

## The Offering is Not Dead!

**How many of you are watching today's service in your PJ's?** I am glad that I can't see all the hands being raised throughout town right now. Please don't email me to tell me you watch our services in bed! These are crazy times and all of us are trying to adjust to the COVID-19 crisis.

Like you, I have had a lot of TV time and time on the Internet. Like you, I keep hearing that this crisis has and will change forever how we do business and how we interact with one another. There is talk of keeping virtual classroom teaching available, for instance. If you can teach your students via the Internet why spend thousands of dollars on new schools? That might be an extreme example, but you are probably hearing things like that. One thing we know for sure, COVID-19 has and will continue to change our world.

**One thing COVID-19 will not change is our mission as a church.** Our church does not comprise of a building. The fact that you are watching this now is a clear demonstration of our resolve to do whatever it takes to stay on mission! COVID-19 will not change our theology, but it has and will continue to impact our methodology.

The offering time is a clear demonstration of a required change in our methodology. Thanks to technology, the offering is not *dead* it is simply *different*. We have multiple ways by which you can give. The best way is to set up your giving to be recurring. That way, when you are at home in bed watching us, your offering is present. It is easy to set up. Simply go to our website, click on the give button, and then follow the instructions.

**Let me be frank, due to our closure we will face a major reduction in giving.** We are working hard to assure that ministries like VBS, Student Camp, our mission trips and other ministries are fully funded. Your generous gift today will help us continue to fulfill our God given mission. Thank you for your generosity. One gift at a time, you are helping us extend the love of Jesus to a world now in confusion and chaos.

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