

STONE RIDGE CHURCH: COVID-19 PLAN OF ACTION UPDATE (3/18/2020)

Thank you so much for being patient as the Stone Ridge staff works out the logistics of abiding by government recommendations of **precautionary** measures to quell the spread of COVID-19. Our goal is to be reasonable and responsible, keep you informed as the situation changes, instill confidence amid fear and maintain our mission of knowing Jesus and making him known.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FAITH-BASED ORGANIZATIONS

In accordance with federal guidelines, **ADHS recommends the suspension of any mass gatherings over 10 people including church services**. As we look to scripture, Romans 13:1-7 reminds us that supporting our government leaders is a God-ordained principle, especially when it seeks the good protection of its people and is in no way contrary to our ability to follow God. Therefore, Stone Ridge Church will:

1. Move in-person church services to online streaming for the next two weeks (March 21/22 & March 28/29). We will reassess as the government issues new guidance.
2. Cancel large events or gatherings hosted on our premises.
3. Postpone scheduled Stone Ridge events and/or trips until new guidance is issued.
4. Small groups and ministry teams will continue to meet at the discretion of their leaders. This may mean meeting in-person or meeting online. Please contact your group leaders for more information.

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We realize COVID-19 restrictions and recommendations have caused significant disruption in people's lives. Children may be home from school, many public facilities have been shut down, many are encountering shortages of food and household necessities, and high-risk individuals or older adults, especially those with underlying health conditions, may feel exceedingly isolated. In the next 48 hours, we will set up vital tools with step-by-step instructions to ensure you:

1. **Stay informed.** We will be working with our digital media resources to give you updates as we have them. Please follow our Stone Ridge Church Facebook page or Instagram to get the latest updates. Also, please download the Stone Ridge Church App. We will be sending out push notifications through our app regularly to help you find information.
2. **Stay connected.** By working through our website, app, and social media platforms, we will provide streaming of both adult and kids worship services during regular service times. Meet up with us online and worship with your families or small groups from home. We encourage small groups, ministries, volunteers, and our general community to "meet" online.
3. **Stay healthy, prepared, and serve if able.** We are in the process of creating a network wherein high-risk individuals who are secluded to their homes or people in need of specific household goods or food essentials will be able to sign-up for deliveries of necessities. We encourage anyone who has "extra" (time or resources) to fulfill the needs of our people. Offer to tutor a student, provide childcare for a friend or neighbor, or offer to deliver goods and necessities.

Lastly, **we encourage you to speak into the mass hysteria and fear with calm and common-sense**. Let's be good examples of Christ to the world around us and remember our safety and security ultimately comes from the Lord. It's important to remember that Arizona is still low risk for transmission of COVID-19 with only 27 people testing positive. Please continue to practice the practical health and safety protocols issued over the weekend (stay home if sick, wash your hands, and disinfect common household items). We may not be holding traditional church services and the world may seem oddly out-of-tune, but **this is not a time to disengage**. Check on your neighbors, pray for people, and find new ways to connect and serve. We have entered the largest prayer event our county or region has ever attempted: Awaken Yuma. What better time to go the Lord in prayer **and pray for people by name**? Let's focus our time, energy, and attention on helping others, seeking the lost, setting captives free, and healing the wounded.