

First Baptist Church

Bethany, Oklahoma

March 18, 2020

Dear Church Family,

The dynamics of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic has directly impacted the life of our church fellowship. While I don't know of any one infected with COVID-19, many people in our church have had to change their life interaction within their families, workplaces and schools. These same realities will now be affecting our church's activities over the next several weeks. All of our ministries will need to follow the recommendations of the Centers for Disease Control until this crisis is over.

Our church leaders and church staff are now making plans to keep our church fellowship connected to its mission and ministries. Let me share some of the things we are planning to do over the next few weeks.

1. Currently, our Sunday School and Morning/Evening Worship Services, as well as our regular weekly and monthly activities that may have an attendance of over 10 people are cancelled until this coronavirus crisis is over. Any small group meetings (10 or fewer people) at the church needs to be a safe meeting for those attending. We strongly discourage anyone at risk for the COVID-19 virus or any one showing symptoms of illness to attend any meeting at the church.
2. Sunday Morning Worship will be going live online through our Facebook page. The video will be posted to our website to view later for those who are not on Facebook.
3. Beginning next week, I will have a weekly Wednesday Bible Study posted to our web site. Also, we will be providing links to home Bible study ideas that you can use.
4. We are working on ways to call all of our membership to ask about possible needs they have and to pray with them. The details are being worked out.
5. "Spring Cleaning Plans" are being put together for people who want to do something and to get out of the house. We would like to put together small teams or individuals to clean up various areas of our church building. These plans will be worked out through the church office with the various ministry teams and their leaders. As a reminder, we strongly discourage anyone at risk for the COVID-19 virus or any one showing symptoms of illness to participate in this work.

6. Financial stability is critical during this time. Your faithful support of our church finances will help us support the needs of the church ministries and to support our mission commitments. In the near future you will be able to give online on our website (www.fcbethany.com). The office is open to receive your offering by mail or in person Monday thru Thursday between 8:30 am and 4:30 pm.

Lastly, please pray for our country, its leaders and our church fellowship. The COVID-19 crisis is an unprecedented event that will have a lasting impact on us. Our faith and hope is in the Lord. He is faithful to protect us and guide us through every aspect of our lives. Place your trust in Him alone.

May the Lord guide us during this time.

In His Love,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Bro. Womack".

Charles R. Womack, Pastor