

November 24, 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As you may already know, the Covid virus is spreading. In an effort to slow the spread, the state regulations have changed as of this week. One of the changes affects us as a church. Our Sunday attendance will be limited to 100 in a room at church. We have been averaging about 70 at the 8:30 service and 150 at the 11:00 service. In order to adhere to this new standard, the elders have prayerfully come up with the following procedure:

- The sanctuary will be set up to accommodate 100 people.
- Additional seating will be available in the foyer with properly distanced seats.
- There will be seating in the gym to accommodate any overflow from the foyer.
- People are required to wear a mask covering their nose and mouth when not seated.

We are very appreciative of the cooperation most all of you have displayed. We realize there is some disagreement on the necessity to wear a mask when not seated. In Romans 13:1-2 God tells us that He has set up governing authorities over us and the elders are honoring their obligation to obey those authorities as long as that obedience does not conflict with God's Word. In reference to your church leaders, God says in Hebrews 13:17, "Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you." Romans 12:10 says, "Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves." We demonstrate this love when we wear a mask even if we think it unnecessary because we are protecting another who believes it is necessary.

We pray that these regulations will be short lived. New vaccines are about to be distributed and improved treatment is now available to COVID patients. We praise God that to date no one at Faith Community Church has contracted the virus by attending our services. It is our desire and prayer that that continues.

As you all prepare for Thanksgiving, reflect on how much God has richly blessed us all. The elders pray you will have a wonderful and blessed Thanksgiving.

God Bless You All,

Your Elders