

Connecting with Your Community During the Pandemic

Life has slowed. Our contact with one another has been limited. Our daily routines have been disrupted. In this season we can choose to focus our attention on our limitations, restrictions, and disruptions; or we can choose instead to embrace the opportunities and follow Jesus moment by moment.

Many things that have always been true are now plainly evident – the church is not a building, we are not self-sufficient, God is in control, He alone is our hope.

Slowing down has always been the most effective way to connect with God (Psalm 46:10). And the Church tends to be at her best when we're forced to innovate.

Stream OHC Services

Weekend Worship Services are online:

Saturdays, 5:00 PM

Sundays, 9:30 AM and 11:30 AM

Watch livestream on:



Website



App

FACEBOOK



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Leading a Socially Distant Group

STAY IN COMMUNICATION EARLY AND OFTEN

Let your group know that you're there for them. If they have questions, concerns, or fears, this is the time to pick up the phone or talk online.

Ask Meaningful Questions

- How are you doing?
- What are your daily rhythms in the midst of this?
- What passages of Scripture are you reading/praying during these days?
- Do you have any immediate needs?
- How can I pray for you specifically during all of this?

SET UP VIRTUAL GROUP MEETINGS

- **Choose a Platform** | See the chart on the last page for suggestions.
- **Set a Time** | Choose a time to meet together online.
- **Invite Your Group** | Send a link for your meeting to the members of your group.
- **Read or Watch Prior to Group Time** | Ask group members to read the passages or watch the videos before your meeting.
- **Structure the Group Time** | Following a schedule will help the group stay on topic.
- **Pray Together** | Don't forget to pray for one another. Hearing people intercede on our behalf is a great way for us to encourage one another.

RESOURCES TO USE

Sermon Series Study Tools | Visit oakhillschurch.com/studytools for a variety of study tools that support engagement with OHC's current sermon series.

Spiritual Resources | Visit oakhillschurch.com/spiritualresources for online resource recommendations specific to hope during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Group Resources | Visit oakhillschurch.com/community/resources for small group study recommendations.

RightNow Media | Use this streaming library of Bible study videos and digital resources for individuals, families and groups! Click [HERE](#) to register for your free account.

Virtual Group Meet Etiquette

Sound | Be aware of where you are setting up the call in your home (are you around loud dogs, dishwashers, etc.). Everyone should know how to Mute and Unmute.

Video | Think about the angle. Are we seeing up your nose? What is behind you?

Lighting | We want to see you. Is there light behind you? Is there a window in front of you?

The Latest from OHC

For the most current info related to ministry at Oak Hills Church during the pandemic visit oakhillschurch.com. On our website you'll find easy ways to get help, give help, get connected, worship online, request prayer, and give to the work of Oak Hills Church. You'll also find quick links to resources for children, students, and adults.

Please update your contact information. We don't know what the days ahead will bring, but we know we can't help you if we can't contact you. Login through our website and update your contact information. Click on "Login" in the upper right-hand corner.

Stay in Touch with the OHC Groups Team

We will be reaching out to all our group leaders, but don't wait for us. If you have a question, or need anything at all, don't hesitate to contact us directly.

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We're all feeling the effect of social distancing. But know this: Your greatest friend and your sweetest companion is near to you right now. We are praying that we will all emerge from this pandemic closer to God and to each other.

Free Virtual Platforms for Group Meetings

<p>ZOOM</p> <p>TUTORIAL</p>	<p>SKYPE</p> <p>TUTORIAL</p>	<p>GOOGLE HANGOUT</p> <p>TUTORIAL</p>	<p>FACETIME CALL</p> <p>TUTORIAL</p>
<p>Features</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 300 Max Participants Screen Sharing Recording Capability IM Chat in Meeting 	<p>Features</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 20 Max Participants Screen Sharing Recording Capability IM Chat in Meeting Background Blur <i>(if you don't want people to see what needs to be cleaned up behind you)</i> 	<p>Features</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 25 Max Participants Automatic Focus Screen Sharing Intelligent Muting Share Options in Call IM Chat Capability Recording Capability 	<p>Features</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 32 Max Participants Works on most Apple devices Record video calls Transfer video calls from computer to phone mid-call
<p>Pros</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mobile and desktop capabilities Works with all OS Free signup 	<p>Pros</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mobile and desktop capabilities Works with all OS No signup No downloads Join meeting via shared link 	<p>Pros</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Integrated with Google ecosystem Mobile and desktop capabilities Works on most OS 	<p>Pros</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Apple mobile and desktop capabilities FaceTime call from group message conversation No signup
<p>Cons</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The free version only allows for 40-minute meeting duration for 3 participants or more No toll-free dial-in numbers Need to download plugin prior to use 	<p>Cons</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Small participant max 	<p>Cons</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Need a Google account to access (free account creation available) Does not work well with non-Chrome web browsers No recording capability 	<p>Cons</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No IM chat during call. Done through messages No screen sharing Only works on Apple devices
<p>Conclusion</p> <p>Best option for larger groups</p>	<p>Conclusion</p> <p>Easiest setup option for smaller groups with various Mobile and PC operating systems</p>	<p>Conclusion</p> <p>Best option for those familiar with Google Probably the worst option for most groups</p>	<p>Conclusion</p> <p>Best option for groups who already have an iPhone group conversation going with blue text bubbles</p>