

Dear Church Family,

I wanted to update you all as to how First Southern will proceed for the near future and give you an update on where we're at.

- 1) After conversing with the deacons and the discipleship council, we've made the difficult decision to cancel all Sunday morning activities. We are planning to hold regular services again on April 5th; however, as information from the CDC, and federal and state officials continues to pour in, we may need to reevaluate as we draw closer to that date.
 - a. I'm still working ways for us to still study the Scripture together as a church family on Sundays. We're working on this and will try to keep you updated.
 - b. We're hoping to utilize the internet to stream or make available a recorded sermon. In the meantime, this week I'm working on a written message that I'll encourage all of our members to read at 10:15 on Sunday with your families. It should include some practical questions and some prayer prompts.
- 2) As long as it is reasonable, we will continue to have midweek prayer meeting at the church on Wednesday for those who feel comfortable gathering.
 - a. As previously stated, please do what is in the best interest of your health. Do not feel obligated to attend if you're concerned about potential risk of exposure.
 - b. If you are able and willing, consider meeting together in small groups, either in person or utilizing web tools like skype.
- 3) During this time, the staff will still be working.
 - a. Patty will still be in the office and if you have a need, please don't hesitate to call or email. Josh will continue to clean and sanitize weekly. I will continue to work with the leadership to handle all of your concerns and continue to teach as best I can in this season.
- 4) Please don't forget that we still have expenses and financial commitments during this time. Prayerfully continue to give to the church as you are able. Also, expect a letter by Toby Steward on behalf of the deacons and the stewardship committee in this regard.
- 5) We want to make sure that this information reaches everyone and that no one feels disconnected or isolated in this season. The discipleship council and deacons are working on setting up a team to make phone calls, once a week, to all the members of our church. If you have a particular need or prayer concern, feel free to communicate to our team at that time.
- 6) I know that this is new and not ideal, but please bear with us in patience. In all things let us continue to humbly rely on the Lord in prayer.

Thanks for your prayers in this season!

Sincerely,

Pastor Bryan McClelland