

Dear FCBC Walnut Family and Friends,

While our faith remains firmly grounded upon Christ, the COVID-19 situation continues to develop rapidly. As Christians, our response must include faith and wisdom. The nature of this virus is such that we can be carriers without knowing it. So, while we should not fear disease, we must “love our neighbor” by taking preventative measures. Based on reports from government agencies, school districts, local health authorities, and the response of other credible evangelical churches, **the pastoral staff has decided to suspend all worship services and on-campus ministries, effective today (March 12, 2020) until further notice.**

Through every trial and tribulation, Jesus promises that his Church will prevail. Let us continue to be the Body of Christ and connect with each other on other platforms. The pastoral staff is committed to continue the ministry of God’s word through media.

A pre-recorded sermon video with a links to worship songs will be emailed weekly, so that worship and the ministry of God’s Word can continue off campus. Some fellowships may continue through livestream or online platforms.

ALL ministries that meet on campus are temporarily suspended until further notice (effective now):

- All Sunday Services and Sunday School Classes
- Wednesday Prayer Meeting
- Friday Night Ministries: AWANA, GAP, Unikoi, TURF
- Fellowships: In-Transit, Elderly
- Sports: Basketball, Badminton, Ping Pong
- Community/Small Groups that meet on the church campus
- ESL

Ministries may continue off campus at the discretion of department/group leaders

- Community/Small Group Leaders may suspend gathering at their discretion
- Department officers may cancel smaller offsite events at their discretion

Remember that our sovereign LORD is the personal sustainer of all of life. Pray for the sick and those affected around the world. Pray for God’s healing to bring COVID-19 to an end.

“Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.”
(Matthew 6:9-13)

FCBCW Pastoral Staff
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親愛的眾教會弟兄姊妹和朋友：

雖然新冠狀病毒疫情變化迅速，但我們仍堅定的信靠我們的主耶穌基督。作為神的兒女，我們必須以信心和智慧來回應現在的情況。現在新冠狀病毒如何傳播並不很明朗，每一個人都可以在不知情下成為了一個帶菌者。因此，一方面我們不要因病毒的猖獗而害怕，但另一方面，我們必須因著「愛我們的鄰舍」的原故，積極地執行預防的措施。依據政府機關、學區、地區管理機關和其他我們所信任福音派教會的報告，**教牧同工一致決定暫停所有主日崇拜和在教會舉行的聚會/事工。**

我們的主耶穌應許，祂的教會要勝過每一個試煉和患難。讓我們作為基督的肢體繼續彼此關顧，用各樣的方式來聯絡，彼此代禱激勵。教會牧者們仍會繼續服事弟兄姊妹的需要，也會透過不同的媒體，繼續傳講神話語。

教會會有錄製好的講道視頻和敬拜音樂連線，每週通過電郵發送給弟兄姊妹。雖然不是在教堂裏，但敬拜和神話語的工作是不會停止的。一些團契也許會繼續以其他網路和媒體來聚會。

所有在教會舉行的事工都會暫停 (從今天 3/12 開始)，往後會通知聚會的恢復。

- 所有主日崇拜和主日學
- 週三晚禱告會
- 週五晚事工：小孩團契 AWANA，初中和高中團契 GAP, Unikoi，大學團契 TURF
- 其他團契：英語職青團契 In-Transit 和長者團契
- 體育活動：籃球、羽毛球和乒乓球
- 所有在教會舉行的各小組
- 新移民英語會話班

一些在教會以外舉行的事工將由組長或部門的總管來作決定：

- 英語社區小組 / 各語言小組組長可以自由決定是否要繼續聚會
- 各部門職員可決定是否繼續在教會以外舉行小型的活動

請記得，我們的神仍在掌權，祂是生命的主。祂看顧祂的兒女，每一樣事情的發生都有祂的心意。請為那些生病的禱告，並記念各地區的疫情。求神憐憫醫治，並讓新冠狀肺炎能完全消除。

我們在天上的父：願人都尊你的名為聖。願你的國降臨；願你的旨意行在地上，如同行在天上。我們日用的飲食，今日賜給我們。免我們的債，如同我們免了人的債。不叫我們遇見試探；救我們脫離兇惡。因為國度、權柄、榮耀，全是你的，直到永遠。阿們

馬太福音 6:9-13

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