

CLEARCREEK CHAPEL

IMPORTANT MESSAGE *FROM THE ELDERS*

Worship Guidelines Revision, November 6, 2020

Whereas:

1. There have been a number of people at the Chapel who have tested positive for COVID;
2. There are a number of families who are now in quarantine because of a member of the family testing positive for COVID;
3. We are concerned for the spiritual well-being of our people;
4. We recognize the importance, and for some, the imperative, of regular, corporate worship;
5. We want to provide care and caution in our worship gatherings;

We therefore have decided as Elders that:

1. We will continue **in-person worship gatherings** with the following stipulations:
 1. At all times in the facility masks will be mandated, no exceptions.
 2. Worship singers (leader and Linda) and the speaker may remove their mask when singing or speaking.
 3. Social distancing will be provided for in the auditorium seating.
 4. There will be no singing and social distancing will be enforced in the Overflow Room.
 5. There will be **no children's ministries or nurseries**.
 6. Anyone who has tested positive may not attend for ten days beginning on the date of test (not the date of the results).
 7. We are implementing the minimal touch guidelines for the facility itself.
 8. The Cafe will be closed.
 9. Anyone who is sick, has COVID symptoms or is unwilling to submit to these mandates, should stay home and join us online.
2. In our Tuesday meeting, the Elders will evaluate this response and consider how to move forward with other gatherings and events.

The following remain in place until further notice:

1. At our public events, we will provide for social distancing for those who want or need it.
2. Those with a fever or exhibiting symptoms of flu or COVID-19 should not attend our gatherings and events.
3. Ministries may set Ministry Focused Guidelines for their ministry teams and events. Guidelines must be submitted to and approved by the Elders.
4. The Bible in Ephesians 4:29-5:2 and Romans 14 commands us, in our attitudes and actions, to be generous and gracious to those holding opposite views.

A Message for all from Pastor Dale:

As we have said before, we are trying to provide an “as safe as possible” environment to worship and fellowship as believers. Even though many have mild symptoms, some have debilitating, even life-threatening complications. We want to do the best we can to reduce the risk of exposure, knowing that we cannot eliminate all risk. Attitudes of care, caution and concern for each other goes a long way to participate in this endeavor. If you have illness that make you at higher risk for complications, have frequent close contact with someone who is at high risk or have any symptoms, please worship with us remotely and stay in contact with your flock families via email, phone or text. Please, if you are attending live, wear masks and observe some sense of social distancing.

Continue to pray for each other, this is not a cause for worry or fear but a reason to be wise and loving. Pray for peace for all, recovery for some, protection for those at greatest risk. This is a great opportunity for growth together as a congregation and also a great opportunity for division. Read, listen to and pray over Paul’s Letter to the Ephesians and Pastor Russ’s sermons in the Ephesians series. This is a great Biblical text to be in right now with the current national and local cultural climate. Keep the faith, grow in love, walk in hope knowing the Lord of universe is with us and is with us always, to the end of the age!

Resting in the power of the Gospel,
Pastor Dale