

Church family,

I pray that you all had a great Christmas and experienced the joy that only Christ can bring. As 2020 is coming to a close, I wanted to share with you some news about worship in January.

You may have heard that I have tested positive for Covid. I've experienced flu-like symptoms, but so far nothing alarming. I was exposed Monday, so if you saw me Sunday I don't think you need to be afraid. Malinda, our financial secretary also tested positive and had some mild symptoms. In addition, we are seeing a spike in cases in our area and many areas in our country. There's also reason to believe that Christmas travel will cause cases to rise even more.

Therefore, in an attempt to be cautious with the welfare of our members and the spread of Covid in our community, **we are going to online only worship at least through January 17th.** We will re-evaluate the situation then to see about next steps. This also includes youth and children activities, Sunday school, and other in-person gatherings of ten or more people. I had really hoped that we wouldn't have to cancel in-person gatherings again. But the Back to Church team and our church leadership feel this is our only option for now.

Like you, I'm am so sick of Covid interfering with our lives. Hopefully we are getting to the end of this. But we have to stay smart to protect lives the best that we can. Thanks for doing your part!

Better days are ahead! Be safe!

Rev. Josh Duckworth