

Dear GC Family,

Like you, we've been following the spread of Coronavirus throughout our world and nation. After consulting with several local authorities and following the recommendation of the Governor of North Carolina, we have decided to cancel all large gatherings at Generations Church through the month of March. This cancellation includes all Sunday services, Celebrate Recovery, Baby-D on Saturday, Small Group Connect, Marriage on the Rock, Starting Point, and all GC Youth meetings. This decision was not made lightly but was made with the intention of honoring the expert opinion of medical professionals and our governing authorities. At this time we don't have a timeline for the resuming of services but we are praying for a quick end to this virus and will continue to communicate with you through every means possible.

We will **not** be meeting in person at 4019 Executive Park Blvd, however our church will continue to meet through our online community and small group gatherings around the county. This Sunday, March 15, Pastor Clay will conclude the series *Identity Theft* and it will be posted at [GenerationsChurch.com](http://GenerationsChurch.com) Sunday morning at 8:30am. I will begin a new series the following Sunday and it will be posted online as well. Small group discussion questions will be posted along with each message. Your small group leader will make the decision on when and if you will meet. We hope you will continue to meet as a group to watch the message and discuss it together. If you are unable to meet as a group, I hope you will watch the messages and invite your friends to do the same.

While I'm thankful the news media has made everyone aware of Coronavirus, continuous coverage and multiple cancellations of events can also cause unnecessary fear and panic. As a child of God there are several reasons we refuse to be fearful:

1. Fear is not of God. 2 Timothy 1:7 teaches us that God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, and self-discipline. We refuse to meditate on thoughts that bring fear but instead we choose to die to ourselves by serving others and sharing the love of Christ.
2. God is in absolute control. One of my favorite verses in the Bible is Psalm 115:3, "Our God is in heaven; he does whatever pleases him." The virus could continue to spread or God could completely remove it from the planet in a second. He does whatever pleases Him and because He loves us we will trust Him with every fiber of our being. When we completely rest in the Sovereignty of God knowing that we are safe in His hands, all fear dissipates from our lives. Fear cannot remain in the presence of God.
3. Being fearful is an overreaction. There are no known cases of Coronavirus in Brunswick County. This could change at any time. If it does we want to be part of the solution and not part of the problem in containing the virus and keeping it from spreading any further. We are part of the solution when we pray for those infected, practice good hygiene and keep large group meetings to a minimum.

We appreciate your prayers over the next few weeks as we seek to lead well and minister to those who might be affected. Our church office will remain open and we hope to keep the communication lines open with you through our website, social media, individual appointments and emails.

Trusting in His great power,  
Pastor Troy

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