

COVID-19 UPDATE: 3-13-20

Dear Rockpointe Family,

It was fully our intention and desire to continue holding Sunday services during this challenging time, but today Governor Whitmer signed an <u>executive order</u> prohibiting gatherings of more than 250 people through Sunday, April 5. In order to comply, we are cancelling on-site services for this coming Sunday, March 15.

Instead, we plan to livestream via Facebook Live a single service at 11 a.m. and invite you to join us from your home or wherever you are. We will post details on both <u>Facebook</u> and our <u>website</u> on how to access that video feed in the next 24 hours.

At this time, we plan to continue with all regularly scheduled gatherings that are smaller than that in size. This includes Detroit Bible Institute classes, AXIOM, ETHOS, JourneySEEK Men's and Women's Bible Studies, JourneySEEK Discussion Groups, as well as other meetings and small gatherings. The Rockpointe Office and Handprints Christian Early Learning Center will both remain open as well. If you want to come in for prayer or just want to connect with our team, we'll be available during office hours (8:30–5 p.m.).

There is a possibility we will introduce a modified Sunday service format beginning Sunday, March 22, that would allow us to still gather, but keep us under the 250 threshold the governor has ordered. Please know that it is our goal to be safe, but also to encourage the community of believers during this time.

The church has always been a place of shelter and refuge. We want to continue to be that. We promise to exercise wisdom and caution as the situation develops.

This is a season where fear and uncertainty can leave us feeling driven and helpless. I am of the profound belief that this is the time to stand against such potentially destructive impulses. We are tested and shaped both as individuals and as a people by moments such as this. As people of faith I encourage you to not let the current situation have rulership over you. Let us instead be thoughtful, use wisdom and seek ways during this time to encourage and love one another.

Grace and Peace,

Randy Tomko Lead Pastor, Rockpointe Community Church