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Dear members of CFC,

While wanting to be cooperative with the government's effort to minimize the spread of COVID-19, we more importantly want to be obedient to God.

Assembling together is not God's suggestion, it is His command. That does not mean we cannot temporarily alter the way we assemble in these extreme times. That does not mean those at greater risk should tempt God and act unwisely. The general command to not forsake the assembling of ourselves together, does not disregard the reality of extreme situations and circumstances.

We are trying to cooperate with our officials who are working hard to contain the spread of this virus. We are encouraging all to do the necessary things that lend themselves to safety, such as hand washing, covering your cough or sneeze, avoiding unnecessary touch, maintaining appropriate distance, and avoiding unnecessary crowds or gatherings.

The key word in all of this is the word "necessary." There are some things deemed necessary and some deemed unnecessary. If there is any thing that is necessary, it is the church. While the world relegates the church to "unnecessary" status, we maintain that the church and its witness to the world is necessary. With that strong conviction being stated, let me layout our plan for Sunday morning worship moving forward with the outline.

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP BEGINNING 3-21-2020, UNTIL FURTHER NOTIFIED:

No Breakfast.

No Sunday School.

No meet and greet during the service. Though fellowship, before and after, is not discouraged at all, we do encourage safe practices.

Worship to begin at 10:30

Call to Worship, Singing, Prayer, Giving, Sermon, Communion, Charge, Doxology

The Elders and leaders of households will be encouraged and equipped to pray with and provide communion to those at home, who may desire to partake.

WE WILL LIVE STREAM THE SERVICE ON THE CFC FACEBOOK PAGE SUNDAY MORNINGS.

Any who are sick or have a fever, any exhibiting cold or flu like symptoms, any caring for those who do, should stay at home.

Any who have been exposed to individuals with, or suspected to have, COVID-19, should notify a doctor for instructions and remain isolated.

Any who fall into the “at risk” populations of those with underlying health concerns, our elderly populations, or any who are especially fearful, should have peace about remaining at home.

I am asking our elders and our men enrolled in the Biblical Eldership Training to come if willing, provided they are not isolating for any of the above reasons.

If you are not at risk or sick, and it is your conviction to assemble to worship on Sunday morning, then do so humbly and responsibly. We will order the service in such a way as to minimize our exposure, while not compromising our worship.

Be blessed, be faithful, and be strong in Him,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "R. P. Ripley".

Pastor Jeff