



Dear JITA Members, Friends and Kingdom Partners;

First on behalf of first lady and myself, we hope and pray that you are staying safe and healthy as we walk in wisdom in navigating through this unprecedented season we are in.

As many of you are aware by now that the Governor has allowed Spokane to move into phase 2 of reopening the city. In this phase it is recommending that there still be some guidelines that are in alignment with the CDC in order to prevent a second wave of this covid-19. Guidelines such as the sanitation of the facilities, hand sanitizers, mask in public places, social distancing and limiting public gathering to 50 or less people.

With this in mind I wanted to advise our church members of some thoughts that I have been praying on as we start considering transitioning our membership back into a fellowship style gathering.

First the messaging for me as titled re-opening is not the messaging that I prefer, in that the true church and ministry of the church was never closed. As we all understand spiritually that the church is the people and not the building (Ecclesia). Though we do not dismiss that the building was also ordained by God as a place sanctified for Gods glory and presence to dwell with his people.

(Exodus-25:8-9 And let them make me a sanctuary; that I may dwell among them.

9 According to all that I shew thee, after the pattern of the tabernacle, and the pattern of all the instruments thereof, even so shall ye make it.

Hebrews-10:25 Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching)

He also reminded us that there is no physical building that can truly contain the fullness of who he is;

(1 Kings-8:27 But will God indeed dwell on the earth? behold, the heaven and heaven of heavens cannot contain thee; how much less this house that I have builded?)

However, it is God's choosing to encourage the gathering together of his people in the covenant of baptism, worship, prayer and in the breaking of bread (The Word) Acts-2:41-42 Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls. 42 And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.

That even from the conversion of a sinner being born again, he expresses the importance of coming together, being raised together and sitting together in fellowship. How every member is fitly joined together to provide edification, encouragement, inspiration and spiritual increase in the bond of love for one another.

(Ephesians-2:5-6 Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;) 6 And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus:

Ephesians-4:16 From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.)

As a Pastor that is not only spiritually connected, but socially and emotionally connected to the sheep and what the sheep are going through. I miss our gatherings together.

However, I am also a shepherd that cares selflessly and takes into consideration the times in which we are in and prayerfully seeking God on what we ought to do according to wisdom and the will of God for this church. I have never been a follower of man, trends and simply because of what everyone else is doing. I believe whole heartedly in Ecclesiastes-3:1 That there is a time and a season for every purpose under heaven.

Taking this into consideration and the physical and spiritual health of many of our members, I am not inclined to rush back into the physical building and begin our Sunday gatherings again. Though many churches have begun to re-gather as of this past Sunday. I want you to be mindful that Pastor's are only accountable for the church and membership in which he or she have been called to shepherd. Therefore, I encourage the members of JITA to exercise caution when it comes to making comparisons and judgements regarding what your church is doing in comparison to others. We take the position of praying for one another and encouraging one another for the will of the lord to be done in each of our fellowships.

Though your pastor is the Overseer of KFCA, this applies to the churches and christian ministries of KFCA also.

Now a few thoughts that I am pondering and praying about;

1. Not requesting a re-gathering for the whole month of June. Choosing to use this time to watch and pray and seek Gods will and all that he chooses for our ministry.
2. If July appears to be a timing that I have peace with, to consider re-gathering. My thoughts are to begin the transition outside on our courtyard. My wife and I are looking into canopy's that we can set up to provide shade and the open space will give us the opportunity to still exercise social distancing during our fellowship. This will also be determined based

upon the cooperation of the weather. Our children's ministry will then have the space to utilize the sanctuary and the fellowship hall in order to spread the age groups out by class.

3. Each family and or individuals will have the freedom to choose to wear your mask if you so choose. You will be asked to monitor your health and wellness in that if you are not feeling well in your body that you would be responsible enough to choose to stay home and care for yourself. There will be sanitizer available as people come in to the tent area of the fellowship. Chairs will be wiped down after the set up has been completed and after the take down. Musicians will be asked to care for their own particular equipment as it pertains to tipping it down, especially if it is a shared instrument. Our sound tech team will exercise the same care for the microphones and sound equipment. If in the case of weather we can move the fellowship within the building and structure the sanctuary in the same manner to the best of our capacity.

4. Because the season that we are in and the conditions that we are confronted with are so fluid, things are changing by the moment. I am considering and or recommending that we follow this structure even through August and see how things are shifting at that time.

These are my thoughts for planning a regathering of the membership of JITA City Church. I would like to hear your feedback and or any opinions or additional recommendations you may have.

I am recommending that you send me a separate email from this group email with your thoughts instead of replying to this group email and overwhelming everyone else with multiple reply's.

Thank you and God Bless us all;

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