

Beloved Brothers and Sisters In Christ:

The last couple of weeks have been frantic (to say the least) and many things have changed due to responses to COVID-19. I've been praying for the Lord's wisdom and direction as it relates to how CBC will respond to the safety concerns and our governor's mandates as we deal with COVID-19.

Not all will agree with the direction we'll be taking—but do know that I respect your families' decisions as you believe the Lord would have you respond.

KNOW THAT . . .

- 1) We will take the time to sanitize surfaces and destroy germs to the best of our ability.
- 2) We strongly recommend that those who are experiencing any common cold or flu-like symptoms remain home and not attend services until you have been symptom free for 48 hours.
- 3) **We will be adding a Saturday afternoon (5:00 – 6:15 pm) service for the next four weeks.** This will be a shortened version of our Sunday Corporate Worship Service. The same message will be preached on Saturday that people will hear on Sunday. The church office will be contacting some of you regarding that service.
- 4) **We will continue with our regular service times on Wednesdays and CBBI (our Bible Institute) will continue on its regular schedule.**
- 5) Choir participation in our Corporate Worship Time on Sunday will continue as scheduled and we will (Lord willing) have our CANTATA on Resurrection Sunday. However, Children's Day has been canceled. We will start service at 10:30am.
- 6) Sunday School and Children's Church are cancelled until further notice—in part so that we can offer Nursery during both the Saturday and Sunday Worship Services.
- 7) We recommend "fist or elbow bumping" as a form of greeting one another – but we leave it to the discretion of each family how you desire to greet others.
- 8) We strongly recommend that you use the hand sanitizers that are available throughout our facilities or go directly to the bathroom and wash your hands upon arriving for services.
- 9) Many of these things may change if mandates are handed down from our governor and we are in biblical agreement with the mandates.—We will keep you informed.
- 10) Some will not agree with our decision not to close—and I'm okay with that. God has called me to shepherd His people and as best I can, I strive to take my "marching orders" from our Lord. I strongly believe that in times like these, God's people and the community around them need to have the church's doors open in hopes of being a beacon of light to a fearful and sometimes panicking people. We hope to be just that in our community.
- 11) We will continue to be cautious and careful—but not fearful of COVID-19.
- 12) Please take advantage of opportunities our Lord will give you to share the Gospel with those who need to know of God saving grace. Let God use you to spread His love and compassion during this time.
- 13) **If you are unable to attend services – do know that ONLINE GIVING is available to you. Just go to our website [cbcsyr.org](https://www.cbcsyr.org) <https://www.cbcsyr.org/>**

**14)** We apologize for any inconvenience any of the above may cause you—but we are both trying to think of the safety concerns we all have, but also continue to spiritually nurture those for whom God has given us responsibility.

**15)** Those unable to attend can request a copy of the message on CD. It will be made available to you upon request.

Because of Calvary,

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