



# Dover First Christian Church

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To Our Church Family,

This has been a difficult season for so many of us as we navigate fear, anger, health concerns, and governmental recommendations. We wanted to update you on our current situation, let you know about some of our contingency plans, and solicit feedback about what you think our next steps should be as a congregation.

First, here's where we currently stand in terms of ministry and programming.

1. We will continue to host two services (9:30am and 10:45am) through the end of August. This allows us to have room for 100 attendees each week while maintaining the recommended six feet of social distancing. Our 10:45am service will continue to be live-streamed on [doverfcc.com](http://doverfcc.com), [facebook.com/doverfcc](https://facebook.com/doverfcc) and [youtube.com/c/doverfcc](https://youtube.com/c/doverfcc) if you prefer to worship from home.
2. We ask that you continue to register for the service you wish to attend. I know this is not 'normal' but it helps us make sure we have room for people at both services.
3. **We are going to use the month of August to develop a plan for resuming child care** in a way that is both responsible and manageable for our volunteers. We are watching carefully what happens with our local schools, and our hope is to resume kid's ministry in September.
4. In the meantime, beginning Sunday, July 26, we will be walking through a new sermon series entitled "Shadows." This series, and our services, will **be specially designed with our kids in mind**. They will have shorter teaching times, feature special videos, object lessons, and other elements to make it more comfortable for your family to sit in service together.
5. Soul food will meet on Wednesday nights at 6:00pm and Youth Group for grades 5-12 will be on Sunday nights at 6:00pm for students in grades 5-12.

Secondly, we have begun to talk about some contingency plans. As much as we pray for things to return to normal, we are aware of rising case numbers and what that might mean for us. Here are two situations that may occur, and how we will be responding to them.

1. **If someone who has attended service on Sunday tests positive for the coronavirus**, we will be working with the Tuscarawas County Health Department. We will be helping them contact anyone who might have been infected, and it likely means all church activities will be cancelled for two weeks as many of us will need to self-quarantine. In that event, we will still post some sort of live-stream service on all of our platforms at 10:45am each Sunday we are closed.
2. **If Tuscarawas County is deemed a Level 3 red county (which means face masks are mandatory in all indoor settings)**, we will plan to host an outdoor service at 9:15am on Sunday morning, and an online service at 10:45am. Being outside will allow us to avoid requiring facemasks and keep everyone as far apart as needed. We will have speakers and a short range FM Transponder so you can worship from lawn chairs or your car, whichever makes you feel more comfortable (and depending on the weather.)

Finally, we'd love to have your input on a few simple questions. Would you take 5 minutes and read the questions on the following page and send us your responses. This will help as we plan next steps for the fall. Thank you for your help.

In Christ,

Bob Anders, Ray Beal, Andrew George, Rich Halchuck, and Josh Robinson

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Please read and respond to the following questions. You can fill out this page and return a paper copy to the church office by mail or in person or you can simply send your responses via email (josh@doverfcc.com) or text (234-369-9023) to Josh or one of the shepherds. We'd love to have you sign your name at the bottom, but understand if you'd rather remain anonymous.

1) My current response to COVID-19 is:

- a) I'm not worried at all. I'm living my life as normal.
- b) I'm being cautious, but mostly doing my normal stuff
- c) I'm really cautious, only going a few places each week
- d) I'm not leaving the house unless absolutely necessary

2) My current situation with the church is:

- a) We have already been back and plan to keep attending
- b) We have not started attending yet, but we plan to start soon
- c) We haven't started attending regularly because we need children's ministry
- d) We haven't started attending regularly because of health concerns
- e) We haven't started attending regularly because we have been busy
- f) We don't plan to start attending regularly again

3) What events (if any) would you be interested in attending? (circle all that apply)

- a) A church dinner or picnic (bring your own picnic)
- b) A children's activity (Water games)
- c) A family activity (Game Night or Movie Night)
- d) A service activity (food packing, Salvation Army)

4) What can we do to help you and your family right now? What is your biggest need?

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