

COVID-19 AND CHURCH SERVICES

Church Family,

The COVID-19 pandemic has created unprecedented issues and concerns for the Church. This past week, we cancelled service because we wanted to be as safe as possible and prevent the potential for an outbreak of COVID in our congregation. As a result of making this difficult decision, the Elders have discussed the issue at length and have come to the following conclusion.

Our primary commitment is to 1) remain open and 2) be safe. We believe the weekly gathering of God's people honors God, is consistent with biblical expectations, and is essential to the lives of God's people. Accordingly, it will be our commitment to provide as normal of a Sunday experience as possible, but some alterations may be necessary due to the illness of musicians, teachers, etc. We believe continuing to hold services is the right thing to do, and we believe we can do so safely.

If we are aware that a GFC member/attender has tested positive for COVID and was in church the previous Sunday, we will communicate this to the congregation. It will be your decision to attend our next service, but we will meet.

If we are aware that multiple family units have tested positive for COVID and were in church the previous Sunday, we may adopt the safety measure of checking temperatures before entry into the building. Again, we will communicate this to the congregation, and it will be your decision to attend our next service, but we will meet

While it may be necessary to cancel a future service, we expect this to be the exception and not the rule. Sometimes services are cancelled for weather, or power outages, but we believe we can navigate this challenge in a safe manner and continue to meet weekly.

Your help is appreciated:

If you are sick, stay home.

If you have any COVID symptoms, stay home.

If you know you have been exposed to someone who was positive for COVID, stay home or get tested.

If you test positive for COVID, stay home and let one of the Elders know.

Together, we can make this work and continue to enjoy the blessings of corporate worship, teaching and fellowship.