



## BETHEL GOSPEL TABERNACLE

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Bethel members and supporters,

I greet you in the name of our Lord & Savior Jesus Christ. It has been a difficult time in our nation and world to say the least; we must not fear. In these moments, the Church must cry out to God in prayer. We must stay vigilant and committed to the truth of the Gospel knowing that if God is for us, nothing can stand in our way. Our prayers go out to all those impacted by COVID-19 – this includes not only those diagnosed with the virus, but also their friends and family, those whose jobs and schools have been impacted and so many more. In light of everything that is happening in our world due to this coronavirus, with prayerful consideration, we as a church found it necessary to make the following adjustments:

**SUNDAY & MIDWEEK SERVICES:** Until further notice, we will no longer physically meet together for service. Instead, we will utilize livestream and show special, pre-recorded services for Sunday Morning Services & Thursday Evening Bible Study. This is to comply with the new regulations regarding public gatherings and to promote safety and care amongst our people. I am aware that this is a huge step and very different for us, but this is in no way us shrinking back in fear and cowardice. On the contrary - I believe this is what it looks like to move forward in faith and wisdom.

These services will be available for viewing on the Internet. The links to our YouTube, Ustream and Facebook pages are included below. We have also included a link with instructions for accessing our services. If you need assistance viewing or logging in to any of the aforementioned platforms, please call church office at 718-291-2676, leave your name and number and we will return your call with further instructions. We want everyone to be able to worship with us during these unprecedented times so do not hesitate to reach out if necessary.

**EVENTS:** All BGT events are currently postponed and/or canceled until further notice. If you would like to be refunded for an event you've already paid for, please call the church office at 718-291-2676 and more information will be given. This decision was made to comply with the new regulations on large gatherings.

**ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE COMMUNICATION:** Our church office building is currently closed, however, we will be able to retrieve voice messages each day and return calls. Again, our number is 718-291-2676.

**SENIOR MEMBERS & THOSE AT INCREASED RISK:** If you are a Senior Citizen or at increased risk, and would like a check-in or visitation by our Church Leadership, please call the church office at 718-291-2676. If you are unable to get groceries or pick up medication, we are here to help and will do our best to accommodate you given the circumstances.

**C.A.R.E. SMALL GROUPS:** Until further notice, C.A.R.E. groups will not meet in person. The Pastoral staff, Ministry Leaders & C.A.R.E. Representatives are developing online discussions for each small group to participate in. In the meantime, if you are able, please download the BGT App to access C.A.R.E. content & gain access to a host of sermons & ongoing updates. The link to find a C.A.R.E. Groups near you is located below. Days & times for online meetings will be announced in the near future.

**KIDS 4 CHRIST & JOPPA YOUTH CHURCH:** Our Youth Leadership is in the process of creating several points of connection for engagement during the week for our youth & Joppa students. Please be sure to stay connected with us for updates regarding how we'll move forward.

**SOUP KITCHEN & PANTRY:** Hot food (dine-in) service has been suspended until further notice. Modified Food Pantry distribution will take place on Wednesdays from 9:30 am to 12 noon. Emergency food services can be accessed by calling the NYC emergency food hotline at 866-888-8777.

**GIVING:** You can still continue to partner with our ministry through your tithes and offerings. We are grateful for your generosity and would be unable to continue ministry without the seeds you have been consistently sowing. Thank you so much. Our giving options are:

1. Text BGTFI to 77977.
2. Use the Pushpay App (*Recurring giving is suggested and can be turned off at any time.*)
3. Prefer to give in person? Call 718-291-2676 to arrange for a BGT representative to receive your donation.
4. You may also send your donation via mail to P.O. Box 310540 Jamaica, New York 11431.

If you're still here, thank you for reading through this. Once again we are living through a unique and difficult time, but Jesus warned us that times like these would come. Let us remain prayerful and confident in the God who called us. Even though we may be apart from one another, the Blood of Christ keeps us connected.

I am praying for you, we love you; God bless you as we move forward together.



**Pastor Roderick Caesar III**

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## LINKS

YouTube: <http://bit.ly/bgtonyoutube> - Bible Study, Sunday Services, C.A.R.E. groups (future) & Tutorial Help

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/BethelGospelTabernacle](http://www.facebook.com/BethelGospelTabernacle) - Bible Study, Sunday Services, C.A.R.E. groups (future)

UStream: [www.ustream.tv/channel/bgtfi](http://www.ustream.tv/channel/bgtfi) - Bible Study & Sunday Services

BGT App Apple: <http://bit.ly/thebgtappapple> - Sermons, Sermon Series, Updates, C.A.R.E. Study Guides

BGT App Android: <http://bit.ly/thebgtappandroid> - Sermons, Sermon Series, Updates, C.A.R.E. Study Guides

Find a C.A.R.E. Group: <http://bit.ly/findabgtcaregroup>

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