

Dear Victory Church Family

Together, we are facing a truly unprecedented situation with the spread of COVID-19. Our premier, Doug Ford, declared a state of emergency for Ontario and has prohibited all organized public gatherings of 50 people or more. In light of this announcement our Pastors and Elders have made the following plans:

- Until further notice, we will have online services only.

Our church building will be closed for gathered worship, but a service will be available live on the Victory Baptist Facebook page at 9:30am on Sunday mornings. <https://www.facebook.com/victorybaptisteastgwillimbury/>

If you don't have a Facebook account, it's free and easy to set up! Simply visit **www.facebook.com**, and once you have created an account, search for **Victory Baptist Church East Gwillimbury** and "like" our page. Our "live video" will be visible on Sunday beginning at 9:30am.

We will continue to post the audio of our sermons online at: www.victorybaptist.ca/sunday-mornings/listen-online/

- At this time we have restricted building access to employees only. If you are a Key Holder we ask that you do not come into the building unless you contact the church office and are given permission to enter.
- All our mid-week programming has been cancelled for the time being. We will evaluate this situation on a weekly basis and will keep you updated.
- All Small Groups are to cancel face to face meetings. However, we encourage you to stay in contact with each other and, where possible, you may choose to use digital forms of meeting together like Skype.

At a time like this your ongoing support is so valuable in order to see God's work continue. We would like to let you know of the different ways that you can give:

If you bank online there are two options to consider:

- e-transfer to donation@victorybaptist.ca
- Pre-Authorized Debit (PAD)

PAD is a way that you can set up bi-weekly or monthly donations to be automatically withdrawn from your bank account. If you would like to use this option please email the church office at info@victorybaptist.ca and a registration form will be emailed to you. You will have to print, fill out, scan, and return the form to the office to be processed.

If you would like to write a cheque, please make cheque payable to Victory Baptist Church and mail it to: 18408 Yonge St, East Gwillimbury, ON L9N 0J4

In these difficult days we encourage you to stay connected with one another by phone or computer, and if any needs arise, please let the Pastors and Elders know, so we can work together to help.

It says in Psalm 34:4, *“I sought the LORD, and he answered me; he delivered me from all my fears.”* We know that our God hears us, answers us and, in Christ, delivers us. Pray for one another and pray that Jesus is made known in our world. We encourage you to spend time daily in the Word of God and allow him to strengthen you and be the one who guides you. As it says in 1 Corinthians 16:13-14, *“Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong. Do everything in love.”*

Your Victory Staff and Elders