

Dear Carlton Oaks Church family,

During this unique and challenging time, I pray that you are turning to God for strength and comfort. This Sunday we will be hearing what God's word says in Psalm 46, that we can have confident trust in our God. Our plan right now is to record an abbreviated service on video from our church sanctuary. And our goal is to have the recording up and available on the church website by 10:45AM so that you can participate with our church in singing and hearing from God's word. I hope that you will gather your family around, possibly along with a couple of others, and join in worshiping together through this video recording.

While we are unable to meet together as a church, make sure that you continue to spend time with God individually. Keep reading and studying your Bibles. Keep spending time in prayer. And keep doing these things as a family. There are multiple resources that are available online to assist you. Most churches are video recording their services – you could hear sermons all Sunday long if you wanted to. Other organizations like Ligonier are making teaching resources free during this quarantine period. Take advantage of these offerings. Don't let the required "distancing" from other people also make you distance yourself from God. He is your only source of strength and comfort.

I also want to remind you that our church depends on the regular giving of the members to continue in our ministry activities. While we are not meeting together you can take advantage of our online giving capability. It is on our website here: <https://www.carltonoaksbaptist.org/giving/>

This time of crisis for the world is an excellent opportunity for those of us who follow Christ to show his love to our neighbors and friends. We have a peace and strength that most wish they had. As God has given to you, so give to others. This article is a great resource to think through practical ways that you can show love to others in the midst of this difficult time.

<https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/article/love-neighbor-pandemic/>

With love in Christ,

Craig

