



CLINE AVENUE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH

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Sunday, March 15, 2020

COVID-19 OFFICIAL STATEMENT

Church Family,

I hope you are well and trusting in our Lord Jesus today, even amid the sobering series of events as our nation responds to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. We wanted to assure you and make you aware that we, the elders of CAFC, are closely monitoring the reports of the coronavirus and how it impacts the safety and function of our church family. We want to be proactive and considerate in matters concerning the health of you and your families as we make difficult, but necessary decisions with the utmost care for your spiritual and physical well-being.

After reviewing the government reports and mandates, specifically that of the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Indiana Governor Holcomb's office, the elders have decided:

- 1) To continue to meet for our regular Sunday morning worship gatherings at 10:30 a.m.**
- 2) To cancel all activities outside of the Sunday morning gathering (including all Wednesday evening activities) through April 5th.**
- 3) To care for one another as best as we can, trusting the Lord together, and using this as an opportunity to demonstrate Christ-like character and faith amid chaos in our world.**

We want you to know the reasoning behind our decisions is because we place a high value on our Sunday morning worship gathering and because, at this time, it is still a low risk for our area. To ensure the risk remains low, we are making some necessary and helpful changes to how we function. For instance, we will not be holding hands as we usually do at the end of our services; we will not be passing the offering plate but will collect the offering at the Welcome Table as you leave; our ClineKids ministry team will check your child in for you as you arrive at the building.

That being said, if you are sick or feel sick, please refrain from coming to the physical building and join us on the livestream (via Facebook). If you are a high risk candidate for the virus or you are concerned about your safety, please, do not feel the pressure to come. Join us on the livestream. Please be sure to go online to give and continue to support the ministries of our church! Our elders

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and staff are developing plans for pastoral care for our people in this season, especially for those in our church family who are at the greatest risk.

These are not easy decisions, but we think they are the best way for us to love our neighbor in a critical time and our church family at all times. It's important to remember that, "...God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind" (2 Timothy 1:7). While we know that God is in control, we do not take this situation lightly and understand the importance of operating with wisdom. We ask that you do the same. We will continue to update you as we receive information and monitor the situation. We are so grateful for your flexibility and understanding during this time. Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions, concerns, or cares you have in mind.

In Christ,

Pastor Joe Best, Pastor Nathan O'Brien, and the Elders of CAFC

List of Helpful Resources:

- CDC Official Site: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>
- CDC Cleaning Guidelines: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/organizations/cleaning-disinfection.html>
- Livestream: <https://www.facebook.com/CAFC8600/>
- Online Giving: <https://cline-avenue-fellowship-church.square.site>