



# Cornerstone Baptist Church

*"A Foundation to Build Upon"*

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## COVID-19 UPDATE

July 1, 2020

Dear Members of the Cornerstone Baptist Church of York,

**In the words of the Apostle Paul, "In everything, give thanks." I Thessalonians 5:18**

The Lord has brought us a mighty-long way! We are Godly proud of you for taking the appropriate precautions to stay safe and healthy during this pandemic. We certainly miss seeing your smiling face.

Since we were last together, so much has transpired in our world and community. We are not only navigating through this uncharted territory of a global pandemic, but we have also witnessed more unjust treatment of people of color, and the exposure of our broken and oppressive political system. We cannot stress enough how critical it is for us as a church body to continually feed our spirit with the liberating and life-giving Word of our Lord and Savior. We should collectively be in prayer, in the Word of God, and connected to one another in Christian love.

We know so many of you are excited to get back into the building and experience the worship and fellowship that we all love, but we must be considerate of the different circumstances of members within our church family. We are our sister's and brother's keeper; therefore, we may need to sacrifice our desires to return in order to protect those who are high risk and in the most vulnerable categories. This is how we demonstrate genuine Christian love.

The news and social media continue to flood our thoughts with the latest information regarding COVID-19, which varies from state to state. Cases are increasing in some areas, and we must remain wise in our decisions and **not** pre-maturely begin holding in-person worship services.

We encourage everyone to stay alert and continue to watch for updates as issued by the office of Governor Wolf and your local municipality.

### Useful Links

Visit the following websites for more information:

For local info on the virus: <https://www.yorkcity.org/city-services/departments/economic-and-community-development/bureau-of-health/>

For state info on the virus: <https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/disease/Pages/Coronavirus.aspx>

For national info on the virus: <https://www.cdc.gov/>

For local information and connection to agencies that can help provide basic necessities dial 211 or visit <https://www.unitedway-york.org/pa-211>

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*We are a church seeking to provide, cultivate, and support a Christ-centered awareness of the Kingdom of God.*

In the meantime, **Cornerstone will continue to hold one Live streaming service via Facebook every Sunday at 10:00 am throughout July and August. ALL MEETINGS, EVENTS, AND BIBLE CLASSES ARE HELD THROUGH ZOOM. If you have not subscribed to our YouTube page, we encourage you to do so (search for Cornerstone Baptist Church of York).**

We have formed an ad hoc committee, S.W.A.T. (Safe Worship Assembly Team), who are in the planning stages for **tentatively** reopening in the fall, with limitations and restrictions. We want your feedback on how we can best serve you when the time comes for us to be physically together again. We are sending a survey link via e-mail (please check your spam/junk mail). The survey can also be found on our website, [www.cbcofyork.org](http://www.cbcofyork.org). We kindly ask that you complete the survey as soon as possible. A copy will be mailed to persons who do not have internet access.

Lastly, we want to hear from you! Our call campaign team has been on a mission to contact every member who has joined CBC since 2009. If you have moved or changed your contact information, please let us know. We want to ensure everyone receives a phone call and a survey. Please be sure to send your updates to [cbc@cornerstonechurchofyork.com](mailto:cbc@cornerstonechurchofyork.com) or call the office, 717.718.2008 and leave a message.

### **Worship/Fellowship Opportunities**

This Fall, our Christian Education Ministry will launch new and exciting small group studies and conversation topics. Further information and registration will be sent in a separate email.

**Our prayer line is open on Tuesday evenings at 6 pm and Wednesday mornings at 6:30 am. It is our desire to encourage you, to pray for you, and offer a space where you can encourage and share with each other. Everyone is invited to be a part of the call, 712-775-7270, access code: 364420.**

### **General Information**

With the suspension of all activities, the church office will only be available by appointment.

During this time, all contact will be done primarily by phone unless there is an emergency. In the case of an emergency or if you wish to speak with Pastor Kearse directly, please contact the church office immediately (717.718.2008) and leave a detailed message. Please include the following information in your message: Name, best contact (phone/e-mail), and reason for appointment request.

Giving will be primarily electronic, via **Givelify and Cash App**, or you may mail in your contributions to Cornerstone Baptist Church, 629 South Pershing Avenue, York, PA 17401, *Attention: Trustees.*

#### **Givelify**

Send to: Cornerstone Baptist Church

#### **Cash App**

Send to: \$cbcyork

We pray that you all remain prosperous and in good health, *3 John 1:2.*

Thank you for time and attention to this matter of concern.

Love you all!

In His Service,

*Pastor Mark K. Kearse and CBC Leadership*