

March 17, 2020

Statement re: Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Pentecostals of West Tulsa,

We are facing difficult times in our world and nation, but as the people of God, we are well equipped to face this pandemic because we understand the all knowing, all powerful God is still in control! We do not face these times with fear, but rather faith that God will bring healing and great revival to our land when we join together and pray.

Now, more than ever, it is time for the church to be the church! Our mission still remains to reach our world. Our responsibilities still include personal devotion to ensure we are ready for the soon returning of Jesus. I strongly encourage you to reach out to people now more than ever to be the light and salt that Jesus told us to be. Ask your neighbors if there is anything you can do for them. Reach out to other church members and assist as needed.

We will be adjusting some things at the POWT to honor the requests of our government officials. While we would be perfectly justified to continue to hold our normal activities, I feel we should exercise wisdom and join our nation in doing our best to stop the spread of this virus. While many of us may not be concerned with contracting this virus, we could very easily aid in the spread of it and infect someone with a weakened immune system. Therefore, we are following the Center for Disease Control (CDC) and President Trump's recommendation to not gather in groups larger than ten, which will cause us to alter our normal schedule.

Most immediately, we will <u>NOT</u> be gathering for an in-person service tomorrow (Wednesday) evening. Instead, each of you have been invited to a 'POWT Members' group on Facebook, where I will be sharing a word of encouragement and our next steps going forward. This will begin at 7pm Wednesday and I am asking everyone to gather your family and join me for this important update.

If you need any assistance with this please reach out to me (918-706-1427) or Jason Hart (918-348-0502) so that we can assist you in logging in and viewing this.

God has not given us a spirit of fear, so I encourage you to not give in to fear, or feed the fear through in-person or social media conversations. While remembering others who do not know Jesus are facing very real fear, now more than ever we need to be the voice of encouragement! We need to be the voice of reason! We need to be the voice that leads people to hope!

In the meantime, please do your best to follow the CDC's recommendations to stop the spread of this virus. Wash your hands frequently or utilize hand sanitizer and keep your hands away from your face. If you experience any symptoms stay at home and away from others. There are many false reports and posts full of misinformation, so please do not believe everything you read.

I love each of you! I know we will come through this and God will give us great revival! **Keep your daily fasting schedule and reminders to pray throughout the day!** If there is anything you need from me please don't hesitate to text or call me. Let's stay connected through this crisis.

Join us tomorrow at 7pm via the POWT Members FaceBook page (you will need to accept the invite from your Facebook notification). I will share additional information at that time. Please check our FaceBook page frequently for updates and announcements.

God Bless,

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