

Friends and Family of ECOB

2 Timothy 1:6-9a shares, “For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands. For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline. So do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner. Rather, join with me in suffering for the gospel, by the power of God. He has saved us and called us to a holy life—not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and grace.”

We are sons and daughters of the King of Kings. We know that we are living in trying times and as we consider the above verses, we are also aware of the attitude we, as believers are to have – one of power, love, and self-discipline, not one of timidity (fear). Living in fear only creates anxiety and tension, especially in the wake of the struggle and the trial. While we do not minimize the struggle, we know that God already is the victor – I pray our lives reflect that.

The Leadership Team of ECOB met this past Sunday afternoon to discuss ECOB’s immediate future and we wanted to relay that information to you as soon as possible. Please read this email carefully.

- 1) Services will be cancelled for March 22, 29; however, we will be providing an online option! Please watch the ECOB FB page (link below) for updates as to where you can view this LIVE EVENT. We encourage you to watch online with your family and friends.
 - a. Some have asked about their offering while away. You can participate through PUSHPAY - <https://ecob.church/give/> - or – mail in your offering. At this time, these are the current opportunities to give and to keep the mission and ministry of God through ECOB moving forward boldly.
- 2) Offices will be closed until March 30
- 3) All “on campus” ECOB ministries are cancelled until March 30
- 4) All rentals, outside groups (except those employed by ECOB/ECOB-CC), are cancelled until March 30

To support our community, the LOVEPHRATA (Local Missions) team is working on several options to support and encourage those who need help. In order to seek congregational assistance, if you are interested, willing, and can help serve those in our community of faith and beyond, please fill out the form below.

<https://thehubatecob.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/64/responses/new>

In addition, this is a link for anyone that may need some assistance. Please feel free to send this to anyone in our local community who may be in need – we are here to serve.

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We continue to work on ways to keep our faith community connected - through prayer and growth. Please keep looking at the ECOB FB page for updated information. To that end, we will be holding a time of devotions and prayer on Thursday nights at 6pm. This will be done via Zoom (video conferencing program) and the link will be put on the ECOB FB page.

<https://www.facebook.com/ephratacob>

Remember friends, family, brothers and sisters in Christ, we are on this road together. We have the utmost hope in God’s healing and powerful hands and are excited about the future and what God will do in and through ECOB. Keep your hearts lifted, do not be downtrodden, but rejoice in the amazing love of God, the transformative power of Jesus, and the comfort of the Holy Spirit.

Together in Christ,

Trish Schlegel
Leadership Team Chair

Pastor Brian
Lead Pastor