

Dear Crossroads Community Church,

On Monday night, the Elders met virtually to discuss a way forward for Crossroads Community Church during this “stay at home” order. We want to make sure that we do our best to keep everyone healthy, respect recommendations from our national and state leadership, and love our church family and neighbors well during this time. Therefore, we have decided to suspend in person services and in person groups until further notice. Okay, that was the tough news but here is the good news...the church is more alive now than ever before! HOW? Keep reading...

1. Livestream services have been going very well! We will continue to livestream our 11:00am service so that you can watch with your family and worship with us.

You can find our livestream service at the links below:

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/crossroadsc/>

Vimeo:

https://vimeo.com/event/31625?fbclid=IwAR3ntJhXUOWSXH_0ZQHfzkhvzpM2NRW23paYUBfPIXV2t9D8sQPxZLqM6yE

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UChZUI5qWszKP3ODD6lAmAig>

2. Family Ministry has been livestreaming as well as offering some really great opportunities to help parents and grandparents interact and teach their children Biblical truths during this time. To stay up to date with ministry activities and resources available for CKM (Crossroads Kids Ministry) and CSM (Crossroads Student Ministry) follow us on these social media platforms:

- Facebook CKM: <https://www.facebook.com/crossroadskidmin/>
- Instagram CKM: <https://www.instagram.com/crossroadskidmin/>
- Facebook CSM: <https://www.facebook.com/csmYorktown/>
- Instagram CSM: <https://www.instagram.com/csmYorktown/>

3. Virtual groups have opened opportunities for people of all ages to stay connected. We have offered some new groups as well as opened our existing groups, without space limitations, to many more who feel alone, isolated or disconnected!

- You can join a Virtual Connect Group by signing up here: <https://ourccc.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/110/responses/new/>

4. Our reach has expanded! There are more interactions with people online. We've had people who are new to the area connect with us virtually during services and during groups. We've reconnected with many of our military families who have moved away recently and were still in the search for a new church home. Many who are

more introverted, have been able to connect in groups. It's been amazing! Here is how you can keep the connections going:

- Comment when we are livestreaming. This makes it feel like an online community and not that you are just watching on your own.
 - Join us live at 11:00am throughout the week to have worship, prayer, and encouragement as well as other times during the week.
 - Join a virtual group.
 - Check out our App and click on "apart, but not alone" to find out how to stay connected.
5. We are outside the walls more than ever! Over the last few weeks, we have been able to help THRIVE immensely with your generosity to their Food Pantry. We've also been able to bless the nurses and doctors at Riverside ED, as well as help many families with food needs. We will continue to announce ways we can all help in the weeks ahead. Any funds given to "Missions" will be used solely for helping those who are hurting in this difficult time. If you need anything, we will do all we can to help you. Just let us know by emailing the church at office@crossroads.cc.
 6. Prayer has ramped up! That is always a great thing. We are praying more for one another during livestreams, during the week, and in groups. I would ask that you pray for Easter. People are very open to the Gospel right now. Pain and hurt does that to us. These are pivotal circumstances. People all over the world will be in their living rooms, with nowhere to go, so they will be looking at churches online for some answer. We have the answer! It's Jesus!
 7. Lastly, we've had to trust more! Giving has decreased at Crossroads Community Church over the last month. It was about \$7,000 down in March. I'm trusting God and I know you are too! if you can, please continue to be generous. Our natural tendency in moments of fear is to close our hands and hold on tight. But, the calling of Jesus is to be open-handed and that is a value of ours at Crossroads! Be open-handed however you can during this time. Be openhanded with food items, with your neighbors, by sharing with each other and don't forget to give to your church. Online Giving options are available on our website and App. You can also mail your donation to 1420 Lakeside Drive Yorktown, VA 23692.

Love you all!!!

Pastor Aaron