



## **Moving Forward**

Greetings, my Bethel Family!

I would like to encourage everyone to continue to practice safety regarding public gatherings, specifically in our case, church services at Bethel Church Choctaw. This week, Oklahoma City Mayor David Holt held a press conference relating to covid 19. Statistics show a rise in cases in Oklahoma, and the mayor strongly suggests that we return to taking safe precautions while in public.

*"With cases again on the incline, we all need to increase our level of individual precaution. We need to always remember that there is still a deadly virus at work in our community. Please, for your sake and the sake of those you love: Wash your hands, keep your distance, and wear your mask in public situations where social distancing is difficult."* - OKC Mayor David Holt

Some statistics seem to show that it is not as serious of a disease as it was in the beginning. Honestly, I do not know what statistics to believe, but I want for us to be vigilant with our precautions for our church services.

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Here are our recommendations:

- We are asking everyone to continue practicing social distancing.
- Leave 3 seats between family groups
- Do not sit directly in front of or behind another family group
- We cannot enforce the wearing of masks, but we suggest it
- Please wash your hands thoroughly and use the hand sanitizing stations in the lobby.

Please remember that there is NEVER a good reason to panic, live in fear, or be anxious. As Christians, we are going to end up victorious, regardless!

**I could suggest a few good websites that may give you statistics and great advice on how to live safely during this season, but there is a far greater resource that I want to recommend!**

Look up these scriptures and find the context of each one. Take notes and ask God to reveal something new to you.

- *John 16:33 "These things I have spoken to you, so that in Me you may have peace. In the world you have tribulation, but take courage; I have overcome the world."*
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- *Ephesians 6:10 "Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might."*
- *1 John 5:4 "For whatever is born of God overcomes the world; and this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith."*
- *1 Corinthians 15:57 "but thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."*
- *Romans 8:37 "But in all these things we overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved us."*
- *1 Peter 2:24 "and He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, so that we might die to sin and live to righteousness; for by His wounds you were healed."*

We are continuing to live stream our Sunday services at 10:30 A.M. for those that wish to attend church but stay home.

I sincerely love you all and I continuously pray for your physical health and more importantly your spiritual health.

If you have any questions, suggestions, or concerns, please call or text me any time about anything.

Pastor Jeff

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