



COVID-19 UPDATE

March 12, 2020

Dear FCBCLA Brothers and Sisters and Regular Attenders,

As you may be aware of the rapidly changing situation with COVID-19, the state and county public health officials have advised large gatherings to be limited at this time. This afternoon, our Response Team was part of a teleconference call with the LA County Public Health for faith-based organizations that strongly emphasized the need to comply. Therefore, the Pastoral Staff and our Response Team, after prayerfully seeking the Lord's will and direction, have decided to **suspend all worship services and church activities on the church campus effective March 13, 2020. This will be in effect until March 31, 2020, unless further extended.** We will closely monitor the situation and keep our church family informed.

In this season, we hope to emphasize that we are taking these actions out of love for our neighbors and each other. We pray that God would have mercy on all who are affected, those who are vulnerable, and our frontline responders. We would also like to encourage you to reach out to one another and to consider how we may love our neighbors. May we extend the love and peace of Christ to those around us. Above all, let us pray earnestly for God to deliver us and glorify the name of Jesus Christ!

We would like for our church family to take the following steps:

1. Stay updated through our FCBCLA website, app and Facebook page. <http://www.fcbc.org>
2. All smaller gatherings of less than 20 people may continue to meet away from the church campus but are encouraged to be modified to reduce exposure and spread of the illness. There is still a need for fellowship and care for each other during this season. Be creative in reaching out to each other and gathering together. If you are well enough and low-risk (to your family and others), please consider meeting together in small groups in homes. If this is a concern, please reach out to our pastors for suggestions. You can conduct meetings via online platforms, virtual bible studies, family worship times, home prayer meetings, and gather together to view our weekly videos that will be released for your use to worship God.
3. Weekly videos and content will be released for your use to worship God. We will do our best to serve the ministry of the Word and prayer to our church family.
4. The church office will remain open with modified hours. Please call before you visit. The pastors remain available to serve you and pray for you in any way. These are stressful times, so please do not hesitate to contact us.
5. Lastly, if you or a family member, has been found positive, presumptive positive, or may have come in contact with someone with COVID-19, please inform your fellowship/small group leader or pastor immediately.

We understand that these may be fearful times, but may it strengthen our faith in our Lord Jesus Christ and deepen our love for one another and those around us. Always remember, these may be uncertain times, but we serve an unchanging God.

FCBCLA Pastoral Staff