

From: Pastor Emerson Ross

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,

I pray this communication finds you in good health and spirit. As a functioning church, it is our priority to commit ourselves to the care of our members and friends, including your spiritual, mental and physical health. In an effort to provide a place for passionate fellowship with God, Bible-based teaching, for the total man; it is important that I address the matter at hand.

As you know, coronavirus (COVID-19) is now a nationwide pandemic and our highest priority is providing peace of mind to you. Yet, I believe and still know that our God is in full control. The Lord neither slumber nor sleep and the earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein. Therefore, we are trusting God to see us through this difficult time.

To ensure the safety and welfare of our members and visitors during this period, we are taking aggressive steps to limit exposure for our members and friends. I have altered our Worship Service, by temporarily suspending personal contact, our fellowship time, holding, shaking hands at the Altar as well. We have placed hand sanitizer in the front of the church for your convenience; our greeters will make sure you know where it is. We sanitized our churches weekly for your health and safety, that's why I want to personally update you on these actions in response to the outbreak. Please know that we are doing everything possible to protect the spread of the virus in our congregation.

We will continue with our regular Sunday School Hour at 9 a.m. and Morning Worship Service at 10 a.m. each Sunday. For those who feel that you are most vulnerable to this virus, please limit from joining us at church. We will continue to have our message on YouTube live each Sunday. Please be wise and wash your hands periodically throughout the day for at least 20 seconds and use hand sanitizer thereafter. Avoid physical contact with others as much as possible and keep your hands from touching your face, mouth and nose.

For more pertinent information on the symptoms and spread of the coronavirus, I urge you to please visit the Center for Disease Control website. <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index>

Let us continue to pray one for another during this time. Please remember those who have been afflicted with the virus and the families of those who have been hurt because of the death of their love ones. Just know God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. (Ps. 46.1 KJV)

In His service,

*Rev. Dr. Emerson Ross*