



RESPONDING TO COVID-19: Our Lord's Encouragement to Us

- ◆ ***TBC is closed at least through April 7***
- ◆ ***We are gathering online this Sunday for our second S.M.O.G.* Don't miss it!! Find the link on the TBC Facebook page***
- ◆ ***You'll receive weekly updates, which we're calling "Today's Arrow", via email and posted on the TBC website***
- ◆ ***To receive printed copies of these updates, just call the office and ask to be added to that mailing list***

We all are realizing that the increasingly serious health emergency now encompassing the globe requires unprecedented safety measures. In response to direction from our public health and government leaders, we are temporarily suspending in-person gatherings and replacing them with our online gatherings.

In accordance with recent guidelines, we are extending this through April 7, but we expect the quarantine period to be lengthened for weeks, if not longer. We will keep you informed about when

our in-person ministries will resume at TBC. Know that we continue to function as a church, the local body of Christ, praying, ministering, and worshipping Him Who is our sovereign Lord and Savior in Whom we trust.

Earlier this week, you should have received an email from Pastor Solomon regarding "SMOGs* - Sunday Morning Online Gatherings." The first of these was presented on Sunday, Mar. 22 and is still available to watch on Pastor Solomon's YouTube channel. Enter this link into your browser on the YouTube page: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCRhiplKjboWY1vpxbG5NbAQ>



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Responding to COVID-19: continued -

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we do our best to ensure that everyone receives the information needed to stay connected with our TBC family. As always, feel free to contact the TBC office between 9:00 am and 3:30 pm, Mondays through Thursdays.

In the midst of so much uncertainty and fear around the world today, we want to offer two encouragements for all of us from our Lord Himself:

(1) “Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God.”

(Colossians 3:1-3 NIV)

(2) We at TBC/MCF are a church community who love and care for each other, not individuals on our own, but as members of His Body.



Following is a list of some of our Lord's instructions toward each other. Read through them, and look for opportunities to put them into practice. You and others will be blessed as He directs our steps during this time of great uncertainty (Proverbs 3: 5-6) .

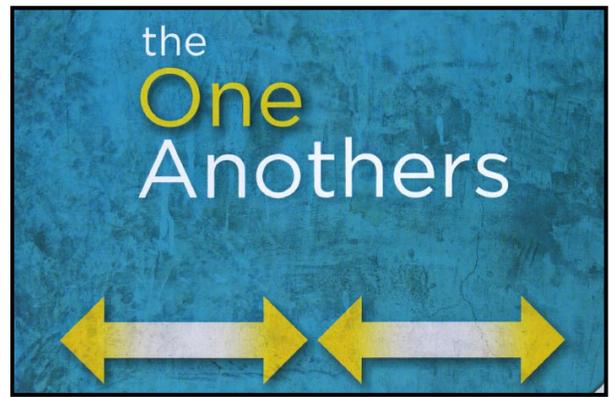
~Your TBC Pastors and Elders

Some of the “One Anothers” of the New Testament

- *Be at peace with one another* (Mark 9:50)
- *Love one another* (John 13:34)
- *Be devoted to one another* (Romans 12:10)
- *Honor one another* (Romans 12:10)
- *Live in harmony with one another* (Romans 12: 16)
- *Stop passing judgment on one another* (Romans 14:13)
- *Accept one another* (Romans 15:7)
- *Instruct one another* (Romans 15:14)

Some of the “One Anothers” of the New Testament—continued-

- *Greet one another* (Romans 16: 16)
- *Serve one another* (Gal. 5:13)
- *Carry one another's burden* (Gal. 6:2)
- *Be patient, bearing with one another in love* (Ephes. 4:2)
- *Be kind and compassionate to one another* (Ephes. 4: 32)
- *Forgive one another* (Ephes. 4:32)
- *Speak to one another with psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs* (Ephes. 5:19)
- *Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ* (Ephes. 5:21)
- *In humility consider others better than yourselves* (Phil. 2:3)
- *Teach one another* (Col. 3:16)
- *Admonish one another* (Col. 3:16)
- *Encourage one another* (1 Thess. 4:18)
- *Build one another up* (1 Thess. 5:11)
- *Spur one another on toward love and good deeds* (Heb.10:24)
- *Do not slander one another* (James 4:11)
- *Don't grumble against one another* (James 5:9)



- *Confess your sins to one another* (James 5:16)
- *Pray for one another* (James 5:16)
- *Clothe yourselves with humility toward one another* (1 Peter 5:5)



Since we are not meeting in person on Sundays for the time being, we don't have access to the Connection Cards that are often used to communicate prayer requests to the pastors, elders, or Prayer Team.

But, the importance of prayer never diminishes! Please know you can always submit prayer requests to the office and specify to whom you would like them to be forwarded to: pastors, elders, and/or the Prayer Team:

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