

Wayside Chapel

HOME OF WAYSIDE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Wayside Chapel Family,

The Wayside Chapel Deacon Board had a phone call with a representative from the Crawford County Health Department regarding 2 recent COVID exposures in our church. Many ideas were discussed and those who have been exposed to the affected individuals will be notified by the Health Department. It was stated that we are doing some things right as a church, and also shared that there are some things that we should consider implementing.

The Deacon Board realizes that we must be considerate of this disease and do not want to see the church close as a result of increased exposures. After prayerful consideration and out of the abundance of caution, the Deacon Board has made the decision to implement the following changes.

- Ushers will be at the exterior doors providing you with a face mask. If you already have a face mask or face shield, you may use that.
- You will be strongly encouraged to keep the facial covering on while in the building and may remove this once you are seated in a pew with your family unit.
- We are asking and strongly encouraging you to sit in every other pew to encourage social distancing of 6 feet between family units.
- While fellowship activity is appreciated and encouraged in the church, we understand some may not be comfortable with interacting with others during this time. Fellowship can continue to take place as long as both parties are comfortable, and we ask that you remain socially distanced with a facial covering on. Please ask the other party if they are comfortable, and if you are uncomfortable, we ask that you kindly speak up and let the other party know. We support your decision either way.
- We will not be handing out bulletins, but instead will make these conveniently available on the same chairs as the offering plates at the back of the sanctuary for you to pick up when coming into the services.
- We will not be holding communion or having afternoon meals until further notice.
- We will not be encouraging physical contact, including handshaking or hugging. Pastor Compton, Pastor Donald, and the Deacons will be following these same guidelines.
- During the next 2 weeks, we are making the difficult decision to cancel Sunday School as we are unable to socially distance in many of our classrooms. Also, during the next 2 weeks, we will not be running our vans.
- Additionally, during the next 2 weeks, we are making the difficult decision to close the church nursery and are taking appropriate precautions to disinfect all surfaces and toys. We know that parents of young children still need a safe place to go with their little ones and do welcome you to take your child to the nursery or balcony; however, we are asking that you are the only adult holding or touching your child.

As your Deacon Board and church leaders, we realize that we must lead by example and not be double-tongued (1 Tim. 3:8). You will see us following these same precautions to present a living example to, you, our church members. We thank you for continuing to attend services at Wayside Chapel and we are ever so grateful to our Lord and Savior for the freedoms we have in him and look forward to another great year of service in 2021.

Sincerely,

Wayside Chapel Deacons