

## **Covid-19 Update : March 19,2020**

Dear Hampton Family,

Covid-19 has reached Texarkana. Once again, we find ourselves making challenging decisions concerning our congregation with this unique happening and trying time. These decisions are difficult, and prayerfully made, as we attempt to monitor local, regional, state, and national guidelines for this pandemic. In response to the guidance laid out by the Center for Disease Control stating that gatherings be limited to 10 people at most, we have made this decision for our church family:

AS OF TODAY all services (ladies' classes, Wednesday night services, all Sunday morning and evening services) and other activities have been suspended through April 1. The office remains open Monday – Friday from 8-4.

WE encourage you to use these times at home to gather and worship with your families. Plans are implemented for you to listen to Jerry online via the church website at <http://www.hamptoncoc.com>. Once you are on the website, just click the SERMONS link and scroll down to the current sermon at the bottom of the page. The most current bulletin will also be loaded under the BULLETINS tab. Both the sermons and bulletins should be online by Sunday morning. A link to the sermons will also be posted on the Hampton FB page.

We are fortunate to live in a time which God has blessed us with technology by which people can gather in God's name via their phones or computers. If you would like the prefilled communion sets, they will be available in the foyer on Saturday from 12 -2. You may also leave your contribution at this time or mail it in at your convenience. If you cannot come by during the Saturday hours, you may call the office (903-832-1030) for an alternate time and it can be left outside the door for you to pick up.

This is a certainly an opportunity for all of us to call/check on our shut-ins and elderly, especially those who don't have family nearby. It is truly a time we can practice loving our neighbors. Also, we realize not everyone uses email or Facebook so PLEASE spread the word on the cancellations. If you know of a member who might need help and are not able to provide the help yourself, please let the church office know and we will do our best to take care of the situation.

While we cannot control the virus, its spread, or the impact it has in our community, we're doing everything we can to help our church family, and those with whom we interact remain as safe and healthy as possible. We appreciate your prayers, cooperation, and commitment to help us. Please continue to pray for us in decisions we must make during this uncertain time.

Hampton Elders