**General Statement Concerning Church Gatherings**

Dear church family,

 These are difficult times in which we are living. The pandemic known as COVID-19, or Coronavirus, has added to the difficulty and uncertainty. This is an unprecedented situation and we are in uncharted territory. Nonetheless, as instructed in scripture, we must obey the government leaders that have been placed in position of leadership by God. Therefore, under the direction and advisement of our local, state, and federal leaders and health officials, South Lexington Baptist Church will not hold worship services or church gatherings of any type on site, at least through the end of the month (March).

 However, simply because we will not gather together in person, does not mean we can’t worship together. Because we live in a technological age, we are currently working on ways that we can still preach and teach the word of God and spread the gospel of Jesus Christ; that is the purpose of the church, and that is the goal of South Lexington Baptist Church. We ask that you be patient with the leadership of the church as we seek to navigate this uncertain and fluid situation. We are currently taking steps to record sermons and lessons for adults and youth so that we can post them online and on social media. Please stay tuned for further instruction and announcements as to what times we will “go live.”

 In the mean time, we ask that you pray. Pray for the leaders of our nation, at all levels, and those working under them as they work to resolve this situation. Pray for your church leaders as we make decisions and work to keep you connected with one another and through God’s word. Pray for one another. Seek for ways you can help your church family, if you are able to. Pray that God would use this difficult and uncertain situation for the good of his people and that He would be glorified in all that is done.

 As He always has, God provides, sustains, and comforts His people. He will do the same in this situation, also. This disease, this virus, is not bigger than our God. We look forward to when we can meet together in person again. Until then, we worship together in Spirit.

With much love in Christ,

South Lexington Baptist Church Pastors & Leaders