermon by Pastor Mark and prayer. This will begin on March 22. You can find this on our church website – [www.oslctyler.org](http://www.oslctyler.org) and on our church's Facebook page.

We will also explore posting additional studies or devotionals. Please let us know what you think would find helpful. And just a reminder, the NALC put out excellent daily devotionals for Lent. They are available at the NALC website – [www.thenalc.org](http://www.thenalc.org) or paper copies are available in the church narthex should you be by the church.

A number of people have asked about how to continue their tithes and offering. There are a number of ways. There is a giving page on our church website that includes a link to the GivePlus mobile app that can be downloaded to your phone. There is also a GiveNow option where you can give a one-time donation. And of course you can certainly mail a check to the church.

One additional comment on giving – we want to be very sensitive here. We know

that some of our families are struggling financially during this time. We certainly understand if you need to curtail your giving.

That leads to another point – if you need assistance, please call the church office. We can help in a number of ways. Let us know. And do check our church website and call our office for updates. We will work to keep you up to speed on all that is happening.

Please continue to be in prayer. Be pray for our congregation, our community, our nation, the world. Pray for those who suffer and for those sharing in the fight against the virus.

There are challenges ahead. But we keep our focus on our Lord and His promises. Our Lord promises to walk with us and care for us always, and that includes these trying times. Let's keep our eyes on Jesus, watch out for each other, and together move onward.

God Bless,

Pastor Mark



Sent by Merry Burris

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