

First Baptist Church

Bethany, Oklahoma

December 2, 2020

Church Family,

As mentioned Sunday, I said that the leadership of the church would make a decision as far as the next steps in our Covid response plan. The plan was to check the reported numbers everyday from Sunday until today and see if we could see the numbers trend down.

Unfortunately, the numbers show no signs of slowing down and continued to stay at a level that has made us cautious. After visiting with church leadership and those in leadership in our state we have come to a decision.

Effectively immediately, we will be postponing the Sunday School time until further notice. It pains me to make this announcement because like so many of you, Sunday School is a time of connection for me. This was not a decision that was made lightly and we understand the weight of it. This was also not a decision made in fear of what the virus can do but out of love and concern for those in our congregation. We have not been unaffected by this virus as we have seen some of our own membership struggle seriously with the virus.

Be on the lookout for communication as we move forward with Sunday School alternative plans.

We will continue to have our 10:30 worship service on Sunday mornings. Social distancing is strongly encouraged for different family groups. Masks will also be REQUIRED while in the building. Please help us to continue worshipping in person by following these guidelines we have set out.

Wednesday Evening Bible study and prayer meeting will continue to meet as well as Youth Midweek and Choir Practice.

As mentioned Sunday, we serve a God whose very character is the restoration and redemption of His people. We believe that God has us in His hands and we are trusting in Him to restore us through this time.

Join us as we pray for our city, state and nation as we deal with this virus. Remember our frontline healthcare workers as well. I would also ask that you remember those in our membership that have been affected by this virus in anyway.

Peace and Prayers,



Josh Veitch