



Maranatha

BIBLE CHURCH

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Dear MBC Family,

As I am sure you all know, the COVID-19 or Coronavirus has been in the news quite a bit as of late. So, how are we to respond to this “Media Frenzy” from a Biblical perspective? To begin with, we need to turn to Scripture. We need to remember that in Matthew 6:25-34 Jesus points to God’s love and care for us, telling us that we have no need to be worried about life and death. We also see in Hebrews 9:27 that a time has been appointed by God for each of us to die and worrying will not change that at all. In Philippians 4:6-7, Paul reminds us to be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving to let our requests be made known to God. And the peace of God which surpasses comprehension, will guard our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

We must approach this issue with those Biblical truths in mind. The Coronavirus is not a serious risk to most of us; however, it may pose a more serious risk to those with compromised immune systems. Therefore, we want to be wise and responsible in how we respond to this issue. As a leadership team, we do not think the best course of action at this time is to cancel church; however, out of love for our neighbors who may be at risk, we want to be wise. There are several steps we can take to ensure the safety of the body at MBC. First of all, pray. Also, there are some basic precautions that can be implemented. As you come to church on Sunday or for any other event during the week (Awana, men’s and women’s classes etc.), please remember the following:

Wash your hands often, avoid shaking hands, be sure to cover your mouth when you cough or sneeze, and do not use the drinking fountain. Hand sanitizer will be available at various areas throughout the church.

The bulletins will be placed on the table at the bottom of the stairs. The handrails and doorknobs will be frequently wiped down with sanitized wipes. The library will be closed.

We also encourage those over 75 (due to the greater mortality rate) as well as anyone with underlying health issues (including compromised immune systems), and individuals who are ill, prone to illness, or have sick children, to watch online.

Coffee / cookies or other snacks will not be served for the next two weeks to avoid any possibility of cross-contamination through refreshments being served.

The offering plates will not be passed for the next two weeks. There will be a box available on the table at the bottom of the stairs for your offering.

Remember, God is sovereign in everything, and we can trust Him. We know that worry is a sin and that loving our neighbor is a virtue. This is a wonderful opportunity to put into practice the things we are learning in the series on the one another’s. Show your love to others in the body by serving them during this time. On behalf of the Elder team at MBC, we love you and thank you for the privilege of being your elders. You are all in our prayers.

Maranatha Bible Church Elder Team