



Dear Church Family:

We definitely are experiencing some strange and challenging times. I am sure that many of us are uncertain about the future and are confused about how to engage in our normal lives amid all the current changes. The Church has not been immune to the current circumstances. In keeping with the established guidelines set forth by the State of Washington, the Center for Disease Control, and the Church of the Nazarene, we have made the difficult decision to suspend all in-person ministry at Camas Nazarene Church until further notice.

This is an unprecedented step that I am sure none of you never have experienced or would have anticipated. It is natural to be scared when things are uncertain, but I would like to assure you that God is fully in control. He has given us a plan to stay connected, to care for one another, and to worship and serve Him.

This packet contains information to help you understand our ministry plan and will give you direction on how you can participate. We look forward to the opportunity to stay connected and are excited to see what God does in His people during this strange season.

Sundays

I am sure that the first question on most people's mind is – What are we going to do about Sunday morning service?

We have two options available for you:

1. **Facebook Livestream** – each Sunday at 10:45am, you are able to join in with other people in viewing a live service streamed on the Camas Nazarene Church Facebook page. This service will include worship music, prayer, and a message from Pastor Brandon. If you have not already “liked” the Camas Nazarene Church Facebook page, do so today. You will receive a notification on Sunday morning when the service is about to begin.
2. **Camas Nazarene Church website** – if you are not a participant on Facebook, or if you are unable to be available during the livestream, you can watch the service at your convenience by going to the website at www.camasnazarene.org/sermons. We will have the service posted to the website by each Sunday afternoon.

We encourage you to take advantage of these opportunities to stay connected to the worship and teaching from the church you love!

Care for One Another

It is of utmost importance to us that everyone at Camas Nazarene Church is taken care of in this time of need. Many of you might find yourself housebound for some time. During this time, you might have need for supplies, groceries, or medication. You may also need additional encouragement, prayer, and fellowship.

We want to encourage you to reach out whenever you need anything. There are teams of volunteers willing to do what they can to help. The primary way you can reach out is by emailing the church office at office@camasnazarene.org or by telephone – (360)834-3433. If no one answers, please leave a message and we will return your call shortly.

Living Life Together

Being a part of a church family is so much more than attending Sunday service. It is the time outside of Sundays that helps us to develop relationships, to grow in Christ, and to serve one another in love. During this time when we cannot meet in person, we want to ensure that we have maximum opportunity to stay connected. There are several ways this will happen:

1. **Small Groups** – staying connected with a small group of people is such an incredibly encouraging part of church life. We have several options for small group involvement that can be done remotely. These include devotional and book studies, video conferencing, and interactive app-based Bible studies.
2. **Bible Studies and Other Classes** – stuck at home? Nothing to do? What a great time to spend some additional time in God's Word! We have several options for daily Bible study and other self-paced Nazarene studies that can be delivered to you via email or mail. We can connect you to others doing the same study so that you can connect via telephone, text, or email.
3. **Family Resources** – parents, we want to help you to have the resources you need to effectively disciple your children. Use this time together as a family to deepen your relationship with God each day. These resources will be delivered each week from our Children's Department to you via email. Please email the church office at office@camasnazarene.org so that we can ensure that we have your correct email address.
4. **Facebook Private Groups** – we will be setting up private groups on Facebook so that discussion can be had around various subjects. Be on the lookout for invitations to join our Men's Group, Women's Group, and other special groups.

If you are interested in participating in any of these opportunities, please reach out to the church office:

Email – office@camasnazarene.org

Phone – (360)834-3433

Encouraging Others

You can be a tremendous help during this time by taking the initiative to reach out to other people in the church to offer prayerful support, fellowship, and encouragement. Here are a few ideas how:

1. Pray for someone from the church every day.
2. Reach out with an encouraging word or Bible verse via phone, text, email, or Facebook private message.
3. Mail encouraging cards – (please contact the church office if you need an address)

Giving

Even though we will not be meeting in person for a period of time, the church still has significant monthly expenses. We would encourage all people who call Camas Nazarene Church their church home to seek God's guidance in financially supporting the ministry. We are thankful for any and all support and are confident that God will meet all our needs through His people's generosity.

There are three primary ways to give:

1. **Online Giving** – this is an extremely convenient and excellent way to give. The church has a robust online giving platform that allows you to make either one-time or recurring gifts. In this time when we are not able to meet together, this is the preferred method of receiving contributions. To access this resource – go to <https://camasnazarene.churchcenter.com/giving>
2. **Text Giving** – you can give right from your phone with just a few keystrokes. Text any dollar amount to 84321. You will receive a link as a reply. Click the link, fill out the necessary info and you are done.
3. **Mail** – you can mail your financial contributions to the church office at the following address:
Camas Nazarene Church
2204 NE Birch Street
Camas, WA 98607

All of your contributions to the church remain tax-deductible, regardless of what method you choose. We thank you very much for your consideration.

God is Still in Charge

Though we are experiencing adversity at this time, we take heart in knowing that nothing surprises God. We are confident that we can use this time to grow in our love for Him, in our ability to be obedient to the commands of Jesus, and to be a shining example to the world of God's mercy, forgiveness, and grace.

Jesus offers us the following words:

“Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock. And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it.” (Mat 7:24-27)

Note that in the teaching, the rain falls on both the house of the wise and of the fool. Adversity happens to us all. The difference is in the effect that adversity has on our life. We are a durable people who are built for adversity, for our house is not built on the sand, but rather on solid rock. We will survive this minor interruption to our daily lives, and we will be stronger for it.

During this time, I cannot stress enough how important it is for you to stay connected to others. Join us for service each Sunday either via Facebook or the website. Use the different tools I have outlined in this email to benefit you and your family. Don't be afraid to reach out if you need help and be willing to help others if you are able.

God is with us!

Prayerfully,

Pastor Brandon