

Friendship Family,

After a great amount of prayer and discussion, in compliance with health and public safety recommendations due to the COVID-19 crisis, Friendship Baptist Church is suspending all in-person gatherings through at least March 31st. This decision is not made in fear, rather in regard for the safety of our church family that are considered high-risk. Even though close contact must be limited, our staff and deacons will be working to find creative ways to safely minister to you. We appreciate the positive responses that we have encountered and hope that you will go through this unusual time with fervent prayer!

While we will not be physically together for now, we are offering several ways that we can connect as church body through technology from our homes.

1. **Streaming Worship Services** – We were able to stream worship services last Sunday at 11 AM & 6 PM. We plan to continue to do that going forward. The services will be shared each week, but can be accessed multiple ways:
 - a. Our website – our worship services will be streamed live on the front page of our website and will remain there throughout the week in case you miss the live service
 - b. Facebook Live – we will stream services at each week. Additionally, Bro. Jeremy will lead a small devotional and prayer time Wednesday’s at 6pm.
 - c. Zoom Video Meeting – Join video meeting on smartphone or dial audio meeting on non-smart phone.
2. **Online Sunday School / Small Groups (through Zoom)** - 3 Adult classes and 1 Youth class will be offered. Those of you currently in a Sunday School class should receive a text message before Friday with a link to install Zoom on your phone and one to join the meeting 30 minutes before your scheduled class. If you are not currently part of a Sunday School class and want to participate, please contact Jeremy Brown at 662-312-1415. If you would like someone to bring SS material to your home or have it mailed to you, let us know.
3. **Sunday School at Home** - parents have access to the same Lifeway Bibles Studies for Life materials that we use weekly in preschool and grade school classes at Friendship. Each week, Bro Trevor will share a video on Facebook reminding parents to check for updated materials and give a few pointers on that week’s lesson.
4. **Online Giving** – we encourage all members to tithe online. Using an *ACH transfer* only takes a small fee (1% + \$0.25) from each gift. Or you can mail checks to Ms. Martha Lindsey. (5491 Craig Springs Road Sturgis, MS 39769)

| Important Links | |
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| Church website | Friendshipsturgis.com |
| Facebook Live | Facebook.com/fbcms |
| Zoom Video Meetings | Friendshipsturgis.com/meetings |
| Sunday School at Home | Friendshipsturgis.com/kids |
| Online Giving | Friendshipsturgis.com/give |

| Sunday Online SS Schedule | |
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| Ladies’ SS | 9 AM |
| Men’s SS | 10 AM |
| Young Married SS | 8 PM |
| Youth Bible Study | 9 PM |
| College Bible Study | TBA |

If you or someone you know is having trouble staying connected, please reach out to a staff member or deacon and we will do our best to help. Social distancing can make us feel isolated and alone, so we are asking that you check on your family, friends, and neighbors, in order to love them like Jesus. During uncertain times, most people are more open and willing to engage in spiritual discussions. We encourage you to have meaningful, scripture and God-led, discussions with those individuals. The church is not the building, but it is where the Holy Spirit resides, that is inside each and every redeemed child of God.

In Christ,

[Bro. Jeremy](#), FBC Staff, and Deacons