

I wanted to give you an update on our response to current COVID-19 conditions affecting our church.

Because we have had so many church members or their families exposed, sick or tested positive with the COVID-19 virus, the church staff and leadership wanted to act out of an abundance of caution. We paused all small group activities, delayed resuming our Wednesday night programming and reverted to a Sunday morning worship only model of ministry.

We feel that conditions warrant extending our previously announced schedule of resuming ministry activities.

We plan to resume Wednesday night activities (AWANA, Bible Studies, dinner) on September 23.

We will resume Sunday School and other small groups on Sunday, September 27.

We will continue to have worship service only for the next two Sundays. (No Nursery or childcare)

The church office will reopen on Monday, September 21. Our church staff is working remotely and available if needed.

Our music/worship ministry rehearsals will not begin until at least October. We will announce those plans as we continue to monitor conditions.

We want to be as proactive as possible to ensure the health and safety of everyone who attends FBCSC. These plans will allow us to fully comply with CDC and GDPH recommended guidelines. Additionally, as part of cleaning and sanitizing our facility, the church has been fogged with hospital grade disinfectant.

The Social Circle Christian School has strict guidelines in place and have been diligent to monitor conditions. They have been blessed with no issues so far. Please pray it stays that way!

I can't stress strongly enough that we continue to take seriously the healthcare safety protocols that we have put into place. These include:

- **If you are in a sensitive group based on age or physical condition, please pray carefully about getting out in public.**
- **If you are sick (fever, cough or other symptoms), please stay home. If you begin to feel sick at church, please notify a staff member immediately.**
- **Please maintain a 6-foot social distance.**
- **Please consider wearing a mask in public.**
- **Please use hand sanitizer.**

Like most of you, every time I hear a report of someone else who is sick or positive or has been exposed to the virus, my concern grows and my anxiety level goes even higher!

I am still confident that if we follow the Lord's leadership, we will be safe in his care.

"The Lord is the one who goes ahead of you; He will be with you. He will not fail you or forsake you. Do not fear or be dismayed." Deuteronomy 31:8 (NAS)

Keep on praying for those around us who are battling illness or grieving loss.

Thank you for praying with us and continuing to support our efforts to honor the Lord and be found faithful to Him!

If you have questions, please know that I am available at any time to respond.

Pastor Mike and FBCSC Staff