

Federated Family,

In light of the information and ever changing conditions concerning the Coronavirus we feel we need to give you an update and plan for the coming weeks. Before I give you the details of our plans moving forward let us first say that there is NO reason to panic. God is still on His throne and is in control of this world. The board and I are not in a panic, but it is part of our calling as leaders to lead and be wise in times like this (Proverbs 8:33). In seeking to be wise we feel that it is best for us as a church to do what we can to protect our young children (newborns), our elderly, and those in our church family and community that have pre-existing health conditions. While we agree we need to be wise in protecting those who can be impacted by the virus we also agree that the church coming together as the body of Christ is very important as well (Hebrews 10:24-25). We should never take for granted our time of corporate worship and fellowship. These two callings have led us to the following decisions and plan in an effort to be both wise and faithful.

Church Plans

- We will continue to meet for Sunday Morning Worship services **BUT *we strongly encourage anyone with infants, those that are elderly, those who have not been fever free for 48 hours, those who believe they could be ill with flu or cold, or have pre-existing health conditions to remain home for the next 2 weeks.*** This actually comes at a good time with this next week being Spring Break, so it shouldn't be too much of a inconvenience.
- During our Sunday worship times we will not be opening our nursery area, we will not have communion, and we will not pass offering plates. We will have baskets in the lobby area for people to continue to give their encouragement cards, tithe's and offerings. We will also have hand sanitizer at all entrances for people who would like to sanitize.
- Please remember that if you choose to not attend worship we do record our teaching times and post them on our website. It is not

ideal but this will allow you to stay connected for the coming weeks.

- ***We have chosen to cancel all secondary activities (youth group, Sunday School, fellowship meals, etc) through March 29.***
- March 30 we will update you all on what our steps will be moving forward at that time depending on how the situation progresses in the following weeks.

Church Prayer

- Pray for all of us to remain faithful in a time where it is easy to be anxious and fearful (Philippians 4:4-8).
- Pray for all those who have been impacted by the virus for health and safety in their travels.
- Pray for the worldwide church to be ready to respond with service and the gospel.
- Pray that we as a church family stay connected in fellowship and community despite less time together.

Ministry

- Remember that just because many things in our world are being postponed and even some of our church activities are being postponed that God and His gospel are not taking a break. Look for opportunities to serve and share the gospel in this time. It is in some of our darkest moments as a country, as well as in our world, that the gospel has shined the brightest. I recently talked to a good friend that reminded me of the story of the Good Samaritan and how as he was traveling he just happened to have bandages and oils for the man that had been beaten. Was that an accident? No. The Good Samaritan was prepared to serve someone who might be in need. Let's also be prepared to serve in a time when people will be in need of servants. (John 10:30-37)

Again, we want to always fight to gather as the body of Christ but we also desire to wise and care for one other. We feel at this time we

need to do both the best that we can. We love you church and we are praying for you and our community.