

COVID-19 AND CHURCH ACTIVITIES

14 March 2020

Dear Revivalites,

Warm greetings in Jesus' name!

Context: With regards to the Covid-19 outbreak, be assured your church leadership takes it very seriously and is closely monitoring the situation which is constantly changing. Please pray along that we can be faithful to God's call to regular gatherings while giving due attention to the current potential of viral infection.

Evaluation criteria: Thus far, in our response to this viral threat, we have tried not to be presumptuous in faith to the point of recklessness. Neither do we want to be fearful to the point of faithlessness. At times like this, it's easy to be misled by false information and give in to panic and irrational fear. As God's people of faith, let's pray that we will always respond calmly in a way that is **biblical, factual and measured**. This means that as the situation changes for better or worse, we will respond accordingly. For this reason, please make sure you are on our contact list (WhatsApp or email) and check regularly the church website or Facebook for up to date announcements.

Sunday service: As for this **Sunday (15 March 2020)**, after careful consideration, we have decided to continue as usual but with a shorter service, including the Children ministries. This takes into account advisories from the National Evangelical Christian Fellowship (NECF), General Council of the Assemblies of God of Malaysia, clarification of the Prime Minister's speech last night, and various statements of the Ministry of Health and local newspapers.

This service is an option for people who choose to gather as encouraged by scripture. We do understand if those considered more vulnerable to Covid-19, like the elderly, or those with existing health conditions, or other personal reasons so choose to worship the Lord at home instead with family and friends. We will post a recorded version on the church's Facebook page (or send you a YouTube link) for your edification. You can also worship with your tithes and offerings through online giving.

Increased prevention procedures: Besides the usual health advisory (stay home if sick, no handshake, wash/sanitize hands regularly, self-quarantine etc), we will seek to raise the standard of sanitizing, and beginning tomorrow, there will be **temperature checks** at the entrance. As you know, such entrance checks are now normal in many parts of our city. Do come earlier to avoid unnecessary delay. Regretfully, those who have symptoms of cold/flu and have travelled will be not be allowed entry. Please rest at home and know that you are most welcomed when you have recovered. Thank you in advance for your social responsibility and Christian love. Be assured you will be in our prayers.

Future church activities: Please note that Sunday services on **22 March and 29 March** will not be held in our church premise but posted online via Facebook/Youtube. Those unfamiliar with this can call the office for assistance or join up with other church members to view together. Also, feel free to call if you need prayers. Our church offices will be opened as usual during the week. We will keep monitoring the situation and keep you updated on church activities beyond those dates.

Finally, as the flu bug is seasonal, we believe the Covid-19 outbreak, economic downturn, political uncertainties, resulting hardships are also seasonal. Let us as God's people continue to keep our trust in the Lord, hold onto his promises, and support one another. His grace is sufficient for us and together we shall prevail! Do remember in prayer our country, those afflicted, government and health authorities and frontline medical personnel.

Know that you are loved and not alone. May the Lord richly bless you and yours.

Your pastor,

Ronnie Chin