

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

We are finding ways to BE the church, not just to church!

*We not just trying to survive, but looking for ways to **thrive!***

What Balboa Baptist Church is doing to *thrive* during “social distancing” and “shelter in place” during the Coronavirus pandemic:

We are seeking to be proactive and creative in living-out our mission of
“Engaging People to Find & Follow Jesus.”

Ministry Staff members are working hard ...

1. Providing live online worship, sermons, and prayer studies with guided prayer. We reached over 280 households Sunday morning and over 1000 interactions on Facebook. Fifty-two new people are now following our Facebook page! Dozens of positive and encouraging comments came in over Facebook, email, and text. For example:

“People are under stress and fearful of what is going on. You provided clarity and guidance and a piece of normality today. Thank God we have the capability to stay connected with our church!”

2. Coordinating the delivery of groceries, prescriptions, running errands, and providing meals. Here's what George Cash said:

“Thanks to David & Betty Vaughn who are out grocery shopping for Margie & I this morning, Thanks to Balboa Baptist Church, Staff and all the volunteers who put this program together and to all those who are out working and possibly exposing their self to this virus. Praise God for your help.”

3. Communicating regularly through videos, Facebook, and emails. Go to the Balboa Baptist Facebook Page or [Balboa.Live](#) or videos and updates.

4. Emailing sermon outlines prior to the live online teaching and preaching. The “*Easter Upside Down*” series continues this Sunday!

5. Juggling numerous administrative items in a constantly changing environment.

6. Installing and learning new software updates.

7. Imagining a way to provide Bible Class lessons ... stay tuned!

8. Custodians are catching up on approved projects like painting, a roof on our golf cart barn, running wiring and video cabling, etc.

Church Members are working hard ...

1. Calling one another in our networks of classes, groups, ministry teams, and circles to keep in touch, pray for each other, send cards, and find out needs.
2. Praying for one another in their personal devotional times, with one another on the phone, and on Wednesday nights during and after our Wednesday Night Live online devotional and prayer meeting.
3. Keeping prayer lists for Bibles Classes and the Choir updated and current.
4. Donating food and essential items to stock our two distribution centers at Harvey's Chapel in Mountain Pine and at Owensville Baptist Church. Drop boxes are available under the two drive-throughs at the front and back of the church's buildings.
5. Making homemade protective masks for those who are at risk or want the extra protection or prevention. Again drop boxes are available at the church drive-throughs.
6. Assisting Village residents with tree cutting by a busy Disaster Relief Team who is still going out each Tuesday.
7. Reaching out to students with devotionals and text messages.

Please email me your testimonies, stories, or how you are ministering to someone in these *Upside Down* times in which we live! dwrightbalboa@gmail.com

Pastor Denny

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