

SOME FACTS ABOUT COVID-19

- 1 Not everything you hear is true.
- 2 Not everyone is at equal risk.
- 3 This will pass.
- 4 Focus on what's unchanging, not what is changing.
- 5 God will go through it with you.
- 6 This is not the end of the story.
- 7 God wants to use our churches to help others.

ONLINE CHURCH

JCC will have virtual services for the next few weeks. We will be streaming our service through Facebook Live at 10:15 am on Sundays.



THE AMAZING ADVENTURE

a children's musical

A Journey Through God's Love at Easter
A SPECTACULAR EASTER SUNDAY APRIL 12 / 10 AM

SAVE THE DATE



Memorial Service for *Bonnie Taylor*
SATURDAY, MAY 16 @ JCC



MARCH FOR JESUS

March for Jesus activities will be scheduled when the coordinators get the "green light" from their leaders. You will be notified when we have the information.

HOPE FOR

Uncertain Times



Mar 29 »
Social Distancing



PRAYER REQUESTS

► SALVATION

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Jason G. | <input type="checkbox"/> Ray H. | <input type="checkbox"/> Gearen Family | <input type="checkbox"/> Stein Family |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Brian H. | <input type="checkbox"/> Karen W. | <input type="checkbox"/> Rick L. | <input type="checkbox"/> Kirk Aricioglu |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Benjamin G. | <input type="checkbox"/> Cheyenne W. | <input type="checkbox"/> Mike F. | <input type="checkbox"/> Dave S. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ryan K. | <input type="checkbox"/> Tyler M. | <input type="checkbox"/> Tom M. | <input type="checkbox"/> Bato R. |

► HEALTH ISSUES

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Suzie S. » Health Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Craig B. » Leukemia | <input type="checkbox"/> Linda » Diabetes Issues |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Kenny D. » Nuerological | <input type="checkbox"/> Michael C. » Health Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Ken R. » Hip Fracture |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Shirley K. » Health Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Bethany » Health Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Carol S. » Grief |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sam H. » Cardiac Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Art B. » Health Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Shirley P. » Neuropathy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ruth H. » Health Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Don H. » Health Issues | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Phyllis L. » Health Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Rafael » Cancer | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jean G. » Health Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Tommy P. » Anxiety | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Michael D. » MS | <input type="checkbox"/> Marvin L. » Health Issues | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Keith M. » Cancer | <input type="checkbox"/> Noe F. » Health Issues | |

► URGENT REQUEST

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Baxter L. Sr » Hospice Care | <input type="checkbox"/> Billy H. » Sobriety |
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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“As our world is confronting their mortality, for some of them the first time, we have the choice to either place our faith in the hope of Christ or to mirror their fear born of a perishable hope.” —Ed Stetzer

ACTION STEP: *Find a need and fill it!*



Social Distancing



One of the strategies that health and government officials are employing these days to slow down the spread of COVID-19 is

Social Distancing

What's curious is that there was an Old Testament prophet that was commanded to be tucked away in complete isolation.

Think of it as the forerunner to *Social Distancing*

Setting the stage



God sent the prophet Elijah with a word of judgment to the palace to proclaim that it would not rain for three and a half years. Here's how God phrased it in **1 Kings 17:2** *Now Elijah the Tishbite, from Tishbe in Gilead, said to Ahab, "As the Lord, the God of Israel, lives, whom I serve, there will be neither dew nor rain in the next few years except at my word."*

The next step



The next step after issuing the gutsy decree of "no rain" is hiding. It is not an unusual thing for those that God calls to go into isolation. Then the word of the Lord came to Elijah: "Leave here, turn eastward and hide in the Kerith Ravine, east of the Jordan. **1 Kings 17:3**

What God's hiding accomplishes

You will drink from the brook, and I have directed the ravens to supply you with food there." So he did what the Lord had told him. He went to the Kerith Ravine, east of the Jordan, and stayed there. The ravens brought him bread and meat in the morning and bread and meat in the evening, and he drank from the brook. **1 Kings 17:4-6**

1. *It's in the out-of-the way places where spiritual formation happens*

[before you can stand at Carmel you must sit at the brook]

2. *It's the out-of-the way places that show us God's provision*

[Before you can bless a widow at Zarephath, you must receive God's provision at the brook]

3. *It's the out-of-the way places where God teaches us how to follow*

Some time later the brook dried up because there had been no rain in the land. Then the word of the Lord came to him: "Go at once to Zarephath in the region of Sidon and stay there. I have directed a widow there to supply you with food." [Before you can show others the way, your brook must dry up]

*Let's catch the end of the story:
(Elijah at Mt. Carmel)*

1 Kings 18

- Elijah challenges Ahab and his 850 prophets to meet him at Mt. Carmel.
- Elijah rebukes Israel for wavering between worshipping the Lord and Baal.
- Elijah proposes a contest between himself and the prophets of Baal.
- Each side is to prepare a young bull as a sacrifice and place it on an altar.
- The Baal prophets cry out but there is no response.
- Elijah prays. Fire falls from heaven and consumes the sacrifice.
- The people cry out, "The Lord, He is God!"
- Elijah tells the people to kill the prophets of Baal.
- Elijah announces the end of the drought.