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Dear friends and members,

In response to the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic the Ephesus Seventh-day Adventist Church will modify our church services starting Sabbath, March 14th, 2020.

Recommendations from the Allegheny East Conference, as well as State and local guidelines, require us to consider measures to mitigate the spread of the coronavirus by limiting exposure to the disease.

Until further notice church services are suspended except for some essential personnel who will be asked to volunteer to assist in producing an online streaming experience for our members and guests.

I encourage all members to remain faithful to God throughout this crisis by registering for online giving if you have not already done so. Financial commitments for the church will remain the same during the suspension.

- The Adult Sabbath School Lesson will be taught via conference call. You may dial in at 9:45 am:
Dial-in: 605-472-5663; Access #: 152469
- Instructions for Children's Sabbath School will be forthcoming.
- Community Service plans are under development and will be implemented next week.
- Ephesus Junior Academy will be closed starting Monday, March 16-27, at which time the office of education will reassess.

Please take all precautions by:

- Washing your hands frequently
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then discard
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces

Thank you for your support and prayers as we navigate through unprecedented circumstances.

Sincerely,

Dr. Gary Banks, Pastor
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