

Greeting Church Body from your Lead Pastor;

As many of you may be aware, many of the various governor's from across the country, including Texas' own governor, have begun phases of reopening cities, states, and countries. This is for many reasons, including the desire to see people return to jobs and the economy try to grow. As Amarillo's agencies, businesses, restaurants, and Churches begin to reopen, we at CHC want you to know, that we have been planning and longing for the moment that we can be in "Live Fellowship" again. However, at no time are we willing to risk our congregants by exposing them to this pandemic un-necessarily.

You may be aware that Amarillo cases of Corvid 19 virus are still increasing and have not yet plateaued, much less achieved the desired 14 days of decline. (These are guidelines that are in place from the CDC and should be followed when possible.) We understand and know that although these numbers may continuously vary, the likelihood of them decreasing soon is low. It is due to these facts, guidelines, and overall safety of our congregation that we have decided that we are not ready to open our doors, as of yet. We had high hopes of opening our doors Mother's Day weekend at the latest, but unfortunately do not see that to be in the best interest of our church congregation or community.

First and foremost, although we are putting off the gathering of our congregation for live worship for a few more weeks, this does not mean we are acting out of a **place of fear**, rather we are strategically planning our re-open to comply with guidelines set forth by our city, state, and national leaders, all of whom we trust immensely in their decision making.

We are under no false illusions that the reopening of our Church needs to happen, with no less than a complete structured plan that includes, social distancing (whatever the guidelines are at the time of re-opening), possible restrictions to the total numbers of congregants in each service, and a new and increased stress on cleanliness and sanitization. We believe that by pushing out our opening date, we will have sufficient time to stress each one of these points and communicate them properly to all individuals involved.

We desire to have continued and improving communication with all CHC attenders, whether in person or online and look forward to the days of personal contact that we have missed so much.

As your Pastor I want the best for you and have made this decision based on the best intelligence and information I can gather. Not everyone will be happy with the delayed opening, but we will all rejoice once together again and all of us are alive.

Yours in Service,

Lead Pastor Craig