



Brothers & Sisters in Christ:

Regarding the cancellation of meetings relating to this COVID-19 outbreak, and the guidelines set forth by state and federal authorities, we do so prayerfully, depending fully on the grace and mercy of God, and the full counsel of His word in making these arrangements.

Though for a season we may not enjoy face-to-face preaching and fellowship, nor the breaking of bread together, let us all continue steadfast in the Word, in prayer, and in hearty fellowship according to such methods the modern age provides. And let us look with anticipation toward the timely restoration of the smiles and embraces of our dear brothers and sisters, also, the blessed, lively preaching of Jesus Christ, in full assembly, and the breaking of bread together, in pot-luck fellowship, and also in that holy communion of the Lord's Supper.

In the short, God willing, interim, let's seek opportunities to care for one another, certainly in prayer and encouraging conversation, and also, as prudent, in personal service.

We quote Elder Lloyd Wilkinson on the subject of refraining from assembly at this time:

"As Christians and Bible believers, we want to follow God's word as closely as we can. God tells us to not forsake assembling together. He also gives us leaders to protect us and keep us safe. We should obey them. We have to use wisdom and balance these two commandments. This last weekend, the CDC asked for us to avoid gatherings of more than 50 for the next 4 weeks. Monday President Trump asked for us to not have gatherings of more than 10 for the next 15 days. This is a different situation than if the government was telling us we could not gather for worship and it was just directed at the church. Then we should obey God and not man. This is not that situation. This is a matter of us showing each other the love Jesus commanded. In this case, we are loving our elderly brothers and sisters most by staying home and not spreading this virus that can be deadly for them."

Brethren, let us pray that this season be short, and that we may soon be able to come together in the house of Lord.

"For a day in thy courts is better than a thousand."