

Motion to Temporarily Suspend Regular, Public, Worship Services at Quamba Baptist Church (QBC)

In an effort to maintain unity with local churches and to demonstrate care with respect to the surrounding communities, the Elders and Deacons at QBC are asking for approval to suspend regular, public, worship services at the church, beginning on March 29th, 2020. This suspension will be reviewed each week with the intention of reinstating regular, public worship at Quamba, as soon as possible. As to services, sermons will continue to be preached (and posted on the website); regular office hours will be maintained; Wednesday evening Word and prayer will continue; and emergency prayer visits will be maintained.

Recommended Precautions for Quamba Baptist Church

As we face the growing public health concern, some in our community could be affected by the flu or COVID-19, in the days ahead. So then, by way of the following precautions, the leadership at QBC is encouraging a culture of prevention, not one of paranoia. It is our position that churches should take the right precautions, use common sense, and take appropriate measures to ensure the health and safety of their congregations.

Precautions:

1- Congregants, especially church leaders and ushers, should limit physical contact by refraining from shaking hands.

2- Anyone who has had a fever should stay home until fever-free for at least 24 hours.

3- During church services, anyone displaying cold-like symptoms, such as excessive coughing or sneezing, should be asked to return home.

4- Congregants should be reminded to wash their hands regularly.

5- Regarding church cleaning, special attention should be given to kitchens and bathrooms.

6- Anyone who has traveled overseas recently should remain home from services until symptom-free for fourteen days.

7- On the matter of communion, the Elders will ensure that the elements are served individually, and with proper consideration (such as, larger pieces of bread).

Notes:

1- QBC leadership will remain in touch with state and community health officials in order to properly update the above recommendations.

2- As believers, we must remember that our hope is in the Lord (1 Peter 1:3, 13); and that the hope of the Gospel must be presented to those in great distress in these difficult times (1 Peter 3:15).