## Dear Rebuild Family Members & Friends,

Amid the growing concerns about the Coronavirus (COVID-19), I wanted to take a moment to reach out and assure you that we have and will continue in taking precautions to minimize its impact in our community. We have a plan in place for this situation, and we will continuously improve it based on the guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, as well as our local and state health departments.

\*\*\*Any news/updates/guidance provided to us from trusted sources that will help us in taking next steps as a church, will be communicated as quickly as possible, through any helpful communication medium.\*\*\*

Here are <u>3</u> key areas I would like us to think through in light of this current plight in our world:

## **Be Practical**

The health, wellness, & safety of our church and its members is a high priority & weekly concern for us. When attending our corporate gatherings, we encourage & appreciate you practicing the healthy guidelines that are always instructed by medical professionals, in an effort to help prevent the spread of all respiratory illnesses.

Washing hands thoroughly, sanitizing items (door handles, phones, etc) as often as possible, keeping recommended hand sanitizers in your possession, will aid us in minimizing this virus' impact. Click on this link to learn more of how you can enact practical safeguards for you, your family, and our community.

At Rebuild, we do our best to thoroughly clean and sanitize our meeting areas & equipment, in addition to what WGPC Facility Team provides. Our LB Team, Love Team, and others, devote extensive time and effort every week to ensure we are providing, to the best of our ability, safe & clean environments.

## **Be Prayerful**

The Scriptures have provided "divine strategies" for situations like this, most notably, **PRAYER**. Here are a few verses to guide your individual prayer times and for us to pray corporately:

- 2 Chronicles 6:28-31 = We're praying & believing that this will cause more people to walk in obedience and to fear THE LORD (this fear is a reverential, awe-inspiring, respect & acknowledgement of our HOLY & SOVEREIGN GOD.)
- 2 Chronicles 7:14-16 = We're praying & believing in this divine strategy THE LORD has provided in this passage to bring forth healing to our land, if we follow the steps HE has outlined in these verses.
- **James 5:13-16** = We see a very similar pattern in this passage that we see in 2 Chronicles 7. Another divine strategy to use to ward off the advancement of what we see here in our world.
- 2 Corinthians 10:3-5 = We have been granted a power, in HIS NAME, to deal with any challenges we face in our world. And this weapon has been granted to us by CHRIST and it is still effective today and worth praying.
- **John 15:1-8 & Psalm 23** = Abiding in CHRIST has much benefit that produces much fruit. All of our efforts in this fight need to be rooted in HIM and in HIM only. After all, HE made it clear that apart from HIM, we can do nothing and this should be our prayer posture.

## **Be Purposeful**

With the above verses in mind and the others that THE LORD will bring to your mind in prayer, please know that this is also a platform to display the trust, confidence, and hope we have in CHRIST and HIS Finished Work for us on The Cross. We can use this as an opportunity to get HIS GOOD NEWS out, as it appears that bad news is continuing to be spread. Remember, if GOD used 10 plagues to save and deliver HIS People back then, HE is still the same GOD who can do that with this plague as well.

Moreover, remember, "in a crisis	CHRIST is _		. "
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- Healer
- Redeemer
- Rescuer
- Peace
- Strength
- Joy
- And whatever else we need HIM to be in us and for us!

Lastly, please lean into the wisdom of **Proverbs 3:5-6**, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. 6 In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths."

**And Hebrews 10:39**, "But we are not of those who shrink back and are destroyed, but of those who have faith and preserve their souls."

Because, **2 Timothy 1:7** strengthens us, "For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind."

Be Practical, Be Prayerful, and Be Purposeful! Our posture is to be "biblically faithful & socially responsible" during this time.

Grace & Peace,

**Pastor Chuck**