

Faith Church
CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

Statement from Pastor Steve Adamson

In response to the growing concern over the Coronavirus (COVID-19) I want to share some pertinent information with our church family and encourage you to watch for future updates on FB or on our website (faithchurchag.com).

First & foremost, I want to assure you that the leadership team at Faith Church is monitoring the situation very closely and taking precautions to maintain a healthy environment for our church family and guests. Working with health care professionals and CDC guidelines, enhanced cleaning and disinfecting measures for our facilities have been implemented. In addition, the following changes will occur beginning this Sunday.

First, a member of the Hospitality Team will open the doors for you; so you don't have to touch the doors.

Second, we are discouraging handshaking until further notice. Greet others with a smile or a wave.

Third, we have placed hand sanitizers in common areas around the building.

Fourth, offering plates & register pads will not be passed during the service. Instead, you can bring your offering to the altar during the offertory or give it online.

Fifth, we will have volunteers stationed at our Faith Kids check-ins, so you don't have to touch the screen.

Sixth, anyone who isn't feeling well or who has kids that are not feeling well, please stay home. Any sneezing, coughing, fever, runny nose – PLEASE stay home!

While we must not live in fear, we must also practice godly wisdom. We must do all we can to reduce the spread of this illness and to protect those around us who are most vulnerable – specifically the elderly and those with compromised immune systems.

In addition, churches are facing potential liability issues. In two webinars in the last 48 hours, Dr. Richard Hammer, the attorney for the Assemblies of God USA, has addressed liability concerns that could impact churches who do not follow CDC or state recommendations or mandates concerning Coronavirus. In other words, we must take this seriously.

I close with a challenge from Rev. Doug Clay, the General Superintendent of the Assemblies of God USA,

“The World Health Organization has declared COVID-19 a pandemic. We're living in unprecedented times. Several states have given guidance that could impact church gatherings: some encouraging no meetings over 1,000, others encouraging no meetings over 250 — and one

governor even urging churches across the state to consider canceling.”

“Some have expressed frustration as they think this situation is overblown. Others express concern that not enough is being done. Regardless of your opinion, we can all be confident that none of this has taken God by surprise. God is not wringing His hands over Coronavirus. He has the situation under control. Our faith is not in man. Our faith is in God.”

Finally, please join me in focused prayer in the following areas:

- Pray that we’re driven by faith and not fear.
- Pray for people who have been impacted by this virus around the world.
- Pray for our missionary family and global partners.
- Pray for the church to seize ministry opportunities.
- Pray Romans 15:13, “May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.”