



March 18, 2020

To: TBC/MCF Church Community
From: TBC and MCF Pastors & Elders
Re: Temporary Suspension of TBC/MCF Ministries

***Corona Virus/COVID-19 and the Ministries
of TBC and MCF: What You Need to Know***

- Our practical priority is to **limit the spread of infection** with the COVID-19 virus
- **All ministry gatherings are suspended, effective immediately, through March 31st, including:**
 - 10:30 am and 1:00 pm Sunday worship services
 - Children's Ministry activities
 - Prayer meetings
 - Young Adult [Fuel and Face-Off, etc.] events,
 - Partnering Ministry
 - Music Practices
 - Home Groups
 - Team meetings
 - Hallstrom Home School Workshop classes
 - YFC/Juvenile Justice Ministry meetings

Our world, and now Rockford, is experiencing rapidly changing concerns with the spread of the coronavirus. In the last few days, local, state, and federal directives call on all of us and our organizations to suspend group gatherings in order to **limit the spread of infection with this virus**. Therefore, your TBC and MCF leaders have decided that in the best interest of our church families, young and old alike, and of our broader community, we need to **temporarily stop all our ministry gatherings** for both TBC and MCF. This decision is **effective immediately** and will continue at this point **through the end of March**.

- **You are not cut off** from your vital connection to your TBC/MCF church families and pastoral messages:
 - **Fresh sermons** from Pastor Solomon, Pastor Kee, and selected others will be posted to our **Facebook** pages. Log in to Facebook and then type either of these addresses into the Facebook Search box:
 - **Temple Baptist Church Rockford**
 - **Myanmar Christian Fellowship Rockford IL** or **@RockfordMCF**
 - **TBC Giving:** To keep current with your regular tithes and offerings, please use the online giving option available on our website.
 - From your search engine, (Google, Yahoo, etc.) type our web address into the search box:
www.TBCRockford.com
 - **MCF Giving:** Simply mail in your check for MCF to the church or donate from the GIVE link on our web site.
- **You may not feel sick**, but still could be carrying the virus and infect others; this is particularly serious for older people and those with medical conditions.
- During this temporary period, we encourage each household to **stay home, except for necessary trips** (like jobs, doctor appointments, and obtaining groceries, or medicines) as a personal commitment to your own and your family's well-being and to others you would be in contact with.

Finally, as your Pastors/Shepherds and Elders/Under-Shepherds, we commend to you these truths rooted in God's unchanging Word, though His Holy Spirit:

- 1) **As believers in God's love and lordship over our lives, we can trust Him** in this virus pandemic and, as He promises, we need not be anxious. This is an opportunity to fervently pray, to trust Him (Philippians 4:6-7), and to grow in our faith - personally and together as a church.

- 2) **We are a church family and love and care for each other.** Please keep in touch and let us know if you have special needs or concerns. We plan to keep the office open for regular hours for phone calls. Visits should be limited to only those necessary for church / ministry-related business, but please respect pastors' and staffs' time and their own health safety.

God's blessings to each of you as together we experience God in these uncertain times.

Your Elders of TBC and MCF