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Dear Wayside Chapel Families:

As our community continues to fight the spread of COVID-19, we believe one of our greatest responsibilities is to communicate transparently and often with you, our church family. It is our hope that accurate and up-to-date correspondence will help you make well-informed decisions for your family. Nothing is more important to Wayside Chapel than the safety and health of our members. When we work together, we can provide the best care for all involved.

We have learned that a member of our church has tested positive for COVID-19. We are working closely with Crawford County Public Health to ensure all appropriate measures are being taken to identify anyone at risk due to close contact with the infected person. We believe that all close contacts have been identified and contacted. If you or a family member has been identified as a close contact, you should have been notified by Crawford County Public Health that you will need to quarantine. Being identified as a close contact means that you or a family member was within 6 feet of an infected individual for 15 minutes or more, or had direct physical contact, such as a hug with them. If you have not been notified by Crawford County Public Health, you and your family members were not identified as a close contact and therefore do not need to quarantine. Out of an abundance of caution we have canceled our BLAST program for Wednesday, November 18th.

During this time of increased community spread, we recommend that all families monitor themselves for symptoms daily. Symptoms of COVID-19 include fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, and diarrhea. These symptoms may appear 2-14 days after an exposure. If you or a family member exhibits these symptoms, please contact your medical provider. Please stay home if you are sick, and keep your child home from church if he/she is sick.

Crawford County Public Health encourages you and your family to follow the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommendations for best practices to help prevent the spread of COVID-19:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Use alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol if soap and water are not available.
- Avoid close contact with those who are sick.
- Cover your coughs and sneezes with a tissue or your sleeve.
- Avoid touching your eyes, mouth and nose.
- Disinfect frequently touched surfaces and objects.
- Stay at home when you are sick.
- Practice social distancing, leaving at least six feet between you and other people.
- Wear a facial covering in public settings.

Preventing the spread of this virus requires the vigilance of everyone at church, at home and out in the community. As we learn more about COVID-19 the guidance changes accordingly. For current information on COVID-19, please visit

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

There is nothing more important to Wayside Chapel than the safety and health of our students, our staff and their families. If you have any questions or additional concerns about this matter, you are welcome to contact the church office.

Sincerely,

Dr. Timothy Compton

Pastor, Wayside Chapel

Wayside Chapel Deacon Board