

Hi Folks:

As you're well aware, on Monday the BC GOVT issued a ban on all gatherings of 50 or more. **AAC is suspending services** to comply with our government and to demonstrate to our neighbors that we are following protocol and like everyone else we are doing our best to work with one another to get through this.

Please stay tuned to the AAC Facebook page regarding a "virtual" service we are planning this Sunday March 22. Pastor Brian and I along with Shane and Tara Moews, Mike Henry and Doug Allen will be there, in an empty auditorium to lead us as if it were any other Sunday. I'm not sure how often we'll be able to do this, but we will have an "on-line" service this Sunday. For those on Facebook, tune in to the AAC page at 10:30am this Sunday March 22 and you will be able to view the service. Please be patient and stay tuned for ways you can tithe during this suspension period.

Please reflect and remember the words of Jesus to His disciples: *"FEAR NOT, It is I; do not be afraid."*

We are suspending services out of our civic responsibility and respect for authority, not out of fear. Please look out for one another, please share this email with those you know don't have email. We'll be reaching out to our senior adults later in the week to see how they're doing and if they need supplies brought to them. We'll be reaching out to some of you to assist and help with this. This is a time to gather: our thoughts, prayers, love and concern for each other. If we take care, we will help each other through this.

Pastor Heather has been posting ways for parents to engage kids with Bible lessons throughout spring break and during this shut down. She is simply the best! And yesterday Pastor Brian took initiative, making arrangements for our service to be live streamed this Sunday, I'm so grateful for them, we are so blessed!

Thank you for your patience, understanding and many words of encouragement. I'm a little overwhelmed, but in a beautiful way, I feel and I'm experiencing the fullness of God's Spirit in all this, I trust and pray that you are as well.

On Sunday I said the most common command in the Bible is "Fear Not." And this is needed right now, in this moment and these days. The words of Isaiah are relevant today:
"Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name and you are mine. When you pass through the waters I will be with you; And through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior and I love you."

What's happening right now, more than anything else reminds us that we are not in charge or in control, as followers of Christ (believers) we are waiting, waiting for God. And we can wait with confidence, because we are waiting for the One who fed the 5,000 and walked on water! *"It is I; do not be afraid."*

With the deepest love in my heart for all of you, take care.
Pastor Doug