

March 21, 2020

Dear Church Family,

We want to encourage you during this time of worldwide concern. There are people suffering in our communities and around the world. God, through the apostle Peter writes to suffering saints yet reminds them of their true **living HOPE**.

*May grace and peace be yours in the fullest measure. Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a **living hope** through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead 1 Peter 1:2,3*

Praise God as we have a **living hope**. Our hope is in Christ Jesus and his final work in our salvation. We have a hope that is beyond or *out of this world* and a hope that can steadily carry us through various trials in this world. We have a **living hope** today and for eternity.

As we approach our Sunday, day of worship, our elders have worked on the necessary adjustments for us to promote the teaching of God's Word.

We have moved our live-streaming directly on to our website: www.mfbc.org. We will not utilize Facebook Live at this time. On our site, you will find additional resources such as sermon notes, a current prayer list, children's bible lessons (recorded by some of our amazing children's workers) and other helpful links. At the bottom of this correspondence, you will find a few resources as clickable links. Please enjoy our website and share it with your family, friends and neighbors.

As you prepare for the Lord's Day, take time to prepare your hearts and lead those in your family accordingly. This may include bringing all bibles into your living room (or the room that hosts your computer or device). We have attached the sermon notes for you to print out on your home printer. Consider placing a reminder on your phone to visit our website and click the live stream at 9:00 am tomorrow. This will allow you to enjoy the announcements and also quiet your hearts in preparation for the teaching of God's Word. Also, consider your regular giving unto the Lord. You may give online by clicking this link: <https://www.mfbc.org/giving/> As usual, our service will begin at 9:30 am (MST).

We encourage you to daily engage with God's Word and seek him in prayer. We have included our prayer list for you to "continue in prayer". As you pray, reflect upon those within our church family that you may be able to encourage through a note, email, or phone call. If you personally, need encouragement or help, please do not hesitate to call our church line at 208-888-1109. Although our regular church office hours are Tuesday – Friday, from 8:30 am – 2:30 pm, we will be monitoring our voice messages consistently after hours for the care of God's flock at Meridian First Baptist Church. We have a newly developed team that is ready to serve you and minister to your needs as they arise. If you would like to a part of this helpful team, call the office or email me at pastordave@mfbc.org.

We look forward to connecting with you soon. Remember that "momentary light affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory far beyond all comparison" ([2 Corinthians 4:17](#)). We have a LIVING HOPE and can introduce others to the "God of all Comfort" who loved us and gave himself up for us.

With Living HOPE,

The Elders

Helpful Links

The BRIEFING Al Mohler- March 20, 2020: <https://albertmohler.com/2020/03/20/briefing-3-20-20>

PART I Can Christian Churches Remain Faithful While Not Gathered Together? Understanding the Challenge Churches Face by the COVID-19 Pandemic

PART II An Encouragement to Local Churches and Pastors in a Time of Extraordinary Circumstances: God Be With Us Till We Meet Again

ANSWERS IN GENESIS- Children's Easter Lessons <https://answersingenesis.org/kids/answers/online-books/answers-bible-curriculum-easter-lessons/lesson-one-jesus-died-sinners/>