

The Crossroads Elders met for a couple of hours on Tuesday night, along with Worship Leader, Tré Perry, Student Ministries Pastor, Keith Turlington, and Children's Ministry Director, Aby Dollinger.

We tried to start from scratch as we considered the church schedule for the next week and look at all possible options. We discussed everything from a complete shutdown of all activities to a scaled back schedule, live-streaming a worship service from an otherwise empty auditorium, to essentially leaving our routines in place with no changes.

There was a wonderful spirit, lively discussion, and multiple opinions expressed. We agreed that whatever was decided, our love for one another and the Body of Christ must be at the core of our decisions. A part of truly loving the other members of the Body is honor and respect the choices other people make.

And, that is our dilemma. We know that no matter the decision, it will be at odds with some of our individual's beliefs and choices. The last thing we want anyone to feel is discounted or unimportant in our considerations. So, please know that whether you agree or disagree with the group's decisions, you are loved and valued and we can't wait until the virus has subsided and our church family is fully reunited!

With all of that said, our decision is that ***for Wednesday, March 18 and Sunday, March 22, we will maintain our normal schedule.*** With the national and local situation being as fluid as it is, we will constantly be evaluating and determining the schedule for the next week.

Here are some factors and guidelines behind our decision:

- People are already self-limiting themselves. If you are not at ease in attending services/activities at the building, please stay away. Know that you are missed and that we completely support that decision.
- Please do not come out of a sense of obligation. Especially if you are older than 60 years old, we want you to know that your absence will be a reminder to us of how important a part of the church you are and that your decision to worship at home is a wise one. We will long for your return – but we want you to stay well.
- We are working with the NC Governor's maximum number for gatherings of 50 in a single space. Interestingly, no state declaration has even chosen to address church gatherings, but as we read the details of the declaration and benefit from one of our Elders being a State Senator (Jim Burgin), we are comfortable that we can meet on Sundays and Wednesdays without being in violation of the declaration.
 - To do this, we need to continue both 9 and 10:45 worship services. To only do one service will put too many people in the auditorium at one time.
 - If we surpass 50 for one of the worship services, we will have the Student Center open (and lobby) for worshippers.

- The Governor's directive expresses concern for more than 50 people in confined spaces. We have a very roomy auditorium and will leave all of our chairs in place so that you can maintain 6 ft. of distance between you and the next person.
- We do ask that you continue to use common sense when you come into the church facilities:
 - Use handwashing and hand sanitizer as needed.
 - Please continue to refrain from handshaking and neck-hugging.
 - Cough and sneeze into your arm
- As of now, our 30th Anniversary schedule and Loving Lillington Outreach continue to be on our calendar. We are watching things and reserve the right to reschedule these if circumstances call for that.

On Wednesday night, we will move the Adult Bible Study into the Lobby (to get you out of the very tight and crowded space you normally use). For just this night, we will set aside the Bible Study and walk you through how to get set up on your phone, tablet, or laptop to watch Sunday worship service live-streams. Please bring your devices with you!

We will also give you information and a demonstration of how to get set up for doing online giving. Considering how little we know about what the coming months will be like, we feel this will be a valuable use of your time as we try and prepare you for times when you need to be absent from attending in person.

Finally, we want to spend some time in prayer for one another, our nation, and the world.

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