



As you know, the landscape surrounding the COVID-19 (coronavirus) is changing rapidly - even here at home in East Tennessee. With that in mind, we know that speedy decisions that answer your questions and concerns alleviate some of the pressures we are all feeling.

A time like this can be extremely isolating for many people. Please be thinking about how you can love and minister to those around you in a healthy way. We have no doubt that we will get through this time together, as a community. As we face uncertainty, we are reminded that God is in control and we are not to have a spirit of fear.

WHAT'S HAPPENING NOW?

As you know, Canvas Church is a vibrant community that is ministering to hundreds of people through our Sunday services, youth and kids gatherings, groups, and ministries. With these things in mind, we feel an obligation to you and our community to take every precaution we can. Let's take what the enemy means for evil and watch how God will use it for His Kingdom!

- Until further notice, Canvas Church's Sunday services will be held online ONLY. The services will happen at 10:00 a.m. on Facebook, Youtube, and Church Online. This 30 minute service will include worship, a relevant sermon from Lead Pastor, Nick Rains, and a time of prayer. Chat will be available 15 minutes prior to the service.
- Adult Groups WILL continue until further notice. Please contact your Group leader for more info.
- All Uprising Youth and Canvas Kids gatherings are cancelled until further notice.
- The Seder has been canceled. We will be offering full refunds.
- The Men's Retreat has been canceled. We will be offering full refunds.
- Regular communication of what is happening in and around the Canvas family will be given.

WHAT'S NEXT?

What are we doing to prepare for if this continues for a long period of time?

- We are enhancing our Online Church to include personal prayer, in-depth notes, and more.
- We are looking for additional ways to create community and continue spiritual growth.
- We are adding interactive ways to connect with Uprising Youth and Canvas Kids.
- We are exploring ways to use technology to offer pastoral care for the Canvas family.
- We are planning to enhance how we locate, communicate, and meet needs.
- We are creating additional means of communication on Connect and through social media.
- We will look at every possible opportunity to continue to "love people to life!"



Here are a few things we'd encourage you to do:

Pray: We believe in the power of prayer. Join us in praying for our church, our community, our state, our country, and our world. Pray specifically for those in the health care field as well as the scientists, researchers, local law enforcement and government officials that are all working to get this situation under control. Pray for our President, and pray for our Nation.

Stay Connected: Take advantage of our online services and continue to attend your Group. Follow our social media platforms for updated resources and content. Be in tune to how God might be challenging you to grow in your faith as we prepare to have more time to slow down and worship in different ways. If you are a regular attendee of Canvas, get enrolled in Realm Connect.

Love your Neighbor: While it's normal to think inward at a time of crisis, we ask you to think about those at the highest risk for COVID-19, as well as those taking extra precautions at this time. Consider calling them to see how they are and if there's some way you can help them. Let them know you are thinking about them. We can use this time to touch lives all around us!

Give: We believe that God has a plan for Canvas Church and that he has us in Lenoir City at this time for a reason. Our continued operations are only possible with your generous giving. If you would like to give, visit www.mycanvaschurch.com/give.

Remember, "a scared world needs a fearless church." (Tozer)

Loving people to life,

Pastor Nick Rains

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"For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works,
which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them."
Ephesians 2:10 ESV