March 27, 2020

**Message to WRBC Church Family**

**Re: Giving in the season of Covid-19**

Worshipping in the time of physical isolation is not easy! God desires relationship and relationship is best done in community. Coming together to worship is a way we nurture that relationship… with God and with each other. Still, God cannot be relegated to any one form of fellowship, so we know He is with us in this time of physical isolation, each in our own homes. Isn’t it great to know that the one we worship is receiving our worship regardless of how many are in one place?

We have been communicating with you over the past weeks to remind you that in this time of virtual services, there are different ways you can continue to worship your heavenly father through giving.

**Think of this time as the virtual offering basket time.**

While we recognize many of you might be feeling financial stress due to potential or real job loss or lay off and others with uncertainty of income due to market effects on your retirement income, we know you are still wanting to give in some way.

As we respond to this unprecedented season you are asked to prayerfully consider how you can continue to support the work and ministry of WRBC financially. Some of you already give by direct debit. This will continue regardless of our coming together. Most of you give when attending a service, in fact 70% of our weekly offering comes in cheques and cash. This is putting some pressure on our cash flow.

I just wanted to remind you this morning about the various ways you can continue to give, even if we are not meeting here together.

…. they are also listed on our website: <http://www.whyteridgebaptist.ca/give/>)

1. Take advantage of giving from home by using the **Tithe.ly app.**
2. Set up **automatic giving** from your bank account (please refer website or contact Shirley Wynne – sawynne@shaw.ca or 204-781-9187 for the set up form).
3. Send money to the church electronically by **e-transfer** (to do this you can contact the church office by phone or email, Shirley Wynne or Krista Wynne directly) Office@whyteridgebaptist.ca
4. **Send cheques** to the church via Canada post
5. Here is a new one…. If you want to give but cannot get out for whatever reason, we have a few good people standing by to come to your **home to pick up** a cheque or cash offering…. Anytime, anywhere (well almost!). Please call or email Shirley Wynne or Kathy Kornelsen to arrange: sawynne@shaw.ca or 204-781-9187; Office@whyteridgebaptist.ca or 204-489-3875
6. Drop by the church during office hours to drop off a cheque or cash (2405 McGillivray Blvd)

May God be Glorified in how we as a congregation respond to this new and challenging season.

Your Finance Committee is meeting regularly to monitor and manage our church’s financial affairs. Your prayers for wisdom and discernment are appreciated.

Bob Fast

On behalf of the Finance Committee