BROOKS AVENUE CHURCH OF CHRIST: COVID-19 RESPONSE PLAN
March 12, 2020

As you will note, this plan is divided into four responses. Understanding of the COVID-19 virus is constantly evolving, as are the recommended guidelines and protocols from the medical establishment and federal agencies. Thus, this is a working document/plan and is subject to change. Changes in protocol and practices will be immediately communicated to the congregation.

Phase One Response (Immediate Response)

1. All door handles, shared surfaces, light switches, and doorknobs within the church will be sanitized frequently each week.

2. Hand sanitizing lotion and disinfecting wipes will be located throughout the building and supplied in our restrooms. *This is not intended to replace hand washing!* Please continue to wash hands with soap for 15 to 20 seconds.

3. Members are encouraged to refrain from shaking hands and giving hugs, especially to our older members or members with known health issues.

4. Members who are experiencing cold or flu-like symptoms and fever should stay home.

5. The downstairs seating area underneath the balcony will be reserved for people with compromised immune systems. Those who are 65 or over and have underlying health issues will also be encouraged to take advantage of this space.

6. Those 65 and older are encouraged to exercise their best judgment as to whether or not they attend services, taking into account the higher risk of infection for this age group and any underlying health issues they might have.

7. Prayer circles are immediately suspended until further notice.

8. Other small groups meeting at the building during the week should consider whether or not they should meet. Leaders of those groups are being contacted and informed that when their groups do meet, they are responsible for disinfecting the area afterwards.

8. Individual communion containers will be made available at each entry point to the auditorium. Instead of passing contribution plates, members will drop off their contributions in boxes at entry points to the auditorium BEFORE the beginning of the worship service. Members are also encouraged to use the online giving on our website as a means of avoiding surfaces where the virus might be present.

9. Health Blasts will be sent out as needed.
Phase Two Response (When a member has been exposed to an infected person but is not presenting symptoms)

1. The member should immediately contact their personal physician and self-quarantine if advised to do so.
2. The member should contact the church office for the purpose of awareness.
3. A communication will be sent informing the congregation that a member has been exposed but is not presently showing symptoms.

Phase Three Response (When any member of the congregation has been diagnosed and then had contact with church members in worship/other events)

1. The infected member should inform the church office: first, so that we can be in prayer for her/him, and second, so that we can inform those who might have had close or direct contact with the member.
2. A communication will be sent to the congregation making the congregation aware of the potential for infection.
3. Members 65 and over and members with underlying health conditions will then be strongly advised to worship at home.
4. Public health officials will be consulted for advice on additional steps.

Phase Four Response (If the public health department limits public gatherings)

1. Services will be postponed until the Public Health Department deems it safe to resume.
2. Brother Conner will deliver a Sunday morning devotional via Facebook Live for members who have access to Facebook. A family/individual devotion based on the message will also be sent out by email. The Sunday Paper, prayer needs, and announcements will be sent out by email.
4. Members will be asked to continue to support the church financially through mail and through access to online giving on our website.
5. Journey Groups will continue to meet—based on the discretion of the group leaders—for the purpose of prayer, study and participation in the Lord’s Supper. Those not in a Journey Group are encouraged to make study, prayer and the Lord’s Supper a priority in their homes.

RESOURCES:
WHO: https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/situation-reports
CDC: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/index.html
NC DHHS: https://www.ncdhhs.gov/