

## Emmanuel Baptist Church COVID-19 Update: 3/17/20

Last week we made drastic alterations to our church and school operations in order to comply with guidelines set forth by federal, state, and local authorities. Yet in these ongoing efforts to stop and/or control the spread of the COVID-19 virus, the governor of Indiana has set forth a lower toleration for public gatherings to be no more than 50. Additionally, yesterday, President Trump recommended that no more than 10 people gather together for the next 15 days.

In an effort to comply with the recommendations of our civil authorities and to honor our Divine Authority, we are adjusting our operations at Emmanuel Baptist Church to ensure the safety and wellbeing of our church family as follows:

1. We will not be holding our Wednesday or Sunday evening services on site. Instead, we will stream all our services on Facebook Live.
2. We will have an onsite service on Sunday morning at 10:45 that will be split between the auditorium, chapel, and gym (all abiding by the 50-person capacity limit.) There will not be a nursery or any children's program.
  - a. We recommend that, if possible, please stay home and watch all the services online.
  - b. If you are sick, older, or have been around others who are sick, please stay home and watch all services online.
  - c. If you would like to give a tithe or love offering, you may use any of the following options: 1) the DONATION button at the bottom of the church website (ebcsh.org) for online donations, 2) send it in the mail or drop it off at the church office throughout the week, 3) making automated donations through your banking system.
3. We are cancelling our regular onsite activities for the next 2 weeks (April 1), or until further notice. The bridal shower for Tiffany Brewer will be rescheduled hopefully for the middle of April, hopefully.
4. We will not have organized visitation or Operation Saturation until further notice. However, everyone is encouraged to seize the God-given opportunities to be a witness for Christ.
5. We will be keeping regular office hours throughout the week at the church (Monday-Friday 8:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.).
6. Please be in continued prayer for our country, our elected officials, healthcare providers, church family, and the people who are sick.
7. As we have this isolated time at home and a slowed pace from outside distractions, remember what the psalmist said in Psalms 46:10, *"Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth."* Remember that God is still God and He is working even through the most difficult situations. Trust and rest in Him.