Calvary Chapel of El Paso

Capilla Calvario El Paso

Re: Covid-19

March 25, 2020 – 4:00 p.m.

Dear Church Family:

As we write this letter to you all, we pray that God has continued to watch over and provide for your needs during this time. Words like "unprecedented" and "unbelievable" just don't seem to fully capture what our community is experiencing at this time.

Precautions Taken

By now most of El Paso has heard about Mayor Margo's "Stay at Home" Directive from Tuesday, March 24, 2020. In an abundance of caution, and in accordance with this directive, we have taken the following steps regarding our activities here:

- 1. Closing our office indefinitely
 - a. Emails directed to info@calvarychapelelpaso.com will continue to be checked daily
 - b. Phone calls received during regular office hours will continue to be answered
 - c. Voicemails will be checked and responded to in a timely manner
- 2. Suspending all of our physical meetings for the duration of this directive
- 3. Canceling all formal activities until further notice, including the following:
 - a. Women's Ministry AM and PM Tuesday Bible Studies
 - b. Men's Ministry Saturday morning Bible Studies
 - c. Youth and College Ministry Friday night Bible Studies
 - d. Spanish Ministry School of Ministry Bible Studies
 - e. Strong Foundation Monday night Bible Studies

Online Streaming

Prior to this directive, our initial plans for our regularly scheduled church services were to broadcast 'closed' services online and via our church app. This plan remains unchanged and we encourage each of you to view the live services as shown below.

- English
 - Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m.
 - Saturday evenings at 5:30 p.m.
 - Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m.
 - These services will be available live via:
 - our website (<u>www.calvaryep.com</u>)
 - our church app (ChurchScribe)
 - our Facebook page (<u>www.facebook.com/calvaryep</u>)
 - on Vimeo (search for Calvary Chapel of El Paso)
- Spanish
 - Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m.
 - Sunday mornings at 11:00 a.m.
 - These services will be available live via:
 - our Facebook page (<u>www.facebook.com/capillacalvarioelpaso/</u>)
 - on Vimeo (search for Calvary Chapel of El Paso)
- If you need additional information or help getting set up with any of these, please send us an email to info@calvarychapelelpaso.com or call the church office at (915) 855-4565.

Giving

For those that would like to continue giving financially but are unfamiliar with how to do so remotely, the following methods are available:

- 1. Online at <u>www.calvaryep.com</u>
- 2. Online at http://calvaryep.fellowshiponego.com
- 3. Via our church app for mobile devices (ChurchScribe)
- 4. Via text message to (915) 233-2442

If you need additional information or help getting set up with any of these, please send us an email to <u>info@calvarychapelelpaso.com</u> or call the church office at (915) 855-4565.

Prayer

"6 Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; 7 and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus." **Philippians 4:6-7 NKJV**

As a church family and as ambassadors of Christ we want to do everything we can to be a light to the world throughout this trying time, to be ministers of the gospel in a real and tangible way to our local community, and to protect the vulnerable within our church family and community.

We encourage everyone to continue to pray for

- the political leaders of our world/nation/state/county/city
- medical professionals and first responders who are on the front lines battling this pandemic
- those who have contracted Covid-19 and their families
- those who are facing financial hardship/distress related to this virus and the steps being taken to combat its spread
- our leadership here at Calvary Chapel of El Paso and Capilla Calvario El Paso as we seek the Lord's direction through this

Looking Forward

Our church staff will continue to actively monitor the current situation and make you aware of any changes that might need to be made regarding the fellowship here at Calvary Chapel of El Paso/Capilla Calvario El Paso. It was a very difficult decision this past weekend to move to online streaming services only but we are thankful to the Lord for preparing our fellowship with the technology to be able to 'meet' in this manner. We continue to lean upon the Holy Spirit for wisdom and guidance throughout this time as we seek to be minister to this fellowship and our community at large. *"6 Therefore I remind you to stir up the gift of God which is in you through the laying on of my hands. 7 For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind."* **2 Timothy 1:6-7 NKJV**

Thank you again for your understanding and for continuing to be a part of the body of Christ here at Calvary Chapel of El Paso/Capilla Calvario El Paso. We truly love each of you and continue to pray God's blessings and protection for each of you!

In His Love,

The Pastoral Staff

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