



THE WORD

MIAMI BEACH COMMUNITY CHURCH
MARCH 2020



GREETINGS MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF MBCC

We are reaching out to our Church Family to let you know what is happening at Miami Beach Community Church. The Board of Director's has cancelled all church events/activities until further notice.

We are working on having church services that we will stream live on our website. We will let you know when this becomes available.

The Board will evaluate the situation week by week and will announce any decisions by emails and phone calls. We will also post updates on our website.

We know this a stressful time for everyone. It is the time to look to our Faith in God. Look to His comfort and steadfastness.

This is also the time to think about our fellow neighbors. Check in with your loved ones, use apps such as Zoom, Skype, Duo and Facetime to communicate instead of person-to-person visits. This may help with the feelings of loneliness and may ease fears. If we stay calm, follow the suggested guidelines and practice good hygiene, we will come out the other side. It just may take some time.



Office Hours:

The church staff will keep regular office hours Tuesday – Friday 10:00am – 4:00pm and may be reached by phone or e-mail. If you need prayer, you can make requests on our website or call the church office at 305-538-4511.

Food:

If you are in need of food, please call the office for scheduled pick up or delivery of food that we may have available from Trader Joe's. Although supplies have decrease significantly, we will continue to take donations from Trader Joe's and work to get it to you.

We are here to serve the community and appreciate your understanding of the current situation.

Seniors:

There are several stores on Miami Beach that have designated shopping hours for seniors:

- **The Fresh Market:** Monday through Friday | 8 AM to 9 AM | 1800 West Avenue, Miami Beach, FL 33139 | 305-532-0377 | For senior citizens and others at risk
- **Target:** 8 AM to 9 AM daily | 1045 5th Street, Miami Beach, FL 33139 | 786-582-6708 | "The first hour of the store opening is reserved for "elderly and those with underlying health concerns."
- **Whole Foods:** 7 AM to 8 AM | 1020 Alton Road, Miami Beach, FL 33139 | 305-938-2800 | One hour before store opens for customers 60 or older.
- **Publix:** Beginning on March 24th, the store will open from 7 AM to 8 AM for people 65 years or older to shop

Blessings and Grace be upon you.

Time of Reflection



Dear Members and Friends of MBCC:

As you are all aware these are trying times in our world. We are facing one of the most devastating health crises seen in years while our economy is experiencing a huge financial loss. This is not the time to give up or throw in the towel. This is the time to trust God as we pray for one another. We are all in this together and your church leaders are praying for you. As most of us are practicing social distancing it is also very important that we adhere to what the CDC, government officials and medical professionals suggest we do during this pandemic. I realize not being able to go to church or socialize with members, friends and loved ones can be frustrating but there are so many other ways to stay connected via social media, text messaging or by calling one another.

During this season of Lent take time to breathe, pray, meditate and read the Bible. There are several scriptures and devotional readings that will help you to relax and give you peace of mind. Third John 1:2 reminds us "Beloved, I wish above all things that you may prosper and be in health, even as your soul prospers." In these times of uncertainty we need God like never before and must continue to trust that all things are working together for our good. It might not feel good right now but eventually things will get better. Know that God is still speaking to us even in the midst of this awful situation and that we are victorious through Christ.

As a reminder our church services will be live streaming on Palm Sunday April 5th, Easter Sunday April 12th and throughout the rest of the month until further notice. The church office will be in contact with you regarding the scheduled time of the services. In the meantime, please pray for the church staff and the leadership. And feel free to contact me at 305.538.4511 if you are in need of pastoral care. Unfortunately there will be no office visits allowed during this time due to social distancing but we can talk by phone. It is my pleasure to serve as your pastor and spiritual leader and I pray that you will all be well and stay safe. And remember "We are more than conquerors through Jesus Christ our Lord!"

Peace, love and blessings to all,
Minister Cynthia Lee
Designated Term Pastor

Tithes and Offerings

We know these are tough time for everyone but God's work is ongoing. The church is still in need of donations. If you are able to continue your tithes and offerings, please go to our website at www.miamibeachcommunitychurch.com to give online or you can mail a check to Miami Beach Community Church, 1620 Drexel Ave, Miami Beach, FL 33139.
May God continue to bless and protect you!

HOW TO PROTECT YOURSELF



Frequently wash your hands with soap and water **for at least 20 seconds**, or use an alcohol-based sanitizing gel



Avoid handshaking, kissing and hugging



Avoid touching your face with unwashed hands



Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue (or your flexed elbow) when coughing or sneezing and dispose tissue immediately after use



Avoid close and direct contact with people who are sick, keeping a safe distance from the coughers of **one meter or 3 feet** or more

OUR MISSION

“Modeling the teachings of Jesus Christ, Miami Beach Community Church is a progressive ministry of inclusiveness and compassion, committed to faithfulness, service to the community and life-long spiritual development.”

OPEN AND AFFIRMING (ONA)

“Open and Affirming is a public covenant of welcome and invitation to persons of all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions.”

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