



Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

In light of the events that have taken place this past week, I want to remind you of our need to be smart, proactive and to use our common sense. Although the news reports are frequent, I encourage you to remain calm and seek to take care of yourself. At this time, we plan to continue to hold services as usual, but want to encourage you in some precautions and make you aware of the steps we are taking to help prevent the spread of the coronavirus.

1. Pray for those who have been or who will be affected by the virus. Pray for our leaders to have wisdom to make the best decisions. Pray for our healthcare workers on the front lines treating those who have been affected. Pray for God to use all of these things to point people to Jesus, our only hope and peace!
2. If you are sick, stay home. Obviously if you have a fever stay home, if you are feeling bad and exhibiting symptoms stay home. We need to consider those around us who can really be harmed by this virus and now is not the time “tough it” out.
3. Our custodial team always does an excellent job of keeping our facilities clean, but extra attention has been given to disinfecting common touch areas such as door handles and flat surfaces. Furthermore, please do not forget to wash your hands frequently.
4. Take responsibility for your own health. If you are concerned, or feel you have a compromised immune system for one reason or another, simply stay home and listen to the sermons online. Those of us who do attend will certainly understand.
5. Please take opportunity to spread the hope of the Gospel in these unique days. Do not walk in fear, but by faith. Take care of one another, check on your elderly friends, neighbors and take advantage of additional opportunities to minister.
6. While you might not be concerned for yourself, keep in mind we have many older members or those who are already fighting other health concerns who are part of the Forestburg Family. In no way do we want to compromise them.

In closing, I want to remind you of Paul's words to the church at Philippi when they faced worse circumstances than the ones you and I are facing now. "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice! Let your gentle spirit be known to all men. The Lord is near. Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your request be made know to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4:4-7 NASB).

In His Love,

Pastor Tim