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## The LORD's Day Gathering - for Sunday, Nov 29th

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Brothers & Sisters,

As most have noticed, SM County has moved to the purple tier, which is the tightest Covid restrictions in the blueprint. **However, we will be open for Church tomorrow, and every Sunday (as the LORD wills)** for the following reasons:

- Church is essential. The state does not need to tell us this because the shed blood of Christ already has.
- Church = the "assembly" of believers together (not a building). Hebrews 10:24-25. We need one another, it's how we were made. It is a blessing to see so many from week to week (and days in between), and can't wait to see everyone again.
- Gov't authority is to be obeyed whether we agree with their rulings or not. Romans 13 and 1 Peter 2 still bind the consciences of individual Christians. We are to obey our civil authorities as powers that God Himself has ordained. **However**, while civil government is invested with divine authority to rule the state, neither of those texts (nor any other) grants civic rulers jurisdiction over the church. God has not granted civic rulers authority over the doctrine, practice, or polity of the church.
- We have been blessed to be able to offer options for the church to gather like **live-streamed services** for those who are sick or at-risk, and outdoor services when possible.

What about tomorrow?

- We will most likely be gathering inside.
- It will be ~50\* tomorrow at 10am, and we don't want to force everyone to endure the cold.
- We will try and get a TV setup outside that is live-streaming service so that those who do not feel comfortable inside can sit outside.
- Please wear a mask while inside. We will not enforce this during worship & the word (2 Cor 3:18-18) but still encourage mask wearing as much as possible while inside.
- If you are sick please stay home and join us **online**. Let us know as well so we can pray for you!
- So not really much change from how we have already been operating.
- We pray that God would be with us, that He would bless our time together with His presence, that we can encounter the Holy Spirit as we worship in Spirit & Truth, and that the world would know we are His disciples because of the love we have for one another (Jn 13:35)!

Let us know if you have ANY Questions!

PS - Since I keep a close eye on the **SM County data** we did foresee us going into the purple tier. We should be encouraged that the death-rate for Covid has been steadily dropping since March (even during other spikes) and is currently at its lowest of 1.2% (it was ~3% in March and has steadily decreased to 1.2%. Fatal cases / SM population = 0.022%).

(current SMC hospital data):

Currently Hospitalized COVID-19 Patients	Confirmed	<b>Resource</b>			
<b>44</b>	44	<b>In Use</b>	<b>Available</b>	<b>Total</b>	
	Suspect	Acute Care Beds	345	59	404
	0	Acute Care Surge Beds	0	108	108
		ICU Beds	60	9	69
		ICU Surge Beds	0	88	88
		Ventilators	22	79	101

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For Such a Time as This,  
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