



From Greg's Desk

hey everyone....I sincerely hope that you all are doing very well & continue to grow in the Lord!!

This letter contains information regarding Sunday morning church services, Wednesday Night Family Nights, as well as any other meeting that will be held on the church grounds. We will talk about wrist bands & MASKS.

[This information will go into effect starting on Sunday, 7-19-20, and will continue until further notice.](#)

Everybody knows what is going on in our country & world right now and when you talk to people you will find opinions & thoughts that range the entire spectrum: some people are taking this pandemic very seriously, some people are concerned & cautious, and there are some that are more 'relaxed' in their approach to everything COVID19.

WE, at the OD, WANT TO BE A PLACE WHERE EVERYONE feels welcomed to come & worship. We recognize that there are some people in our congregation who do NOT want to be touched/hugged/ or shake hands during this time while others feel comfortable with all those things. For those that are cautious and want to continue to distance it can be hard to 'speak up' and share their concerns because they do not want to come across as rude or offensive.

THE OD wants to take a stand in the middle and let the congregants speak their voice. STARTING THIS SUNDAY we will have silicone wrist bands available that we want everyone to wear. There are 3 different colors that you can choose from to indicate where you are on the spectrum of social distancing & care/concern over this virus:

RED: *"Hi, I am Keeping My Distance."* **No Physical Contact**

YELLOW: *"Hi, I am OK With Talking While We Social Distance"* **No Physical Contact**

GREEN: *"Hi, I am OK With Hugs, Hi-5's, Everything"* **No Restrictions**

PLEASE BE RESPECTFUL OF WHATEVER COLOR SOMEONE CHOOSES 😊

REGARDING FACE-MASKS: we are NOT requiring that people wear facial coverings. We will have face masks available in the lobby if you would like one & we are asking that the staff of the OD wear a facial covering while walking/talking among the congregants.

We want to do these things FOR THOSE THAT STILL FEEL CAUTIOUS about coming to the OD during this pandemic.

We are called by Jesus Christ to put the interests of others ahead of our own and to "die to ourselves" for the sake of someone else. Jesus said that all the law and prophets can be summed up in two commands, "love God and love others.". These new policies are our attempt to do that!

We want ALL people to feel comfortable and welcomed at our church!

thanks everyone, looking forward to tomorrow: Pastor Greg