

Refreshing Springs Church
7719 LeSourdsville West Chester Road
West Chester, Ohio 45069
March 14, 2020

Action Plans in Response to the Coronavirus

Church services for Sunday, March 15, 2020 are cancelled due to the Coronavirus pandemic and the guidelines of the government and health authorities. Nevertheless, our trust and hope are in the Lord.

We will continue to monitor the situations and guidelines on an on-going basis and advise you accordingly. We believe we can still meet and be within the guidelines, however at this point we believe it's prudent for us to be cautious and help to minimize the risk contracting and or spreading of the virus. Further, we are taking extra precaution given a number of unrelated respiratory situations.

We invite you to connect for a 30 minute service on Sunday at 11am est in 1 of 3 ways:

1. Website www.refreshingspringschurch.org
2. Phone 319-527-4834
3. Facebook: Refreshing Springs Church of God, West Chester Ohio or the Facebook page of Sis. Michelle Johnson Wood

Thank God for the ministry of Sister Michelle that there are a number of followers so we are building on this connection for now. We encourage each person and family to continue to study and pray for your personal enrichment and pray the the world at large. Let us all read and meditate on I Corinthians chapter 13, Love is longsuffering and kind.

We are confident of the Lord's protection for his people and praying for your safety and good health. And while doing so, the Lord teaches us to watch as well as pray. Please follow the guidelines for personal health care and other procedures to help prevent and minimize the spread of the virus. It is very easy to under estimate a potential situation when you have not had a horrific experience. We can count it a "success" and a "blessing" if there are only a few cases and a minimum loss of life as a result of preventive measures and some personal inconveniences. Consider this, in 1918, just 102 years ago, there was an influenza pandemic that resulted in 50 to 100 million deaths in the world in a very short period of time (wide range due to lack of sophisticated information systems at the time). Hence, the focus on prevention.

Well, I've been asked, "if this situation is noted in the Bible." I do not see where this situation is specifically noted in the Bible but it is certainly within the realm of the Lord's word and warnings. The Apostle Paul notes that in the last days there would be perilous/dangerous times would come. God has indeed use diseases in time past to get man's attention and yet demonstrating his LOVE that many would heed his Word and live.

The Lord is gracious, and full of compassion; slow to anger and of great mercy. Ps 145:8

Sincerely,

Bishop Nathan Perry