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Official Statement on COVID-19 (Updated)

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Dear Victory Community,

I want to update you on what's happening at Victory in light of the recent recommendations from our state and local health departments regarding the coronavirus (COVID-19). Like you, I've been following this evolving story with great concern. I've also reached out to local city officials and spoken with several other pastors in the area to gain perspective on how to best move forward. Please read through this entire letter as it contains detailed plans for keeping our campus safe and how you can help.

At this time, officials are recommending closure of events and gatherings of over 250 people. Because our service attendance is rarely above this number, Victory will remain open, and we will continue to have services this Sunday, as well as mid-week classes and group meetings as scheduled. If local and state health officials do recommend closure, or we determine it is in the best interest of our Victory community to close, we will inform everyone to the best of our abilities through our website, emails, and social media.

We will continue to implement sanitization protocols to protect you while you are at Victory, as well as adjustments to our services to reduce contact between people. These precautions include:

- Cleaning and sanitizing frequently-touched surfaces throughout our Ministry Center between and after service;
- Refraining from handing out worship folders;
- Moving all food and beverages to the Victory Café counter, to be served by a member of our Café team with clean, gloved hands;
- Refraining from shaking hands or otherwise coming in contact with one another during the meet-and-greet (choosing instead to use a wave or smile to greet those around us);
- Offering Communion in single-serve packets, rather than in communal dishes; and
- Placing offering baskets at the usher stands on the way out of the worship space for people to place offerings, prayer cards, and connection cards. If you'd prefer, you can always submit online connection cards or give online at **votl.life**.



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As a reminder, please be mindful of the guidance from the Centers for Disease Control, including:

- Stay home when you are sick or feeling under the weather.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom; before eating; and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing. To help you ensure you've washed your hands sufficiently, say the Lord's Prayer or sing the ABCs while washing your hands.
- Avoid contact with those who are sick.
- If you have a suppressed immune system or are otherwise in a high-risk category for infection, we encourage you to stay out of large groups and watch out for your health and safety.

If you, for whatever reason, decide to remain home during worship, we encourage you to stream our services on Sunday mornings. You will also be able to access archives of our messages online by Tuesday afternoons following each service. Both our live stream and archives can be accessed at **victoryofthelamb.com**.

As the week progresses and we receive further guidance from state and local health department officials, we will make determinations regarding offering in-person services for future weekends. However, we will always offer our services via live stream for you to be encouraged and inspired by the promises of God.

While we cannot control the virus, the spread, or the impact it has on our church, we're doing everything we can to make this campus as safe and clean as possible. We appreciate your cooperation and commitment to help us do just that. We must also remember that God has not called us to live in fear, but in faith. As the apostle Paul wrote in 2 Timothy 1:7, "For the Spirit of God does not make us timid, but gives us power, love, and self-discipline." My prayer is that God will fill us all with these three gifts, no matter what comes our way. Pray, not in fear, but in confidence that God answers your prayers and remains faithful to His promises.

In Christ,

Pastor Bill, Pastor Ben,
Staff, and Leaders at Victory of the Lamb