



To our Celebration Family,

We've been closely tracking the news of the coronavirus (COVID-19) both locally and globally. While we know this virus is not that prominent in our area at this time and is primarily spread through close contact, we want to take precautionary measures to create a safe and healthy environment for us all to fellowship, study, and worship together throughout the upcoming weeks. Especially, in regards to the recent State Mandates now in effect.

Before we get into the details of the plans, I want to speak first to our posture as Christ-followers. For many, the spread of this virus has caused fear and anxiety. Scripture is clear that God has given us a 'spirit of love', not fear. Our prayer is that we would sense 'peace that surpasses understanding' (Philippians 4:7), in the midst of these circumstances. These are exactly the kind of situations our Christian life, Faith, and walk with God are designed for. Where our 'Faith' becomes evident. However, this does not mean we should be careless or reactionary; rather, may we work together with wisdom to serve our church and community in a way that demonstrates trust in our Lord & God who is in control. We are praying for the many people, communities, and nations that have already been deeply affected by this virus and for those who are working to stop its spread.

We are constantly monitoring updates from the Governor, CDC, and not just the TV 'media'. In response, we have developed a precautionary plan. This plan will be adapted, changed, and adjust based on a number of factors. But as of March 20, 2020, ***all in-house Sunday Services will be cancelled and moved to our online website outreach ministry via streaming.*** These are the precautions we are taking to be socially responsible and increase health measures and mitigate the spreading of germs. ***Stay tuned to our Church App and Website as all of our weekly events will be streamed or moved to our YouTube TV Channel.*** Please continue to support your Celebration church to ensure our ability to continue to serve our local community, international outreach and rebound from this pandemic.

## OFFERINGS

We ask that you please give your tithe and offerings online. Click [here](#) to visit our secured online giving web page. Contributions may be dropped off at the church office or be placed in the giving boxes at the entrance of our facility.

## YOUTUBE.LIVE SERVICE

Please join us for our Live Streaming of our service by watching in our church App downloadable in both the Google Play Store and the Apple App Store. You may also watch from your computer or tablet online at. [www.OrangeCountyFellowship.org/](http://www.OrangeCountyFellowship.org/) We will stream live a worship service each Sunday at 10 am and we will also have Kingdom Kidz Ignite, .

We encourage you to take some time to understand proper prevention measures to avoid spreading the virus. Remember that not all news programming is accurate. Here are some of the basic measures listed on the CDC website:

- **Please stay home if you are not feeling well.** If you or your child has a fever or other flu/cold symptoms, we are asking that you please keep them home as well.
- **Avoid close contact with people who are sick.**
- **Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.**
- **Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue,** then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Maintain proper hygiene by thoroughly **washing your hands for at least 20 seconds with soap and water.** Scrub like you just cut up jalapeño peppers and you're about to put in your contact lenses! If soap and water are not readily available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.

Here at Celebration, we will be vigilant and watchful, but we will not be fearful! We are making these preparations not out of a spirit of fear, but out of an abundance of caution. We realize these are uncertain days for everyone, but one thing we are certain of: God is a Sovereign God and He is watching over us and He will get us through this. The Bible reminds us, ***“For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, and self-discipline.”*** (2 Timothy 1:7).

I hope to see you soon!

God's best to you,

Rev. Shell Sampson, Lead Pastor

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