



*To love God and live the Gospel through worship, fellowship, and service within and outside our walls.*

Greetings All,

We do hope that you are all safe and healthy! As Central will always be in conversation with each other and in prayerful thought about the state of the world, some tough decisions that need to be made have come about. We continue to listen to the scientists and the leaders of our community, state, and nation, along with guidance from the Holy Spirit, the teachings of Christ, and the love of God. And, we continue to think about the lives and the health, not only of our members, but of all God's creation. When making decisions, with all these aspects in mind, there are times when decisions have to be made that do not always make us happy. They are not the decisions we want to make but are the decisions we have to make. On Thursday, April 30th, the mayor of Springfield announced the "Road to Recovery Phase 1 Order." The Order will begin on May 4th and go until May 31st. Within the guidelines is a section about Public Gatherings. It states that only gatherings of less than 15 people will be allowed. Unfortunately, that does include churches and all houses of worship, which includes Central Christian Church. **This means that we will not be able to come together, in person, until the first Sunday in June, at the earliest.** We understand there might be some frustration and anger, and we miss having our worship service as well, but this is the best for the safety of our members and for the safety of those with whom our members may be around. We will continue to have an online presence with our worship service. We know that all Prayer Partners, Elders, Deacons, and friends, are keeping in touch with everyone, making sure that all needs are met. And, at any time, for any reason, you may contact the church.

Know that the leadership and many other members of the church are in contact with one another. Meetings are going to be called as we try to figure out how we will be gathering in the future and what needs to be done for the safety of all our members. We do understand that our worship service is going to be different for some time, and we are preparing ourselves as to how that will look, so that we can prepare our congregation. Central Christian is a warm and loving community that continues to be a warm and loving community, no matter how that looks today or how we practice it today. And we understand that many of you miss that feeling of sitting in the sanctuary with your friends worshipping God. But as we live out our call to love all God's children and creation, this is going to be one way we show our love to the world. Central Christian misses everyone and hopes that everyone will continue to be safe and healthy, as well as, loving and kind to all the world.

Please continue to check our website and Facebook page for more information.

***<https://www.centralchristianspringfield.org>***

***<https://www.facebook.com/CCCDOCSpringfield>***

Here are some links to copy and paste in your browser, that will take you to the Springfield Recovery Order:

*<https://www.springfieldmo.gov/DocumentCenter/View/48733/Road-to-Recovery-Phase-1-Order>*

*<https://www.springfieldmo.gov/5121/Recovery-Order-Phase-I-FAQs>*

In Christ's Love for All,

Central Christian Church