



# SUBURBAN BIBLE CHURCH

*Share Build Care*

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SBC Family,

**Mission:**

Share the Gospel  
Build Disciples  
Care for the Community

**Vision:**

To share the gospel with the world, build disciples by training and teaching, and care for the community through outreach, all for the glory of God.

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As many of you are probably aware, on March 16 we received further guidelines from the Indiana Governor's Office on how to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. Based on guidelines from the Center for Disease Control (CDC), the state government has requested that all organizations avoid gatherings of 50 or more people. As such, because we are concerned with the health and safety of our congregation, beginning immediately and for the duration of the national emergency we will no longer be holding Sunday morning public worship services. Our expectation is that we will continue to follow the lead of School Town of Highland, and resume meeting together in person when the schools re-open. Of course, as the situation develops, we may have to adjust this timeline.

While we will not be meeting together in person, we intend to use the technology we have to continue worshipping together corporately as Suburban Bible Church. Beginning this Sunday, we still plan on livestreaming our worship services on the SBC Facebook page every Sunday morning at 10:30 am. Simply click on this link at that time to join us: <https://www.facebook.com/SuburbanBibleChurch/>

We encourage everyone to worship together with us through watching and interacting on the livestream. We also still intend to upload video of the services on YouTube and host them on our website, <http://www.suburbanbible.org/media/> And, in the coming weeks, we will be exploring how to continue to meet together through social media, such as doing studies and small groups through livestreaming, which will allow us to interact with each other in real time. We will also do the best we can to communicate with you all electronically, but do not hesitate to pick up the phone and call us. The weekly updates from the office will include the sermon notes for the upcoming sermon, as well as prayer requests and information from our missionaries.

In all of this, we understand that the church is more than just a building. The church is a place of fellowship, of community, of caring for each other and sharing each other's burdens. The elders and deacons take this responsibility seriously, and we want to do whatever we can to care for each of you, both spiritually and physically. Therefore, if you are in need, whether it be for prayer, counsel, or even someone to help you with your grocery shopping, please let us know how we can serve you. The church office will still be doing business electronically, so please don't hesitate to contact us if you are in need.

Finally, we would like to encourage you in all of this to remember who we are and Who we serve. We are a part of God's church here in Highland, Indiana, and we serve and worship a mighty God. He is more powerful than any virus, and as Christians, our hope is in Him, not in the systems of this world. As the Apostle Paul tells us: *Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 4:6-7).*

Our hope is that we, as a church, would prayerfully turn to God in all of this, and that His peace would guard our hearts and our minds from the fear and anxiety that is so prevalent in our culture right now. May we be salt and light to the world, so that God can use our peaceful and loving actions even during this time to draw others to Him.

For the Elders and Deacons,

Pastor Adam