

The Christian and the Coronavirus

Luke 12:23-24 (NKJV)

23 Life is more than food, and the body is more than clothing. 24 Consider the ravens, for they neither sow nor reap, which have neither storehouse nor barn; and God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds?

Philippians 4:6-7 (NKJV)

6 Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God: 7 and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

While we stay informed about the matters of **influenza viruses** and **coronaviruses**, we stay prayerful about those and more. Concern is for everyone, but panic and fear are not to conquer the believer. With that in mind, consider the following:

1. Preparation is better than panic

- a. Arm yourself with accurate information.
- b. Keep a reasonable amount of food, water, and medicines in your home for any emergency.
- c. We are working diligently, as we do every week, to sanitize and clean the restrooms and other areas of the church.

2. Attendance is better than absence

- a. In times of crisis, CHURCH is not the place to take off of your list of places to go! Prayer and worship are vital to your well-being. The saints who assemble as the Word instructs us to are joined by the presence of the Lord in our midst.
- b. While the complete list of ways to transmit colds and viruses is not known, we are aware that certain practices will help you be comfortable:
 - A warm verbal greeting can replace a kiss.
 - A bump on the elbow instead of a handshake.

3. Good hygiene is very helpful

- a. Wash your hands regularly and use a paper towel to contact the restroom door handle. (Use your elbow if it is a push door)
- b. Cover your cough! Cough into a tissue and **dispose of it yourself**. Tissue boxes will be located throughout the sanctuary.

4. God is able above all else

- a. The records of His healing hand are too numerous to list.

2 Chronicles 7:14 King James Version (KJV)

14 If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.