

How To Make A Difference During This Crisis

Have a Daily Time of Prayer

During this crisis one of the most powerful ways to serve our neighbor is to pray. God's people united in prayer and strong in our faith stand united against this disease and the impact it is having on our community, country, and world. So, let's be the church on our knees (or sitting) in prayer.

Daily Pray for the following:

- Healthcare workers: doctors, nurses, techs, support staff, EMT's
- Government officials: on the national, state, and local levels
- Spiritual Leaders: your pastor(s); ministry leaders, volunteers
- Displaced Workers: everyone who is working from home, furloughed; or now out of work
- Infected by the Disease: that they would be ok and have a full recovery
- Business Owners: who potentially may have to cut employees, scale back, or worse close altogether
- God's peace and healing: with anxiety levels and stress levels at a heightened sense we need the peace that passes all understanding

Call 3 People a Day

With so many people at home and unable to go to work, church, the gym or engaging in social interactions the need for community is going to be overwhelming. So, each day I want to encourage you to pick up the phone and call someone. Ask them how are they doing? Ask them is everything ok? Ask them if they need anything? But most of all just be a friend. It could be...

- A family member
- A neighbor
- A friend
- A co-worker
- A church member

Buy gift cards to your favorite restaurants and small businesses

Try to support small businesses and restaurants. They have thin margins, and there's often not a work-from-home option for them. Restaurants in many cities are closing, but in some cases you can still order takeout

Offer to help your neighbors

If you have neighbors there is no better time than now to check in on them. You may even find-out something you didn't know. When you go to your neighbor (staying a safe distance away)...

- Introduce yourself if they don't know you already
- Ask them how they are holding up
- Ask them if they need help with anything, like running an errand especially if you are young and they are older (they may ask you the same thing)
- Ask them if you can pray for them

Donate to Our Food Bank or Reality and Truth Ministries

The need to keep our shelves stocked at the food bank is more important than ever. We are going to see more and more people come for assistance. That is true for Reality and Truth Ministries also. Their One Mission feeding center is still open, but they need all kinds of supplies. So, you might consider donating to them. If you need more information on how you might help Reality and Truth call Ginger in the office or on her cell.

Write Letters or Cards or Send Care Packages to Nursing Home Patients

Every nursing home, rehab facility, and assisted living center is closed to visitors. So, one thing you can do is send care packages or letters to friends, family members, or neighbors in one of these facilities.

Join In Each Week for our Weekly Worship Time and Bible Study Time

It's going to be so important to join together and stay connected as the body of Christ even when we can't be physically present with one another. So please make the time on Sunday to join us. We will broadcast from 8am until around 12pm on our Facebook Page and we will send out a message how to join in for Bible Study. This week we are looking into a round table

discussion with the Pastors. Pastor Elam Pastor Steve and Chaplin Boarts will cover various topics. This week “How do we as Christians deal with a pandemic?”