

NEWZLINE: COVID-19 #3 DATED 3.13.2020

Dear IBC Family,

Then one night the Lord appeared to Solomon and said, "I have heard your prayer and have chosen this Temple as the place for making sacrifices. At times I might shut up the heavens so that no rain falls, or command grasshoppers to devour your crops, or send plagues among you. Then *if my people* who are called by my name will **humble themselves** and **pray** and **seek my face** and **turn from their wicked ways**, I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sins and restore their land. My eyes will be open and my ears attentive to every prayer made in this place. II Chron. 7:12-15

What an opportunity we have to BE THE CHURCH by humbling ourselves, praying, seeking God, and turning from unconfessed sin in the midst of what the World Health Organization has now identified as a worldwide pandemic! As fear, anxiety, and even panic take hold around us, may God shine His light through His people who are practicing the four actions in the verses above. The resulting sense of peace, hope, and joy in and through His people in the darkest of times will be a testimony of who God is: A Refuge and Fortress!

Church family, let us continue to pray for one another, for our unsaved neighbors, and then be ready to serve one another intentionally and engage the world eagerly. Let's watch and report to one another how we see God using this time to draw people to Himself!

Many are asking if we plan to hold services this weekend, especially in light of Gov. Jay Inslee's press conference. The answer is YES, we will still hold both services this Sunday, barring any new developments that

would necessitate our canceling of services. Last week our services, individually, were under the 250-person mandate. If you don't care which service you attend, we would suggest you attend the 11:00 service to help balance out the two. Our tech team is working on setting up a live stream for our services this weekend. A link to the live stream will be found on our website (www.indbible.org). You can keep checking there for the upcoming link. We will also notify through Newzline, the website, and Facebook when it is operational.

Note: *If you are not comfortable, or are conflicted, about attending the services this weekend, please feel free to stay home and watch or listen to the service online.*

Our C-Virus Team met with an OMC Emergency Preparedness Officer in order to gather the latest information and advice for us all. Following are some "rules" by which we should all operate and be vigilant

1. If you don't feel well, **STAY HOME!** (*Even if you think it's something minor, we need to do what we can to protect those that are at-risk.*)
2. Wash your hands consistently and thoroughly. (20 sec.)
3. Clean surfaces with disinfectant regularly.
4. If you have underlying health issues, stay home.
5. When entering church, please use the hand sanitizer that is provided.

Offering Collection:

Rather than the traditional method of passing the bags for the offering, we will be setting up collection boxes in the sanctuary. Please use those to deposit your offerings and tithes. We also encourage you to give online here: <https://www.shelbygiving.com/app/Giving/ibc>

We have attached a Fact Sheet that we obtained from OMC, which provides us with helpful awareness and resource information.

Once again, IBC Family, let us keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith! Let us trust in the Lord with all our heart!

For His Glory,

Team C-Virus

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