



Dear Calvary Chapel Fellowship,

I am pleased to announce that we will be resuming in-person worship services at 8, 9:30, 11 a.m., and 5 p.m. this Sunday, January 10. Due to the high number of COVID 19 cases in our surrounding community, there are a few things I would like you to consider and commit to as a united fellowship.

First, please understand that the numbers of COVID 19 positive cases are extremely high in our surrounding communities. This poses an inherent risk to one or more people attending church services or prayer meetings and unknowingly could spread the virus to others. So, I ask that you make the decision to attend in-person fellowship prayerfully. Second, please commit to staying home from in-person meetings if you are exhibiting any unusual symptoms or have been in close contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID 19 in the last seven days.

- Our 8 a.m. service safety protocols will remain as they have been for the last four months. The service will be held in the courtyard. We will practice social distancing and wearing a mask is mandatory.
- While the COVID case numbers being reported remain high in our surrounding community, we, the elder board and pastors, ask that you endure some changes to our current safety protocols for the 9:30, 11 a.m., and 5 p.m. services. The changes are as follows:
 - In an effort to mitigate potential spread of the virus, we will not be running the HVAC system during in-person meetings. Instead, we will open the doors and run the exhaust fans to bring in fresh outside air. I recommend that everyone bring a coat with them to church as it may be chilly.
 - We will continue maintaining social distance protocols and ask that you remain six feet apart from those not in your household.

We are also encouraging adults to wear a mask while indoors or within six feet of those outside their own household while the reported case numbers are so high in our community. The exception, of course, being those with a medical condition. I know there is a lot of debate about the effectiveness of masks, but for this time we will endure together.

Scripture is clear that we have a duty to our God, to our fellowship, and to our community. God has commanded in Hebrews 10:25 "...not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together". As long as we can be open without spreading the virus, we must be open. As we gather together it is imperative that we love and care for one another above ourselves. "Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others." (Phil. 2:3-4). Finally, we have received instruction on how we are to live before our neighbors. "Walk in wisdom toward those who are outside, redeeming the time." (Col. 4:5). We must show practical Christian wisdom to the secular society around us. Our community is currently suffering a major spread of the virus. Hospitals and frontline workers are currently overwhelmed with those suffering from COVID, and we should do our best not to recklessly add to the numbers as much as we can.

Our church fellowship will continue to endure this crisis together. We will love one another and bear with each other. We will continue to livestream all of our services in order not to exclude anyone who chooses to stay at home during this time. I am also adding our Fight Night prayer meeting to the regular live stream services. My hope is that those of you who remain at home will join us for prayer. We will try and monitor the comments for prayer requests during the meeting. The truth of the matter is we must remain prayerful and seek the Lord during this plague. All of our protocols, efforts, and plans are for naught if the Lord is not with us. "When I shut up heaven and there is no rain, or command the locusts to devour the land, or send pestilence among My people, if My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land." (2 Chr. 7:13-14)

I am looking forward to a wonderful worship service this Sunday! May the Lord bless you and keep you!

In His service,
Dave Johnson
Pastor