



Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup> 2020

## **Covid-19 Update #3**

Dear Church Family,

Things move fast when we are in Pandemic Stage! I am sorry I have to write this letter to you all so soon but our Government has moved to another level of social distancing that is mandatory for us to follow. As I have stated, we will take every piece of advice and also implement the strategies handed down by our governments to handle the ever changing situation. Today's announcement of changes effects this Sunday's service. Therefore, we will need to implement the following points immediately. Please be aware that this is not ideal and I am not asking you to stay away from church but am simply implementing the changes as they come. These are;

- Our facility can only operate with a maximum of 50 people. Therefore, we will cap our Sunday services, both 8:30am and 10:30am to 45 people. Our Pastors and Ushers will operate as per letter yesterday but we must lock our doors at 45 people. As stated yesterday, I do not want to turn away seekers, therefore the Pastors will execute wisdom in this and allow visitors who are genuinely seeking. I have also asked our Pastors to take the time to pray with you if you arrive and find the doors locked.
- Our Children's Ministry will be open from 10:15am and I will ask that you take your kids there straight away and sign them in. We will operate a separate program for the kids in the 10:30 service meaning we can accommodate 45 adults in the main auditorium.
- We must practice social distancing. This means we need to keep 1.5m minimum between each other in the seats. If an Usher or a Pastor or Elder asks you to move please smile at them, thank them and oblige. They will feel awkward enough about having to ask you.
- Straight after the service you will be asked to go outside to have your tea or coffee. We will be using disposable cups from now until further notice. Please use good hygiene etiquette while at church. Wash your hands, use the sanitizers provided and no handshakes, hugs or kisses. ☺
- You are more than welcome to stay and talk outside and get your fellowship fix during the 10:30 service, but please be aware that you will not be allowed back into the auditorium. We will keep the rear door open for the toilets. May I ask that you exit via the side gate when you leave thank you.
- If you are a GROW Group Host, Ps James and Amy will be in contact with you shortly. Can I urge you to open your home to your group and host them for church on Sunday? Can I ask you to log in to the live stream and comment who is in attendance and follow along as we have church together? We will be implementing some exiting things here but please contact your group and invite them over this Sunday. You are their shepherd in this time. Please encourage them, pray for them and lead them to Jesus.

As you can probably tell, I am writing this letter in a hurry. I want to alert you all as soon as I can. I thank you all for your openness in this time and for your prayers as we navigate this difficult season. I do not want to lose any of our momentum and together in unity we will prevail.



Yesterday's letter brought a little confusion to our people at Barnabas House. I want to be clear, the sub points in that letter referring to residential care was more in line with the context of people above 60 years of age. This is referring to people in nursing homes and the like. I will be talking to Jeremy and Cat and Felix next week about seeing the Barnabas Grow Group meet on the Sunday Morning at the Admin Building. I think this will be a great opportunity for the Kingdom.

Lastly, thank you for being the awesome church you are! I am privileged to lead such a wonderful group of people.

You are constantly in our prayers,

*Yours in the faith,*

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