



November 10, 2020

Hello Piedmont Park Church Family,

Last night our church board met to discuss whether we should continue holding services in the church building due the extreme high rise of Covid-19 cases. Health officials are extremely worried about the virus spread and encouraging everyone to do all that we can to help flatten the curve again. One health official for the city encouraged churches to meet online again.

After prayer and discussion the board voted to go back to services online for the next 4 weeks (unless the Dashboard dial goes back to Orange in that time). The plan is to meet again in a Church Business meeting to discuss if we want to go back to meeting live in the building. I would like to have that business meeting on Monday November 23rd.

These are difficult times. We have had 2 Adventists in our community die from Covid. Currently we have 2 pastors in our conference who have the virus. And one church board member told me yesterday that they had contracted the virus.

It is a hard decision to go back online. Meeting in person for worship is such a blessing, but concerns about safety for our members and community led to this decision. One youth member encouraged us during the meeting that we as a church are strong enough to handle this. He said we just need to work hard to stay connected to each other and support each other at this time. Wise words shared from a young man.

I know that I am looking forward to starting worship again in the building, and we will do so as soon as we feel we can safely do so. I ask that we join together in prayer for our community and that we each reach out to other church members and our guests to stay connected at this time.

Thank you for your understanding and your support. I will be seeing you online for a time - but we pray that it will only be a short time. If you have any thoughts or questions, please call or text me at 402-318-1856 or email me at mhalfhill@gmail.com.

Following His lead,
Pastor Michael
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