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Greetings to all in Christ Jesus!

In response to rising concern over the Corona Virus, here is where we are right now...

First, God is still on His throne!

Second, as of today, Sunday morning worship services on March 15<sup>th</sup> are not canceled. Every reasonable precaution will be taken to make sure that we have a clean and safe worship environment. There will be no hugging or handshaking and other precautions such as covering coughs and sneezes will be expected.

However, please do not feel under any obligation or pressure to attend if you are uncomfortable doing so. Please use your best judgment when deciding to attend worship. Particularly those with any underlying health conditions. The US Center for Disease Control recently released this list of medical conditions that increase the risk of severe manifestation of Corona virus:

- Blood disorders
- Chronic kidney disease
- Compromised immune system
- Pregnancy
- Endocrine disorders (diabetes)
- Metabolic disorders
- Heart disease
- Lung disease
- Neurological conditions

**Bottom line, if you are at all feeling under the weather, we love you, but stay home!**

We will continue to evaluate the situation as it unfolds. For the time being, individual ministries may use their best discretion as to whether or not to cancel their regularly scheduled activities. Youth and children's ministry programming will take our lead from the Murphysboro school system. If they close down temporarily, we will as well.

Should there be any change in our response, we will communicate church-wide by email. In the meantime, let's all be in prayer.

*"For the Spirit God given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind." 2 Timothy 1:7*

Many blessings in Jesus' name!  
Pastor Danny