



**The Pastor's
Portion**

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Spiritual Nourishment for the Soul



WHERE THE DOORS OF THE CHUCH SWING OPEN ON THE HINGES OF LOVE AND PEACE

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ALONE BUT NOT ISOLATED

This week, I will begin to have virtual office hours by zoom. My virtual doors are open for anyone who wants to talk, needs a listening ear, is lonely or in need of help.

WE CAN GET THROUGH THIS PANDEMIC TOGETHER!

YOU CAN CALL IN OR JOIN BY VIDEO:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87025161476>

Meeting ID: 870 2516 1476

OR DIAL IN:

646-558-8656

ACCESS CODE:87025161476#

LOVE ALWAYS WINS!

Rev Kris



Weekly Inspiration:

In the stillness of the quiet, if we listen, we can hear the whisper of the heart giving strength to weakness, courage to fear, hope to despair.

HOWARD THURMAN

NEW LOG IN CREDENTIALS FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP AND WEDNESDAY PRAYER/STUDY.

Join Zoom Meeting BY VIDEO

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87330604676>

Meeting ID: 873 3060 4676

BY PHONE:

646-558-8656 ACCES CODE 87330604676#

JOIN US FOR MID WEEK BIBLE STUDY ON WEDNESDAY AT 7PM

BY VIDEO

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87567605330>

meeting ID: 875 6760 5330

A WORD FOR THE CHURCH

Since the first Sunday in March, we have been observing the government advisory to physically distance ourselves to help our city and state flatten the curve and to protect ourselves from the CORONA VIRUS. It has now been a little over two months since we have seen one another in person.

As your Pastor, I have tried to encourage you to use this time to draw closer to God, to take the opportunity pray and seek God's face in silence and stillness, and to pay attention to your inner lives. God is still speaking.

We have met by zoom technology, face to face virtually, and by phone and e mail. And each week it becomes easier and harder at the same time. Some of us are becoming more familiar with the technology, but the truth is we miss each other terribly! We are discovering a new way of being church, but this way is foreign, challenging and is certainly not optimum. We are a relational people who need one another desperately, although we hate to admit that.

One of the things that I hear God saying is that perhaps we can learn a valuable lesson from this pandemic. Instead of focusing on the tragedy and the pain, and the fear—we, as the BODY OF CHRIST must focus on the power of prayer, the power of God, the power of Love. This is an opportunity for a true revival of the church---an opportunity to demonstrate the power of God—and opportunity to appreciate each other more fully, to put aside petty differences, stylistic discrepancies, and gossip and backbiting so that we can shine the light of God to the world and to our community. We all have

powerful gifts to bring to the world.

We don't know what the future holds. But we do know that we are changed forever. Let us be changed for the better. Let us use what is left of this season of CORNOA lockdown to consecrate our hearts for a great revival of the Word and the will of God in and through the church!

“He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?” Micah 6:8

I love you!

Pastor Kris