

Dear Church Family,

In these times, let us be reminded of the grace and peace that we find in the continued presence of Christ. With the efforts to slow and minimize the spread of COVID-19, we are in some uncharted waters and everything can change rapidly. We want to make you aware that we are constantly monitoring incoming information. We will communicate to you any major changes to our worship activities we feel necessary to promote the health and safety of our worshippers, as well as those in our community.

**WORSHIP/PRECAUTIONS:** We will continue to worship without fear but with prayerful wisdom. At this point, we are preparing to worship this Sunday at our usual time with some minor adjustments. We will forgo our usual greeting time after announcements and encourage people to avoid direct contact with others. We will also have a collection area for tithes and offerings to be dropped off as people leave the sanctuary. As always, we will continue to have hand sanitizer available in the foyer for use before and after the service.

We are encouraging those that have any symptoms or that are more susceptible and at risk of illness to remain at home for their protection and the protection of others. Please know that we are also preparing worship alternatives in case we find it prudent to temporarily suspend our corporate worship in the future. We will also be periodically sharing helpful information on our Facebook page and the church website ([corynazarene.org](http://corynazarene.org)).

**BEING THE CHURCH:** It is in difficult times that the church has the opportunity and responsibility to show the love of Christ and be the hands, feet, and voice of God to a broken and hurting world. Let us be wise and not anxious. We offer the following considerations as we move through these uncharted waters:

- How can we, the church, lead and be a comforting and compassionate presence to our community in these times?
- How will we contribute to a reasonable and wise response and not contribute to panic knowing that we have a God that is in control?
- What can we do for each other and our neighbors to show love, compassion, and service?
- Are you praying?
  - Pray for wisdom and discernment for our church in the decisions that are and will be made concerning these issues.
  - Pray for God's intervention that will limit the spread and impact of COVID-19 to our world.
  - Pray for those individuals that will be directly impacted by this illness (physically, financially, and by grief)
  - Pray that fear will be replaced with hope.
  - Pray for our leaders (President, Congress, State and Local Officials, School Officials, other churches).
  - Pray for our health care workers that will be "in the fire" and often carry a greater burden at these times.
  - Pray that we be faithful and find opportunities to share the good news of Jesus Christ and show the love of Christ to those that do not know him.
  - Let us not be distracted and continue to pray for the other needs in our church and our community. The previous pain, grief, sickness, and challenges of life do not rest with the introduction of something new.

We are thankful for each of you and we want you to know that you are loved by your church family and by Almighty God. You are not alone and we have a loving God that is in all things.

Blessings  
Pastor Pat