

Letter from Pastor

To: The Fellowship at First Christian Church Aransas Pass

Topic: Preparing Just in Case

As most of you know; the news headlines are all about COVID- 19 (corona virus).

The Purpose of this communication is to let you know that we are being proactive in our response to help protect our congregation and the community. According to officials, the vast majority of people who contract it will experience a relatively mild illness. Please note, more than 80% of people who contract COVID-19 will experience a relatively mild illness and are able to self-treat with over-the-counter medicine at home. The primary concern for exposure is for the elderly and/or those with preexisting health conditions.

**Best practices for avoiding exposure and protecting yourself from contracting COVID-19 are:**

- Wash hands regularly and rigorously, especially when eating, and try not to touch your face.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- If sick, stay home.
- Cover your mouth when you cough or sneeze.

#### **Church Service**

We are taking measures to communicate and also to ensure the safest environment for our weekend service. We are working on the following.

1. We have installed an Ultraviolet air treatment system in AC/Heating systems to kill airborne bacteria. (Kills up to 99% of bacteria, mold and viruses)
2. There will be designated ushers at every entrance and exit to open/close the doors to minimize touching of doors. Think of it as someone serving as you enter.
3. We have ordered individually sealed communion cups with juice and wafers. (due in April)
4. We will begin collecting the donations via a lock box at exit of church. (no longer passing the plates) Due in April
5. There will be hand sanitizer stationed at all entryways and soap dispensers in restrooms.
6. We have asked our custodian to come in and disinfect all possible touch points every Saturday prior to Sunday morning service.
7. We will NOT be greeting or passing the peace by handshake—
8. FINALLY, for elderly or those with other health factors, you might consider remaining at home and enjoying the service on the churches Facebook page via live Streaming Video - YouTube
9. I would ask those who are sick to please stay home which is good for them and good for the congregation.
10. I would encourage those who are concerned to also feel free to stay home.

David