



Watertown
Evangelical Free Church

Dear Church Family,

Thursday, May 28, 2020

I (Pastor Dan) have been reflecting on our Elder devotion this last Tuesday: "Survival mode or Revival mode?" COVID-19 has given us an opportunity to humble ourselves under the mighty hand of God and prayerfully move ahead in our mission of helping people find and follow Jesus. Survival means we get our policies and plans in place; revival means we pray like we never have before. Prayer is the essential ingredient for reopening. Pray at home, online, offline, morning, noon, and night. We pray specifically:

For our Leaders

- **God initiated wisdom** to know when and how to re-open in the midst of changing reports
- **Courage** to follow God's leadership
- **Balance** to know what to observe regarding the government's suggestions and God's direction.
- **Wisdom** to know what ministries to re-establish and what to temporarily cancel, particularly as it relates to Children, Youth, and Adult Ministries.
- **Understanding** to know what God is saying and doing during this time and clarity to communicate God's will to their people.
- **Sensitivity** to the needs & concerns of those who are most vulnerable & how to meet them where they are.
- **Creativity** to adapt and change as God directs.
- **Pastoral Care** for their flocks to do what they can do to stay in touch and lovingly help them.

For our people

- **Healing** for those suffering from COVID 19 or others who cannot get needed medical help.
- **Intentionality** to make the most of these days, not wasting these precious hours that we have been given with our families and with God.
- **Love** that would lead us to aggressively minister to our neighbors and those in need.
- **Generosity** to give to the church faithfully and to meet the needs of those who are suffering around us.
- **Intentionality** that would help every believer increase their prayer life dramatically.
- **Understanding** of what God is saying and doing in this season so we can join Him.

For our Nation and World

- **Wisdom** for all our state and national leaders as they make important decisions.
- **Desperation** that would cause us to turn from or idols and to God relentlessly.
- **Unity** to cry out together all across the land with a united cry for revival and awakening. A united, repentant, humble cry is irresistible to God.
- **Revival** for every church across our nation! That God would bring us to life again!
- **Spiritual Awakening** for the millions of lost people who are headed to an eternity without Christ. That we would see an invasion of God that would bring the greatest spiritual harvest the world has ever known. ¹

- Pastor Dan Osborn and Chairman Jim Deidrick

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