



Watertown
Evangelical Free Church

ELDER UPDATE --- COVID-19 and Purpose Driven Ministry

Dear WEFC Family and Friends,

Thank you for your continued prayer support of your pastors and elders. It is with great joy that we can report to you with a unified voice, during ever-changing days, our next steps forward in living out our mission and vision. Uppermost in many of our minds and emotions is the COVID-19 Pandemic and its impact upon our lives. This is natural given the circumstances we and our world are encountering; however, we want to encourage you to stay focused on our God-given mission and purpose. We believe the reason we exist is to be in relationship with God and others. Therefore, we do everything we can to help others, in our sphere of influence, to find and follow Jesus. COVID-19 didn't stop us from pointing 36 kids to Jesus this last week or helping three to welcome Jesus into their lives (5 Day Clubs).

Please join us on Sundays online or in person in the Worship Center (9:30 am). We are also planning more outdoor services before the cold weather hits. In addition, we encourage you to gather in your homes or outdoors to read and listen to God's word, pray, sing and serve one another.

After continued prayer and fasting, honest dialogue and sharing of various points of view, as well as a chance to evaluate how our COVID-19 plans and protocols have gone; the Elders are united in making some adjustments. We affirm our commitment to honor the governor's mandate but will not take on the role of policing it. We believe it is a kindness to others to wear a mask indoors and practice social distancing, as well as a good testimony to submit to God-given authorities in our lives. We will model this as leaders and volunteers.

We don't expect the WEFC family and friends to share identical beliefs about COVID-19 policies, protocols or mandates. We are confident, however, that we can focus on why we do what we do, that is; we exist to be in relationship with God and others. Let's keep that in the forefront. Let us connect with God and others in every way we are able and allow for differences of opinions and a variety of choices as to how we engage. Romans 12:10 says, "Be devoted to one another in brotherly love, honor one another above yourselves."

Fall ministries will resume with in person opportunities as well as online offerings. Keep your eyes and ears open as lots of updates will be coming for our Fall Celebration service on September the 13th.

On behalf of the Pastors and Elders.

Pastor Dan Osborn – Lead Pastor

Wayne Hubin – Elder Chair