



Friday, March 13, 2020

Dear friends,

After lots of conversations, learning, and discerning, the Deacon Board and I have decided to cancel Sunday's Worship and events, including Sunday School, children/youth programming, and the MPT Meeting. We don't know what the days ahead will look like. I was on a conference call yesterday with 26 CBF KY Pastors; we received updated information directly from the Governor's office and shared how each of our churches are navigating these waters. We know church may look a little different for a while. Members of Ridgewood's Deacon Board are meeting Sunday afternoon to pull together a plan for moving forward.

I believe the church should serve as a leader and example to the community in how we care for the most vulnerable among us. This has been a difficult decision, because we love being with each other, and we love each other well here at Ridgewood. But I am also aware of the risk of illness spreading when we gather. We don't and we won't live in fear, because God does not desire that for us. We do, however, take precautions, because we love and care for each other.

Though we won't be together physically, we can still worship together in Spirit! The staff will be hosting a Facebook Live Worship Service on Sunday, March 15 at 11:00am. Please join us for a time of simple prayer, music, scripture, and a sermon. If you do not have Facebook, you may go to www.facebook.com/ridgewoodbaptistchurch, scroll down, and the video feed will be accessible on Sunday morning. Please consider offering your tithes through EasyTithe, accessed through our website, [ridgewoodlouisville.org](https://www.ridgewoodlouisville.org), or at this link: <https://app.easytithe.com/App/Giving/ridgewoodbc>.

I came across a word from Jamie Tworkowski, the Director of *To Write Love on Her Arms*:

Conversations will not be cancelled.

Relationships will not be cancelled.

Love will not be cancelled.

Songs will not be cancelled.

Reading will not be cancelled.

Self-care will not be cancelled.

Hope will not be cancelled.

May we lean into the good stuff that remains.

Pray for each other, and be well.

Grace + Peace,

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