Open Door

Hi Church Family,

Because of the weather headed our way, we've made the decision to cancel our in-person gathering this weekend (March 15).

This is never an easy call. We genuinely want to be together. Gathering for worship in community is a sacred and forming rhythm for sure! That said, please know this decision comes with a real sense of reluctance and was made with many other church families in our community.

At the same time, caring for one another also means paying attention to safety. All that said, the wisest thing we can do is stay home and stay safe.

Even though we won't be gathering in the building this weekend, we can still create space to turn our attention to God.

This morning, I gathered in the home of a beloved member of our church family who is walking through a physical battle. This person was baptized in their own kitchen surrounded by loved ones. After that we broke bread together (donuts). What a beautiful and sacred gathering! This reminded me that the church has gathered in living rooms, around tables, and in small circles of worship for most of its history. This weekend might simply be one of those moments.

Here is the sermon series document we handed out during the first couple weeks of our series (we are on week 4). Built into it is a simple way to reflect on the passage of scripture we are teaching through and practice God's Presence. I encourage you to create space by yourself or with others to take part in this. Keep it simple and adapt it however you like.

Take care of one another, stay warm, and we look forward to being back together soon.

Grace and peace,

Dave Brickey

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