



March 18, 2020

Good day!

I pray this email finds you in good health and good spirits. I wanted to let you know about some of our plans as we move forward through this time of uncertainty surrounding coronavirus, or COVID-19, pandemic.

1. Until further notice, all church gatherings are cancelled. This was already mentioned last Sabbath, but we are reaffirming especially in light of the fact the CDC now has a ban on gatherings of more than 10 people.
2. We will be recording and posting an Apopka SDA Church worship service each week on our website and social media pages.
3. Meet us at 7 PM Wednesday for our online prayer meeting... information to be sent prior to each meeting
4. We are preparing short introduction and conclusion content for our Adult Sabbath School classes. Links to every study guide... children, youth, and adults... will be provided on our website, as well as a link to the HOPE Channel Sabbath School and other resources for children and youth.
5. Please remember that our mission is larger than anything we are currently facing. As a ministry that is largely locally funded, we continue to need your financial support to reach our community. We invite you to return tithes, contribute to our church budget and building funds, and give other offerings at AdventistGiving.org, or download the Adventist Giving app for your mobile device. You are also welcome to mail in your contributions to the church at [340 Votaw Rd, Apopka, FL 32703](https://www.google.com/maps/place/340+Votaw+Rd,+Apopka,+FL+32703).
6. We are working on being able to stay in touch personally by grouping our membership into small segments for our leadership to be able to call, email, and text you on a weekly basis.
7. We would also like to solicit a volunteer who can coordinate a brigade of store runners who would be able to help our seniors, immune-compromised, or those with respiratory illness get what they need without having to risk further exposure to coronavirus. We will need several people to help, as well as a coordinator. Please email me at Pastor.ApopkaSDA@gmail.com to let me know of your willingness to help.
8. We will do our best to send out regular, weekly email and text messages, and to post daily content on social media to provide spiritual encouragement and information. As of now, we are using "GroupMe," an app you can download on your smart phone. If you would like to get such updates, please email me your mobile number.

These plans, of course, may change, as we constantly have to adjust to new realities. We will do our best to keep you informed. Please be patient with us as we figure out how to be the church in circumstances very few anticipated even a month ago. This is further proof to me that Jesus is coming soon! So take courageous... Jesus has overcome, and soon we will be home with him!

You are in my prayers. Please continue to pray for me and for each other. Call someone. Text. Email. Stay in touch with each other. We will get through this!

In Christ,

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