



## Coronavirus (Covid-19) Response Plan March 12, 2020

Dear Waxhaw Bible Family,

We love and appreciate each and every one of you all very much. We also love this community that God has called us to- Waxhaw, Mineral Springs, and Union County. We are also standing in complete trust in our Sovereign God who reigns over all. As followers of Christ, we are bought with a price that ensures our eternal place with our Savior, Jesus Christ. With that eternal perspective and by the power of the Holy Spirit, He grants us peace that passes all understanding and freedom from fear and anxiety. One special characteristic of WBC is our treasured population of people 60 and over (between 25 & 30% of our local fellowship) as well as many people who are, at one level or another, immune-compromised. Because of the love God has shown us, which we are to show our community, and in respect of the State of North Carolina's request not to gather with more than 100 people, we have decided to alter the schedule this Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup>.

### **Our Plan:**

- Pray for our community and the world and for the Gospel to prosper and God's glory to be seen. Pray for peace, grace, patience, and wisdom.
- Cancel Sunday School and AWANA (March 15<sup>th</sup>).
- Worship together (March 15<sup>th</sup>) via Livestream (instructions to follow).
- Postpone our scheduled Family Meeting (Date TBD).
- Continue to increase our efforts to clean our facility and regularly disinfect surfaces, door handles, etc. Thankfully, for months our cleaning staff has been diligent in ensuring a clean environment on our campus.
- Minimize regular gatherings of large sizes on the church campus.
- Continue to operate regular office hours with church staff for the foreseeable future.
- Increase our online presence (Facebook and website) to stay connected as a community.
- Reevaluate with church leadership next week regarding our plan moving forward.

### **Things you can do:**

- Please notify the church if you or someone you have come in contact with has contracted the virus, so we can be proactive in assisting our community.
- Clean frequently touched surfaces and objects daily.
- Restrict contact if you, or anyone in your family, has traveled to or through one of these areas with Local Transmission: 1. *Japan, Italy, China, South Korea, Thailand, Singapore, Hong Kong, Taiwan.* 2. *In USA: New York, Washington, Oregon, California*
- Stay vigilant with your healthcare and hygiene (whether or not you display symptoms).

- If you or anyone in your family exhibit symptoms (dry cough, fever, exhaustion), stay home and get in contact with your medical professional.
- Considering it's allergy season, if you have a cough or need to sneeze, do so in a tissue and throw it out or sneeze in your elbow, if you must.
- Wash your hands regularly (for at least 20 sec) with soap, especially after coughing, sneezing, using public handles (doors, gas pumps, etc.), or the restroom.
- When out in public, do your best to be kind and courteous to the neighbors in our community, but consider a friendly smile, wave, or another way to greet them as opposed to a hug or handshake.
- Do your best to not touch your face.
- For this particular virus, it appears children (0-19) are not being heavily hit but may be carriers, so limiting close contact between children and the elderly is recommended.
- Join us for our Worship Livestream Sunday at 10:45 am. There are two ways to do this:
  - Log in to your personal Facebook account and navigate to the church Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/WaxhawBibleChurch/>
  - Or, go to <https://www.waxhawbible.org/ministries/worship-ministries/wbc-facebook-live/> and watch through your preferred internet browser.
  - Because we won't be gathering together there are a few ways you can continue to give.
    - Online Giving: <https://www.waxhawbible.org/online-giving/>
    - Mail your check to the church office (6810 Pleasant Grove Road Waxhaw, NC 28173)
    - During regular business hours (9:00 am-4:00 pm) throughout the week, feel free to drop off your gift.
- Take advantage of your time at home by accessing all of the wonderful content on RightNow Media ([www.rightnowmedia.org](http://www.rightnowmedia.org)). If you don't have access you can acquire that on our website at <https://www.waxhawbible.org/sermons-media/rightnowmedia/>

We are grateful for your flexibility, grace, and understanding in this unique season as we strive to best shepherd and care for the well-being of our church body and the community at large. Please join us in prayer for our community and those affected by this virus and, ultimately, for God to receive glory in these uncertain times. Please feel free to email or call us with any questions. We will continue to notify you and update throughout the days ahead with further guidance and direction.

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Working together in the Gospel,

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