

**Faith Family,**

This week, the news about the growing outbreak of the Coronavirus has been unsettling for so many. The spread of the disease has brought so many unknowns and anxieties to our nation and the entire world.

In the midst of the fears that you may be feeling and the worries that our brothers and sisters around the world are facing, I want to take time to challenge us to be an Acts church (that is a church that helps its community in a time of crisis) and inform you of the steps we are taking regarding the virus at hand. As with every situation this world faces, our trust and hope is in the Kingdom of God and not the Kingdom of this World. Thus, we make decisions not based on fear, but with wisdom and prudence.

Faith's priority is to ensure the health, safety, and well-being of every member of our church.

To that end, we are implementing a variety of actions intended to protect the health of our church family.

**IMMEDIATE ACTIONS:** We will be diligently working to sterilize our facility. Doorknobs, tables, backs of chairs and bathrooms will be disinfected after each event at the church. We will have available in the restrooms and our foyers means to keep your hands clean.

**EVENTS:** At this point we are limiting our gatherings to Sunday morning worship only, and encouraging you to participate as you feel comfortable. That means all events are cancelled as of today until further notice, except Sunday worship. If you are in a high-risk population you are encouraged to stay home beginning this Sunday morning until further notice. You are encouraged to not feel "bad" or "guilty" about not coming in person. We would ask that if you are sick or have been traveling and feel you might have been exposed, please remain home in consideration of others well-being. This will be in effect at least until April 6<sup>th</sup>. Where possible, we will be exploring ways of conducting events through live streaming or other technologies, be looking for more on this in the coming week.

**BEST PRACTICES:** We encourage everyone at Faith to practice these recommendations regarding preventive actions:

- When we gather let's greet one another with a smile or a hand wave
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom, blowing your nose, coughing or sneezing.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Stay home when you are sick.



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OUR MISSION: Please take time to think of ways we can be the church of Acts. How might we be able to serve the community at hand in this time of need? Be looking for more information regarding this.

We encourage everyone to continue their serving and faithfulness to the Lord. This could be checking up on seniors and others in our church, making ourselves available to help those who have needs. If the Coronavirus is somehow impacting you financially (or any other way) and you are in need of assistance, please reach out to me or one of our Deacons/Deaconess confidentially and keep us informed of how we can help. As you are able either in person or mail please continue to support the ministry needs of our church during this time of disruption.

PRAY: I would love for you to join me in prayer in lifting up our nation and our world.

Philippians chapter 4, verse 6 promises us that as we bring every fear and request before Him with a heart of gratitude, we will be given His unsurpassable peace and our hearts and minds will be guarded. Remember, there is *power* in the name of Jesus.

So let's lift up our nation, our world, the doctors that are trying to find a vaccine for this virus, those that have already been affected by this disease, and those caring for them in Jesus' name.

Pray for our world leaders, that the Lord would give them wisdom and guidance.

Pray for those that are being hospitalized and separated from loved ones who are afraid, pray for peace to fall upon them.

Pray that through even the worst of circumstances the Lord would bring healing and hope and draw people to Himself. Pray for those that don't know the Lord and are afraid, ask God to speak to them, and turn their hearts toward Heaven.

Pray for God's protection on the weak and vulnerable, and pray that the Church at large rises to the challenge at hand and continues to be light and life to those around us.

If you have concerns or questions please call the church office at (810)732-8570 or email us at; [flintfaith@sbcglobal.net](mailto:flintfaith@sbcglobal.net) or [pastorbrentk@gmail.com](mailto:pastorbrentk@gmail.com).

Thank you for your continued prayers and understanding as we respond to this rapidly evolving situation.

Pastor Brent