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To All Church Members and Adherents,

We are writing you today to inform you of the changes that we will be making to our church schedule due to the recent outbreak of Coronavirus (COVID-19).

It is important to note that we do not wish to convey a spirit of fear or panic with the decisions we are making. We do feel, however, that it would be irresponsible to simply continue on in a "business as usual" manner considering what is going on around us in regards to the Coronavirus outbreak.

Health professionals are stating that the greatest defence we have against the spreading of the Coronavirus is to limit our participation in gatherings of large groups. As a result the Elders have decided to cancel Sunday School for this coming Sunday (March 15), but hold a worship service at 11:00 AM. Nursery and junior church will continue on as planned. Our understanding from what we have learned is that the outbreak is limited at this time and so we are planning to proceed with the morning service on Sunday March 15. It should be noted that anyone who feels uncomfortable participating in a gathering (like our worship service) due to health concerns should not, in any way, feel obligated to attend.

It is expected that the number of reported cases of Coronavirus will continue to rise in our city. In order to do our part in stemming the spread of the virus, all programs and Sunday services at LBBC will be suspended for a minimum of two weeks beginning on Monday March 16. As we continue to monitor the situation and follow the recommendations of health professionals, we will determine if the initial two-week cancellation period will need to be extended. It is our goal to keep you regularly updated with any further schedule changes that are made going forward. We would also strongly suggest that if you are not feeling well, the best course of action would be for you to stay home.

Through all that you hear, see or read, please remember this: God is in control! While it can be all too easy to succumb to the ever increasing sense of panic that seems to be

invading our society, we must remember that the great God we served before the Coronavirus outbreak is the same God who is still over all.

The Elders Board of
Long Branch Baptist Church