“Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong.
1 Cor. 16:13 NIV

As I wrote last week, “When all is said and done, we will look back on the coronavirus outbreak of 2020 as an episodic threat to our health that required significant medical recalibrations and responses.” Enough pathology has been ascertained for us to realize that COVID-19, while dangerous, will not bring forth the end of the human species. Yet, we do not want to fail to take basic precautions that will help us do battle with this virus.

The infusion of another type of coronavirus of which humans have no natural immunity should demand changes in how we go about our day. This is especially true for those who find themselves with a fever, cough or shortness of breath. You should immediately seek medical attention and limit your ‘other human’ contact. Public health officials are still scrambling to understand the new coronavirus, but they have concluded that it is highly infectious and poses a particular risk to older people.

Therefore, we have taken steps this week to maximize our ministry’s response to this coronavirus. For as long as needed we will continue to take steps that will help us minimize contagions across our ministry.

First, we will continue to modify our greeting practices in our worship services. We suggest that people not make physical contact such as shaking hands. Please make use of our hand sanitation stations placed around our campus.

Second, we have asked our housekeeping service to take special precautions by wiping down various surfaces, door opening mechanisms and doorknobs. We will be encouraging our ushers and greeters to open all doors to our sanctuary so our worshippers do not have to make contact with the door surfaces.

Third, in our Café Koinonia, we will be having people serve our guests rather than allowing people to make contact with self-service tongs and other surfaces. For example, individual coffee creamers will be available for your coffee rather than in mass use containers.

Fourth, using an abundance of caution, those who are at particular risk, the extremely aged and those whose immune systems are compromised, we recommend that perhaps you stay at home for the next few weeks. You can experience our worship services by watching via our live-stream ministry on our webpage and you can also share your generous ministry gift online using our webpage at www.firstsarasota.org. We want you healthy and safe!

Blessings!

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Saturday, April 25, 2020

Join us in helping bring healing and hope to child victims of sex trafficking by participating in the Porch Light 5k run/walk on Siesta Key Beach.

Register Online at: porchlight5k.org
Radical Sabbatical Youth Retreat
April 17 - 19, 2020
Cost: $35.00
Contact Tim Stork at 941-266-8816 for more information.

Preschool - 5th graders
Easter Egg Hunt & Family Luncheon
Sunday, April 5th @ 12 Noon
In the Family Life Center
Sign up on a Connection Card or Call the Church Office at 941-365-2846

Welcome to the FirstSarasota Family!
J.R. & Kandi Suarez
Join by Statement of Faith
Lisa Arandia
Joins by Transfer of Letter

Sanctuary Easter Lilies
For those interested in ordering an Easter Lily to be displayed in the Sanctuary on Easter in memory of or in honor of a loved one,
Sign up on a Connection Card or contact Sherry Stiles in the church office at 941-365-2846, or at ministryassistant@firstsarasota.org
The cost is $7 per Lily which should be designated for Lilies and placed in the offering plate.

Due to the tremendous response to Pastor Bill’s retirement banquet on March 29th, we would appreciate a call to the Church Office at 941-365-2846, if you are unable to attend.

Cafe Koinonia
Join us at the Family Life Center 9:45 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.
Fun, Free, Fellowship and goodies!
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Praise and Worship  
Praise Team  
"There’s No Other Name"  
"Lord I Need You"

Pastoral Welcome & Prayer  
Pastor Mark Gibbens

Praise and Worship  
Praise Team  
"Way Maker"

Message  
Pastor Bill Hild

Time of Response  
Praise Team  
"Lord I Need You"

Prayer of Continuance  
Pastor Bill Hild

10:30 A.M. – Triumphant Worship Service  
March 15, 2020

Prelude  
Denise Verheul

Call to Worship  
Sanctuary Choir & Orchestra  
"Great is Thy Faithfulness"

Congregational Worship  
Congregation  
"How Firm a Foundation"

Pastoral Prayer & Welcome  
Pastor Mark Gibbens

Choral Worship  
Sanctuary Choir & Orchestra  
"Hymn of Praise"

Congregational Worship  
Congregation  
"He Hideth My Soul"

Message  
Pastor Bill Hild

Hymn of Decision  
Congregation  
"In the Presence of Jehovah"

Offertory Prayer  
Dan Bailey

Offertory  
Quartet  
"There is Coming a Great Day"

Presentation of New Members  
Pastor Bill Hild

Prayer of Continuance  
Pastor Bill Hild
Ministerial Staff

Pastor William H. Hild
Lead Pastor

Pastor Paul Helton
Redemption Church-Manatee, Church Planter

Pastor Mark Gibbens
Families & Young Adults Pastor

Ms. Donna Cupicha
Preschool Ministries Director

Pastor Shawn Gross
Worship Pastor

Mr. Tim Storck
Student Ministries Director

SANCTUARY FLOWERS:
Flowers placed today by Pat Taylor
In Honor of My Amazing Friends, Charles and Eva Webb

Flowers placed March 22nd by Steve and Cameron Parker
In honor of our parents, Doug and Sherry Erb and Bill and Jayne Parker

DEACON OF THE WEEK
Our Deacons are available if there is a need for ministry.
Please feel free to call:
Week of 3/15 - 3/21
Jim Ford (320-0098)
Week of 3/22 - 3/28
John Newsome (758-2186)
Week of 3/29 - 4/4
Bert Martinez (705-6141)

March 8, 2020
Bible Study
324

Worship
9:00 am - 148
10:30 am - 584
Total 732

First Report
March 8, 2020
Weekly Budget Goal $38,779.19
Budget Receipts Today $44,742.35
Budget Goal YTD $387,991.90
Budget Receipts YTD $367,431.77
Designated Rpts. YTD $11,909.37

Main Street Property Emphasis
Vision to Victory! Today $1,884.00
Vision to Victory! To Date $980,137.23

REMEMBER OUR HOMEBOUND MEMBERS WITH A CALL, CARD, OR VISIT
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