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Dear Antioch COGIC Family,

Greeting in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. I am writing this letter to inform you of the actions the ministry will take to decrease the spread of the Coronavirus. This is a serious worldwide health crisis that can be overcome if we fight the disease with a holistic approach listed below.

1. It is imperative that we look to the Lord in prayer (Lk. 18:1).
2. Ensure that everyone follow the Center for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines as closely as possible (i.e. isolate by staying home as much as possible; if a member of the family is infected with the virus the whole family needs to self-quarantine for 14 days; washing your hands often; avoiding assemblies of over 10 people; cover your mouth when coughing and distance yourself six feet from people when interacting socially, etc.).
 - ❖ Following the CDC guidelines is crucial to protecting the most vulnerable members of our congregation because we don't know who has been infected with the virus.
 - ❖ Visit the following website for more info:
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/organizations/guidance-community-faith-organizations.html>
3. We can limit the collateral damage of the virus by staying connected with other members of the congregation through e-mails, phone calls, and texts to ensure that they have all the help they need to survive this pandemic. This is extremely important in helping those in our congregation that are elderly and those who have preexistent health challenges that have lowered their immune system.
4. Lastly, in compliance with the CDC guidelines the following Antioch events will no longer be held in the sanctuary:
 - a) All Intercessory Prayer and Prayer and Bible Band will conduct their prayer ministries by utilizing a prayer line. I have tasked Elder Joe Brown and Missionary Alma Fielder with developing the prayer line the Antioch intercessors will utilize.
 - b) The Antioch choir, praise and worship teams, and dance ministries will suspend all rehearsals until further notice from the pastor.
 - c) The Wednesday Night Bible Study and Sunday services will be done online via the Antioch App until further notice. This means that only those persons essential to the broadcasting of these services will be in attendance inside the sanctuary. All other Antioch members will watch and/or listen to these services online.

"A Ministry Committed to Discipleship"

- ❖ These steps are being taken to comply with the new CDC guidelines.
 - ❖ All offerings and tithes will be given utilizing the church app/website/QR barcode or simply by mailing your checks to 9600 West Peoria Ave. Peoria, AZ 85345.
5. The Antioch Administrative Office will remain open to serve as a focal point for all official church communication; however, I am requesting that members only come to the church office for official business only. This will help reduce the chances of the office staff being infected with the virus.
 6. If you have any questions concerning these procedures please contact the office staff for direction. The office staff will contact me if they can't answer your questions.

If you can remember, I shared with the congregation several weeks ago that life, as we have known it in the past, is gone never to return. I said this to alert the congregation that we are in the last days and that Jesus warned us what this time would be like (Matt. 24:3-14). Then the Lord had me to share with the congregation that in order to make it through this unprecedented time, we had to persevere (Heb. 10:36).

Why am I reminding you of these things? I am doing this so that you can see that you don't have to take your destiny into your own hands by disregarding all that the Lord has communicated to you through the preaching and teaching you have heard. God has supernaturally provided for all our needs; therefore, it is imperative that we continue to do all the things that the Word of God commands us to do. We can't assemble together, as we normally would; but, we can discipline ourselves to watch and listen to the services at the designated times we did before the pandemic altered our schedule.

In conclusion, know that Chris and I love each of you and your families. We are committed to doing all that we can to ensure that all of us survive through this pandemic. Remember, "God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind" (2 Tim. 1:7).

Sincerely,



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