

Dear Church Family,

With great seriousness, I compose a letter that I have never been required to issue in nearly twenty years of pastoral experience. Yet, extremely difficult times have now caused us as a church staff and family to accept a new norm to our daily existence. With that being said, I want to share with you our newly implemented operational procedure due to the ongoing threat of the Coronavirus (COVID-19).

Until otherwise notified, all components of the FBCF staff (ministerial, administrative, maintenance, custodial) will be completing tasks and job requirements on campus in an “as needed” basis only. This means that the majority of the staff will be conducting all job responsibilities while at home. Communication among staff members has continued via text, phone, and online resources, such as Microsoft Teams. This includes staff meetings, which will continue without interruption via online methods.

What this does mean is that the office on campus is not “open” in a normal sense. In order to protect the staff, gathering in groups and unnecessary contact with outside individuals will be limited greatly. We have been in dialogue with Love Inc., our primary partner in benevolent ministries, and have posted signs on the front doors of the church that instruct those seeking assistance where to go for help. We will maintain constant communication with Love Inc., who will notify us of potential beneficiaries, and we will be able to direct funding if possible.

However, I want to make very clear the fact that the staff is available to those within our church family who may have a specific need. Prayer and encouragement can be offered via the same methods already mentioned. Yet, for those with physical needs (grocery and pharmacy pickup, financial need, etc.), call or email the church office, reach out through social media outlets, or notify a staff member or deacon. Our resources will be utilized to minister to our own church family needs just as we are instructed in Galatians 6:10.

As you can imagine, there will be updates forthcoming as this situation continues to develop. Until then, let’s remain faithful in our journey with the Lord, continually offering him worship, for he alone is worthy!

Sincerely,

Pastor Juston