***Hey M4C Family!!!***

Just a quick note to update you on a few changes for this coming weekend, March 22nd at M4C. Like most of you, the Elders have been watching, praying, seeking counsel, praying, reading recommendations for public gatherings...and praying! We have held conference calls every evening this week to consult and pray about how M4C moves forward during this unprecedented time.

As I shared last Sunday, we have been preparing to offer an online/digital service just in case. As most of you have heard, our nation’s President, as well as the Governor of Idaho have requested public gatherings be limited to 10 people, while the Center of Disease Control and Prevention has set 50 as the protocol with several guidelines for safety. These numbers have changed often in the past few days.

The Leadership team concluded that for safety reasons, as well as respect for our leaders and concern for our community, we would adjust our services for this Sunday. **Our traditional 10:30 service will be recorded and placed on the M4C website and the M4C Facebook page as a video, including some time of worship, reflection and prayer, a message from Pastor Andy and a general encouragement to us all.** The normal elements of our weekly celebrations will be there, it’s just going to look a bit different.

We wrestled with the idea of closing our doors physically on Sunday morning. After prayer and discussion we determined the size of our facility would allow us to open our doors and offer any who wished (and are cold/cough/sneeze free) the opportunity to come to the church, spend some time with a few of our volunteers in prayer and fellowship at tables arranged in the Worship Center with strategically separated areas for groups of 10 or fewer and have communion available as well.

**M4C will be open on Sunday from 9am-12noon in an Open House Format**. Those who choose to are welcome to come and go as you like, and this way we can control the flow and numbers coming in and honor and comply with the requested safety guidelines. The leaders and a few volunteers will be here from 9am-12noon to offer this opportunity to come and pray, fellowship and have community in addition to the service offered online.

We will love and honor and respect those who choose to stay home and those who choose to come. These are days when we all must stay in the no-judgement zone!!! Our greatest concern is we stay safe and stay connected, through video, small groups, telephone, text-messages, email, etc.

We understand that change is never easy, and we dislike it as much as everyone but we are convicted that God’s Church and His people will lead the way in being proactive in caring for and serving each other and our community and we pray these plans will be used by our Lord as a way to do just that.

One of our elders shared a thought that came while praying the other day, “When you are told a hurricane is coming your way, you do everything you can to prepare and be ready to protect your loved ones and your property. Sometimes the hurricane might alter its path and miss you, but you prepare, nevertheless because failing to do so is just being careless.

These men love you and together we are doing our very best to prepare our church for the storm, yet provide the tools and resources needed: emotionally, physically and spiritually. Thank you all for the prayers and know we are praying for you all!

Hear my heart and remember my very first message shared with you on August 12, 2018 when I asked the question, “Do UCUR (you see you are) the Church?” I walked you through Romans 12:9-16 and let me remind you of what I shared with you that day.

***It’s not your church, it’s not my church, it not even our church…it is His, it’s God’s Church****. We just happen to be the children of God who gather to worship, learn, serve and live life together here at Mini-Cassia Community Christian Church.*

*Trust me in this…Every day…if God wills…the sun will come up and this church, not the building…but this church, the individuals God has brought together as broken people, who have been and are being healed and renewed and strengthened with the mercy and grace that only God can give… this church will continue to come together, to worship, pray, fellowship and serve together for HIS glory…until He comes again whether it’s at 720 J Street or not!*

***That is HIS plan and purpose…for the church.***

Throughout the history of God’s Children from Genesis to now, God’s Church has adapted, adjusted and thrived in the face of challenges and obstacles and we believe that is just as true today as it always has been!

**We will continue to monitor and communicate with you and be watching for messages on the remind app, through email, the M4C Facebook page and on the church website: m4cchurch.org**

On top of the homepage of the website you’ll find a new tab labeled **INFO**. Click on that for updates and new information and resources we are developing for you to use at home and with your friends.

If you would like to volunteer to help us on Sunday morning, please contact Andy or Jacob and most of all, keep praying, trusting and believing!!!

***As crazy as the past few weeks have been...I love sharing life with you!***

***Pastor Andy***

PS: We have volunteers who will pick up and deliver grocery and pharmacy orders for those who need to stay close to home or shouldn’t be out in contact with others, so please call or text Pastor Andy 208-308-1620 or Pastor Jacob 208-286-6433 for more information or if you know someone who needs this or any other service!