

DES MOINES GOSPEL CHAPEL

"For God gave us a spirit not of fear
but of power and love and self-control."

2 Timothy 1:7

MARCH 2020

Dear DMGC Family,

The local and national news about the COVID-19 pandemic has been very unsettling. Praise God that we can take this threat seriously while also being encouraged that He is still in the heavens and that we can look to Him to protect us. [Proverbs 18:10](#).

As you are likely aware, there have been recent instructions from our local and state governments (for our safety), mandating that we suspend meetings above 50 individuals. We are also strongly encouraged to have no gatherings larger than 10 people. **As a result, we have canceled all adult, children's and youth meetings through the remainder of March.** This includes our home Growth Groups.

Here are some DMGC resources that you may find helpful:

- Check out our church web site www.dmgc.org.
- Our Sunday preaching messages will be online by Sunday morning. Along with the sermon audio there will be an additional message from our Pastoral Team. [Sermon audio](#)
- Also, by Sunday morning, our weekly bulletin and sermon notes will be available online. [Bulletin and notes](#)
- Our password protected Prayer Sheet is available through the [Login](#) link on the website. Call or email the main office to get that password. Feel free to call in or email us with your prayer requests.



- During this health crisis where you and your family may be spending extra time at home, we have purchased a church subscription to [RightNow Media](#). It has been called the Netflix of Christian media. It contains thousands of videos for adults and kids. These include teaching series from popular Christian teachers, school lessons, training videos, Bible Studies and fun videos for the family and kids. Yes, there are the new Veggie Tales. In a separate email, we will be sending you the passcode for access.



I love the verse at the top of this page, [2 Timothy 1:7](#). In spite of all that challenges us at this time, God can help us to overcome our fears when we trust Him and rely on Him to give us:

- **Power.** These days that includes the strength to conquer our fears. Would encourage you at this time to be praying (talking to your Heavenly Father) a lot. Tell Him your concerns. He will help you and give you strength and peace for today. ([Philippians 4:6-7](#))
- **Love.** God can enable us to get beyond our personal concerns and love those around us who may be feeling the same way. We can do so by looking out for our family members, neighbors, coworkers and friends. Is there someone in the DMGC church family who you could encourage today?
- **Self-Control.** That includes the ability to do what we need to do during these challenging times. Please understand and follow the instructions given by our [local government](#). God will help you to do so without fear.

May the Lord bless you in the midst of all that is going on and help you to be salt and light for Him during this dark time.

For the DMGC Pastoral Team,

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