

Wayside Chapel

HOME OF WAYSIDE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

December, 2020

Dear Wayside Chapel Family,

I think we can all agree that this has been one of the most difficult times for individuals and for churches. I would like to take a few minutes and explain the reasoning behind our deacons & leadership decisions.

Before the outbreak of Covid we had attendance that averaged 150 on Sunday morning. That includes all ages from 99 to new born babies. There is a wide difference in opinion about how we are to react to our government mandates. This is not the place for that discussion. The reason for this letter is our fellow church attendees. One can imagine with this many people there are some who think everyone should be forced to wear a mask, others who think it is useless. I have heard from both sides and so has our leadership. We are trying to make everyone feel safe in our services. This is the time of year that we celebrate the birth of Christ, the time when the Son of God sacrificed all to save us from our sins. There has never been a greater example of love and sacrifice than this amazing event. We now have the opportunity to “flesh-out” that love to our fellow believers in our response to COVID-19.

The best defense is to stay six feet apart and that is the core upon which these decisions were made. We only are asking that you wear a mask when entering and leaving the building and we are making them available. It is not the intention of the church to force you to wear it. There are some members who are very concerned. We do not want to shut down our services. We had two cases in our church and we have spent two weeks taking some extra precautions to make sure we don't have any additional outbreaks. At this point we are going to return to a somewhat normal schedule.

In conclusion you must come to your own understanding of these guidelines. Let me emphasize again these guidelines are not mandates. Again, this is the Christmas season and we will have to modify some of our activities, but no one can modify the reason that we celebrate. Jesus Christ came to this earth to save us from our sins and establish a relationship with the Father that we violated. Part of this relationship is for our fellow brother and sisters in Christ.

Please if you have any questions or comments give me a call. I would be honored to have the opportunity to explain this in any way possible. On the back of this letter you can see the guidelines that the church leadership has chosen to put into place. These are difficult times, but I am glad I have a church family who understands.

Sincerely,
Dr. Timothy Compton
Pastor, Wayside Chapel

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From the Wayside Leadership,

Beginning this Sunday, 12/6/2020, Sunday School will resume with a few additional changes.

- Sunday School will resume with a combined adult class meeting in the sanctuary. This is being done as social distancing is not possible in one of the adult Sunday School classrooms.
- Kids Sunday School classrooms will resume and social distancing will be encouraged.
- The nursery will be reopened with minimal contact encouraged.
- Junior and Toddler church will resume.

The other guidelines previously implemented on 11/19/2020 will continue.

- We are asking that you wear a facial covering while moving through the building. Baskets will continue to remain at the entrances with masks available if you do not already have a face mask.
- Signs will continue to remain in the pews for social distancing in the auditorium. We are asking that you please abide by these signs.
- While fellowship activity is appreciated and encouraged, we understand some may not be comfortable with interacting with others and want all parties to feel comfortable, welcomed, and safe. Considering Matt 22:39 "love thy neighbor", we ask that both parties are in agreement with close fellowship and we support those who choose to speak up for their discomfort.
- Bulletins and offering plates will continue to remain in the rear of the sanctuary.
- Physical contact, including handshaking, is discouraged.
- Communion, snacks, and meals are postponed until further notice.