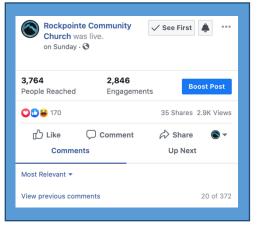


## COVID-19 UPDATE: 3-18-20

Dear Rockpointe Family,

We were so encouraged to "see" so many of you on Facebook Sunday! Our number of viewers averaged around 280, and we know that many of those represented entire households, and in some cases, multiple households gathered together. Conservatively, we estimate that a well over a thousand people engaged in our service. We appreciate your comments and encouragement, and are working hard to upgrade our systems so that the next weeks' livestreams run even more smoothly.



Yes, that's right, in order to comply with both federal and state government guidelines, at this time we expect to remain closed for on-site services through the end of April. As of today, that includes ALL scheduled events: AXIOM, ETHOS, Detroit Bible Institute classes, JourneySEEK Men's and Women's Bible studies, JourneySEEK discussion groups, and any other small groups that normally meet at Rockpointe. This includes Home Groups as well, though ways to meet virtually are being explored. We also expect to be closed for on-site Good Friday and Easter services.

With that in mind, we will continue to livestream our 11 a.m. Sunday service via Facebook Live, and we have developed a plan for AXIOM as well that will include some livestream and/or video elements. To aid with that, we are taking steps this week to improve our livestream quality. We encourage you to check out the <u>HD</u> <u>video</u> from Sunday's service to see the quality we hope to achieve! Please stay tuned to our <u>Facebook</u> page and <u>website</u> for ongoing updates during the coming weeks.



Many of you have asked about how to continue giving your tithes and offerings. The offering basket won't get passed at your house, but you can always give online (<u>www.rockpointe.org/give</u>), drop a check in the mail (38100 Utica Road, Sterling Heights, 48312), or stop by during offices hours. You can also set up an electronic bill payment from your bank account the way you might already make other payments.

These are challenging times that will reveal both our character and the character of our community. My prayer is that as a people we will reflect the Character of the One who calls us by name, knows the very hairs on our head and to whom even tiny sparrows' fates are not insignificant or beyond His concern.

Let's be clear. We are not closed as a church. We continue to minister, and we continue to be available to you as ministers. And while we are employing caution about social distancing, at this time, the Rockpointe Office and Handprints Christian Early Learning Center remain open. If you want to come in for prayer or just want to connect with our team, we'll be available during office hours Monday – Thursday (8:30–5 p.m.).

Again, I encourage you to seek encouragement in the Scripture. Be in prayer, and be thoughtful. Let us continue to seek ways during this time to encourage and love one another.

Grace and Peace,

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