



Ponca City

Free Will Baptist Church

April 1, 2020

Dear Church Family,

For the sake of everyone's safety, we will continue to follow the recommendations of the White House, the CDC, our State Governor, and our denominational Executive Secretary by postponing all our services for the next month. We hope, plan, and long to be back together on Sunday, May 3. Below you will find important information, please read carefully, thank you.

The coronavirus continues to spread rapidly across the world and our community. As I write this, there are currently over 185,000 individuals in America who have tested positive for COVID-19, and this number is expected to increase as testing kits become more readily available. Throughout this pandemic, I want to continue to remind you of our message from the beginning; we are called to be people of faith in the face of fear. During these unprecedented and chaotic times, may we trust in our Savior. We don't know what tomorrow holds, but we know WHO holds tomorrow.

Below you will find important information about how we can stay connected.

Sundays / 10:45am – Online Sunday School Class, Sermon, and Kids Elements

- Sunday School –

We miss meeting together in our Sunday School Classes. For this reason, we will utilize technology by using a live video conference call. This Sunday, we will host a ZOOM conference call. Three different Sunday School Classes will be provided throughout this time of quarantine. If you would like to participate, please contact one of the following Sunday School Teachers and provide them with your email. This is a simple process, as they will email you a link and all you have to do is click on the link and the ZOOM call should pull up. The classes will start each Sunday at 9:30am. If you use ZOOM on your smartphone, you will need to download the free app.

Tim Dodge / (316) 519-9905

Steve Smith / (580) 491-3936

Bobby Calhoun / (580) 761-3911

- Sunday Service –

You can watch the message any time; however, we encourage everyone to watch on Sunday at 10:45am to stay in a routine. We will post a short message on the home page of our website, **poncafwbchurch.com** and our Facebook page, **facebook.com/poncafwbchurch** -You can watch from your smartphone, computer, or other devices. Use the provided links to sing praises to the Lord.

- Kids Ministry –

Each week, Matt will share a video over the Element of the month. For April, the Element is "Risen King". We encourage you to watch with your kids and discuss with them afterward. You will find this on our website and Facebook page.

Wednesdays / 6:00pm – Wednesday Night Bible Study

- Adult Bible Study
Before the pandemic, we were studying themes in the Gospel of John. We will continue this journey and invite you to join. You can go to our website and Facebook page to find this study. We will post each Wednesday Night at 6:00pm.
- Teens Bible Study
Matt will host a ZOOM meeting with the teens each Wednesday Night at 6:30pm. Your teen will receive a link to join the meeting each week. If you have any questions, please let Matt know.

These are the ways you can stay engaged and grow in your faith. We hope that you use this time of quarantine to connect to God. I would like to share with you one more announcement. Good Friday is a powerful and profound day in the Church calendar. We invite you to join us as we take part in **Holy Communion** on April 10. You have two different options to participate. The first option is to stop by the Church offices; either on April 8 or April 10 to pick up the Communion elements (the juice and bread are prepackaged). You can pick them up from 8:00am to 12:00pm. The second option is for you to provide yourself with juice and bread. We will take Communion together on Good Friday, April 10 at 6:00pm. Please plan on being a part of this sacred time as we remember the work of the cross.

I want to challenge you to do three things during this time of isolation. Pray, love your neighbor, connect to God.

We want to do everything we can to honor God and to trust in Him. We appreciate your cooperation and commitment to help us on this journey. I will end by echoing the words of Paul in II Tim 1:3-4 "I remember you in my prayers night and day, greatly desiring to see you..." I feel this within my heart as I deeply long to see you soon.

If you are not receiving emails from the church and would like to be added to our list or if you need financial assistance, please contact the Church Office at 580-765-5393. We are here to serve you.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Adam Phillips