

March 24, 2020

Faith Family,

Faith Christian School has been working hard to make arrangements for the ongoing coronavirus situation. Please take note of the following announcements.

- 1) Faith Christian School will be closed for the week of March 30 – April 3 for all students and staff.
- 2) Faith Christian Preschools have been reopened. The question may be asked why are the preschools open and the school is not? The state of NC by email has requested that preschools stay open to provide childcare for parents who are working.
- 3) For clarification, the State of NC closed all public schools until May 15. Non-public schools, which includes Christian schools and private schools, are not bound by that guideline. With that said, we are going to be diligent to protect the safety and health of students and staff. We are spending many hours per week to gain information to help us make decisions going forward.
- 4) Any other school-related events through April 5 have been cancelled. Jr/Sr banquet has been postponed until a later date. Field trips middle and high school that are in the latter part of April are being re-evaluated this week.
- 5) No decision has been made for any school days beyond April 5. Faith will be cautious but also slow to commit to lengthy absences until we see how this coronavirus situation develops further. We will be making a week-to-week decision. We are working on many different scenarios to go forward with education.
- 6) From this time forward, a Schoolcast message will be sent out to make you aware of an update that will be posted on the school's website. The Quick School link to look in on the school's website will be labeled – Coronavirus Information. We have chosen this option because Schoolcast at times has been overwhelmed by thousands of schools trying to send lengthy updates at the same time. Plus, the website is a more centralized location for information.
7. For the school week of March 23-27, materials/assignments are in the packets picked up at the school. There is no online instruction for this week. School for this week is assignment based. Those completed tasks will be returned to school when school re-opens. **DO NOT WORK AHEAD ON THE ASSIGNMENTS THAT WERE GIVEN. Complete the tasks for the day only. If you allow your child to work ahead into next week, that will affect what is being covered in online instruction starting next week.**
8. Starting with March 30, Faith is transitioning to DAILY online instruction. You should have received emails with instructions to start that process. Please follow those instructions immediately so that you are ready for next Monday. If you have problems, reach out to the school hotline to help with any issues. **School technology hotline is 336-360-7010.** Leave a message and your phone call will be returned. Teaching online is a new concept for us as well as for you. Please be patient as we transition to this on MONDAY. We are so appreciative of the hard work of the staff to learn this new software and get prepared to teach online. We are thankful that already over 100 of our families has followed instructions for the online teaching. There are still families who need to get started today with the beginning steps.
9. If you do not have internet at home, there are some options being provided for free internet for 90 days. Below are the providers that are offering help.
Home Internet Support from Businesses
There are many service providers who are giving students free or extra service temporarily.
 - Spectrum (free Internet access for students): Call 1-844-488-8395 for details.
 - XFINITY (free access to wi-fi hotspots): <https://wifi.xfinity.com/>
 - Comcast (free Internet access for students): <https://www.internetessentials.com/covid19>

10. The school buildings have been locked and are not accessible to any staff, students or parents until we are able to return to school. This includes the gym which is very popular for folks to stop by. **This is not a choice; it is a requirement!** Approval to enter the buildings will only be given by Mr. Daniel.
11. As it is becoming necessary, Faith will be reassessing the school/preschool calendar for the rest of the year. We will make accommodations in the calendar as it becomes necessary.
12. Randolph County has also opened the option to help with meals for families that are hard hit and unable to provide food for their families.

All children (0-18) are eligible to receive one breakfast and lunch meal per day at no cost.
Only one full tray may be claimed for each child at breakfast and/or lunch.
Breakfast will be provided from 8:15 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. (“Grab-&-Go” only)
Lunch will be provided from 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. (“Grab-&-Go” only).
School site to pick up meals is Ramseur Elementary for Faith students needing help.

FACING THE UNSEEN

The invincible enemy - coronavirus! It has brought us to an almost standstill and may yet cripple us physically, economically and socially. How can something we CANNOT SEE be so strong?

I asked myself a question, “Is there anything in the Word of God that is unseen that is stronger than this unseen enemy? God showed three unseen forces that are greater.

1. NO man has SEEN God at any time . . . God DWELLS in us . . . 1 John 4:12
2. Eye has NOT SEEN, ear not heard . . . the things God has prepared for them that love Him! 1 Corinthians 2:9
3. Faith is the substance of things hoped for, and the evidence of things NOT SEEN! Hebrews 11:1

God has given us three things that we cannot see that are greater than our current unseen enemy - coronavirus. They are HIMSELF, HIS PLAN, HIS FAITH.

No matter how hard the path, the believer who has ever endured the unseen adversary has always come out with a greater view of HIS God, a more complete understanding of God's PLAN and the willingness to TRUST to have FAITH when we cannot see. HE knows the way that I take.

Don't let the unseen enemy overwhelm who our God is, what He wants to do and how he wants us to trust. We all want to be done with the problem, but God is working a process to produce a product in US.

Our GOD IS BIGGER than what we cannot see.

Our GOD'S PLAN is BETTER than why we cannot see.

Our GOD'S FAITH is BELIEVING when we cannot see.

Blessed are they that have NOT SEEN, but yet have believed. John 20:29

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