



highland baptist church

HICKORY, NORTH CAROLINA

Dear Highland Church Family,

Your church staff and deacon body has made the decision to cancel all morning and evening services and programs at Highland for this Sunday, March 15. There will be a Facebook Live worship service on Sunday morning with praise music, as well as a sermon from Pastor Gray. Information regarding exactly how and when to access this event will be posted on our Facebook page and on the church website: hbchickory.org.

This conclusion was not reached because of any panic or hysteria, but upon the facts of how quickly the coronavirus pandemic is spreading, even into the southeastern United States. The rapid spread of this disease seems to prefer groups of people meeting together in closed spaces. We want to protect everyone we can, especially our senior adults and those in our church with underlying health conditions – both of which are prevalent in our congregation, and both of which are in the “high risk” population for this virus. Our information is being gathered, not from the news media, but rather from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in Atlanta, GA. We are monitoring their website and following their twitter feed for the most factual, up to date information. Please diligently pass this word along, especially to those who do not do Facebook or look at our website often. We will send out emails but cannot get hold of everyone. Your assistance in this matter will help us get the word out in an accurate manner. Also, please regularly monitor our Facebook page and website for updates re: future gatherings. Your prayers for wisdom and certainly your input is encouraged by your staff and deacon body.

We do not operate from a spirit of fear, but from an abundance of caution for the health of all those who attend Highland. We will continue to carefully monitor the CDC and communicate information to our Highland family as expediently as possible.

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