

To Northwest Baptist Church,

Recently, we made a statement in response to the Covid-19 virus. As the spread has increased and events have unfolded, we must all make adjustments in consideration to the well being of our wonderful church and families.

The federal government, state government, city government, county government, and health officials are working tirelessly to flatten the curve and impact the effect of this outbreak by limiting the number of people allowed in all assemblies. The Leavenworth County officials have released an Emergency Health Order, moving all of its community to **cancelling group events and gatherings of more than 10 people**. There is no exemption in this order for "religious gatherings" as there was in the previous State Governor's Executive Order.

These critical adjustments are necessary for the safety of everyone in our church, our families, and our community. In an effort to cooperate with our county officials, we can help to mitigate this virus. By no means do we believe our government is trying to control or infringe upon our Biblical rights. Submitting to authority and sacrificing for the good of others is obeying the Word of God, as detailed in Romans 13.

As a result, our church services for the rest of March will be moved to an online access only. This includes Sunday school and regular services. **Beginning Wednesday night, March 18, we will begin this unprecedented, yet necessary format.** You have three options by which to join us in our services. You can access the service livestream via the church's Facebook page, you can watch the service later via the church's website at <u>www.nwbaptistks.org</u>, or you can go to the church's website and download the app to listen to the service.

As a reminder, you can also give of your tithes, missions support, and offerings at the church website as well. If you have any questions about how to access these options, feel free to call the church at (913) 682-2993.

This format will be challenging, possibly awkward, and yet we believe it to be necessary for the best interest of all. Our target date to be back to our regular church life is April 1.

I trust that the preaching and teaching of God's Word, as you watch together with your family, will be a source of encouragement and spiritual growth. It is through this time that we need to be determined, edifying, and prayerful. Even though our church family will not be together during this time, God is still on His throne. He is still working. He is still in control. His Word will still be preached, and you can still listen.

Thank you for praying, for understanding, for cooperating, for encouraging, and for helping as we continue to "Follow Christ" in 2020.

God Bless, Pastor Tad Legros

