



Dear Church Family,

As you may have heard, Contra Costa County has moved back into the Purple Tier which prohibits indoor Church gatherings, but allows for outdoor gatherings. The Church Staff and I have gotten together, prayed and considered the Scriptures and concluded that in order to correctly apply the teachings of Romans 13 and follow the leading of the Holy Spirit we are obligated to submit to the authorities in this regard. If you have not read Romans 13 lately, I would encourage you to do so prayerfully. The Holy Spirit inspired Word of God is clear.

Therefore:

- Our Youth will meet Wednesday's nights outside on the back patio under tents with heaters @ 7:15 pm
- Our Wednesday Night Adult service will only be available online, live streamed @ 7:00 pm
- Our Sunday School classes, Men's and Women's Bible Studies and any other small gathering at the Church will be held either outdoors or online. (Each ministry will communicate their plan separately)
- Our Thanksgiving Eve Service, Nov. 25 will only be available online broadcast @ 6:00 pm

Our Sunday morning service will be available Two Ways:

- We will have a **"Drive In" Church Service @ 10:45 am** in our main parking lot directly across from our Gym. In this service you will park facing Oak Park Blvd. (North.) The Band will be set up in front of the Gym and Pastor Sean will be preaching from the bed of Pastor Pancho's pickup truck and everything will be broadcast on your fm radio dial. No RSVP required. No need to wear masks in your cars. If you get out of your car to fellowship or to use the restrooms in the Gym please wear your mask and practice social distancing. The beauty of this "style" of service is that we can gather outdoors together, rain or shine, in the climate controlled confines of our cars.
- We will **Broadcast a Pre-Recorded Service @ 10:45 am** on our website, Facebook and Youtube. This will be the same worship set and sermon that will be delivered live @ the "Drive In" Service for those who would prefer to worship from home.

In these ways Oak Park Christian Center will continue to be **OPEN!**

We are not shutting down in any way shape or form. We will continue to gather together outside or online but we will not under any circumstances ever close the Church. The Church is not a building but a people. We are the Church!

This having been said, I am sure that this email will find many of you frustrated and even mad at these current restrictions imposed by our government. I understand how you feel, empathize with you and urge you to pray. Pray to God that He will bring an end to this Corona Virus Pandemic and let us pray for our Government leaders that they would give their hearts to Christ if they have not already and that they would do the will of God as they serve in the positions for the terms that they have.

Let us not loose focus on the mission that God has given to us in the midst of these trying times. We are to love God and love people and present the gospel to as many people as we can so that some may be saved. This is what we are called to do at Oak Park Christian Center. We are building generations and reaching the nations for Christ! I love each of you and am praying for you and your families. If you would like to speak with me please do not hesitate to call me or text me on my cell phone. 925-787-5919. 'd love to hear from you.

In Christ's service,

Pastor Sean Fitzhugh