



# Cross Link

*First Cosmopolitan Baptist Church*

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**Welcome to Cross Link**, a monthly newsletter in electronic and hard copy formats, designed to link members and friends of First Cosmopolitan to the church and to each other. Someone said necessity is the father of invention. It is out of the necessity to ensure that our church family is connected during this time when our mobility is limited due to the Coronavirus pandemic that I created this means of keeping you linked. I hope you'll enjoy reading. *Dorwin L. Howard, Sr., Pastor*

## **Breaking News**

In a meeting held Thursday, March 19, 2020, your Pastor and Official Board, went on record saying we will be socially responsible and take whatever measures we can to help keep people safe from contracting Coronavirus. We considered the pros and cons of gathering at church for worship and other activities, and decided to err on the side of caution.

Therefore, we voted unanimously to close First Cosmopolitan Baptist Church for worship and other gatherings until medical professionals and government officials determine that it's safe for us to gather again.

## **We're "Celebrating God's Love" On YouTube!**

First Cosmopolitan is providing you and the world a worship experience on YouTube. Check us out this week at <https://youtu.be/2hK3iKc9KaE>. I hope the service blesses you. Thanks to all who made this first recording possible.

## **Stay Linked**

...with your fellow First Cosmopolitan members and friends. Be sure to reach out and touch somebody by phone, text, facebook or other electronic means. This is especially important for those who live alone.



As your pastor, I'll continue to communicate with you through mass emails and phone calls. You can contact me or office staff by email, text, or by calling the church at 919-833-3283 between 7:30 AM and 2:00 PM.

We are attempting to get as many email addresses of FCBC members as possible. If you speak with someone who has email, but doesn't receive email from the church,

have him or her contact the church office and give us their email address so we can add them to our mailing list. This is another effort to keep everyone “Linked In”.

### **Please Give Your Tithes and Offerings**

Please give your tithes and offerings by mail at our new secure post office mailbox at: ***First Cosmopolitan Baptist Church, P. O. Box 25822, Raleigh, N. C. 27611.*** For security reasons, do not mail financial gifts to the church’s street address. You may also bring your gifts to the church office. Thank those of you who gave this week after last Sunday’s service was cancelled, and thank you in advance, to those who will give during our absence on Sundays in the future. Note that in the YouTube piece this weekend, I gave the incorrect mailing address when I shared it the second time. The address above is correct.

### **Food Pantry**

The FCBC Food Pantry is busier than ever. Last Wednesday, volunteers distributed food boxes to more than 150 families; our highest number ever. Due to the Coronavirus and the need for social distancing, we instituted Drive Through Pick Up for the first time. It ran very smoothly. *THANK YOU to all of the Food Pantry Volunteers.*

If you need assistance from the Food Pantry, call the church at 919-833-3283, or come to the multipurpose building on Wednesdays between 8:30 AM and 12:00 noon.

## **Happy Birthday!!! To First Cosmopolitans Born in March**

### **Selah! Meditate On This.**

“Be strong and courageous, be not afraid nor dismayed for the king of Assyria, nor for all the multitude that is with him: for there be more with us than with him: With him is an arm of flesh; but with us is the LORD our God to help us, and to fight our battles. And the people rested themselves upon the words of Hezekiah king of Judah.”

II Chronicles 32:7-8

### **Let’s Pray**

*“...The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.” James 5:16*

### **Information About Coronavirus**

While you’re staying home and socially distancing, visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website at [cdc.gov](http://cdc.gov) for information on the Coronavirus and how to protect yourself and your family.

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Presenting Jesus Christ and Helping People Live Committed To Him

Believing In Jesus Christ - Belonging To The Body of Christ - Behaving As A Reflection Of Christ

