

March 20, 2010

To: The EBC Family  
From: Pastor Frank McClure, Senior Pastor  
RE: EBC Response to COVID-19

As the Nation comes together to slow the spread of Covid-19, on March 16<sup>th</sup>, the President issued updated Coronavirus Guidance for America. This guidance states that:

***“If you work in a critical infrastructure industry, as defined by the Department of Homeland Security, such as healthcare series and pharmaceutical and food supply, **you have a special responsibility to maintain your normal work schedule.**”***

The government rightfully has decided what is critical for the well-being of the community when it comes to the material needs of the population, which we support. With this thought in mind, it is our belief based upon the Bible and 2,000 years of precedent, that each and every Pastor must decide what is critical for the well-being of their spiritual community. We believe that the Church is essential and critical to the well-being of its members. With the well-being and health of our members in mind will are making the following changes.

**Starting March 22<sup>nd</sup>, EBC will go to this modified services schedule:**

Sunday Services Times (Each Service will be 1 hour only)

- 8 a.m.
- 9:30 a.m.
- 11:00 a.m.
- No Sunday Evening Service
- No Sunday School
- No Nursery
- The Educational Building will not be open during these service times.

Wednesday Evening services will be suspended for now.

The current situation is fluid and is ever changing, but as of now we believe this is what God would have us do. Please know that things will change as we navigate this new normal.

We are going to have a person call each individual or family to discuss the service time that you would like to attend, so that we can limit the number of individuals in the building at one time. We have removed seating in the church so that there is six feet between each row, we have separated seating so that there is ample space between individuals.

**We would ask individuals and families:**

- If you are sick, please do not come to church. Do not put others at risk.
- We strongly advise if you are immune-compromised, **STAY HOME!**
- If you have been asked by a medical professional to self-quarantine, or if any member of your family has been asked to self-quarantine, please stay home.
- If you feel uncomfortable or stressed about coming to church, please stay home. You will be missed and you are still loved.
- Please do not to shake hands with or hug any individuals.
- Please remember to wash your hands for at least 20 seconds with soap and water.

- Hand sanitizer is available. Please feel free to use it as needed.
- The CDC does not recommend healthy individuals to wear a mask as it does not prevent the spread of the virus. If you are wearing a mask because you are sick, please stay home.
- It is important to remain calm and use good judgment, especially in trying times.
- It is important to be good role models for our children and for those individuals who are watching how we as believers behave in these times.
- We would ask that as soon as the service is over that you exit the building maintaining your social distancing.
- We will be sanitizing the church in between each service so we would ask that the next group of members wait until the signs on the doors are green. If the signs are red please remain outside.
- We are working on being able to offer in the future live streaming services for those individuals that wish to remain home during this period.

We know that others are choosing to respond differently than we have to this crisis, (we completely respect their decision) but we do not believe this is a test of faith but a test of love for one another. Now more than ever we need to encourage one another exhort one another and love one another. That is how all the world knows that we are disciples/students of Christ. The world is watching, may we use this opportunity to share the love of the Father with them.

May we all continue in prayer for one another.