



CLPC WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



Facebook Live Service

Yesterday our Session voted to suspend all in-person gatherings, including worship services. Please read the attached letter for more information. This Sunday Pastor Chad will host a Facebook live service, and after that we will resume pre-recorded digital worship videos.



Scotland Reformation Tour Meeting

Given the recent decision regarding in-person gatherings, the meeting for the Scotland tour will be moved to Zoom, still on August 18th at 1pm. The link information is included on the left.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87251777899?pwd=a2R0U3hETzltKT2N0bE1aNU5YREntUT09>

Meeting ID: 872 5177 7899

Passcode: 081552

Happy Anniversary!

Patsy and Raymond Rapp celebrate their 65th anniversary today! Thank you for being such a presence in the life of this church, and we wish you many more happy years together.



Worship Video

The link to last Sunday's Worship video can be found below.

<https://youtu.be/1Tn7eDPSHrc>

Zoom Prayer Meetings

We are instating a weekly prayer meeting on Tuesdays at 11am, starting August 17th and lasting until September 28th. All are invited to join.

Topic: Weekly Prayer / Check-In

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84785224594?pwd=ZnRSUi81d2R5OHVQMxMFM2bG4zdUVkdz09>

Meeting ID: 847 8522 4594

Passcode: Wqjn6j

Letter from the Pastor

Canyon Lake Presbyterian Members and Friends,

After lengthy debate, discussion, and prayer, it was decided by your Session that CLPC will return to its former course of no in-person worship services or large gatherings at church. The motion approved at today's meeting reads as follows:

"Canyon Lake Presbyterian Church will require all persons entering our buildings to wear a mask. Additionally, since the TSP-A is 16.95% (on Tuesday), that in person worship will be suspended effective immediately. All group meetings will also be suspended. Leadership meetings can continue in person or virtually. The suspension of in-person worship and meetings will remain in effect until the TSP-A is less than 10% for 3 consecutive weeks" (see our rationale below).

We will be taking the COVID-19 case numbers seriously and using them as a guide in our decision making for when we plan to return to in-person gatherings. In the meantime, we invite you to pray with us for the health and well-being of our community as we move together into an unknown future. Part of our call as disciples of Jesus Christ is to be prayerful people who serve God with our imagination, intelligence, and love. Now is the time for us all—individually, and as the Body of Christ—to seek new, creative ways to be the church without walls, choosing hope over despair and life over death. With Christ's help, we will persevere.

As we have communicated in the past, we seek to not only glorify God and protect our fellow members and friends with our decision concerning in-person worship, but we also look to be a source of neighborliness and love for individuals in our wider community, state, nation and world, especially our healthcare workers and health care institutions in Central Texas.

We pray that our decision may prevent any member of our congregation from falling ill or infecting others.

This week worship will be held on Facebook Live. In the weeks to follow, we will prerecord our worship service and share our worship video through email, YouTube and on Facebook. Please reach out if you need help accessing our worship services. If you, or a fellow member, or friend of the congregation is in need of immediate pastoral care, or any type of assistance that can be provided by our church family, please do not hesitate to reach out to the Church Office, your Deacon, or Pastor Chad.

Peace and blessings,
Pastor Chad

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Comal County is a HIGH TRANSMISSION AREA

The Delta Variant has been identified in Comal County. On June 1, 2021, there were 189 cases in Comal County but on July 30, 2021, there were 798 cases. On August 6 the county surpassed 1,200 cases of Covid-19 for the first time since the pandemic began in March 2020. On August 9, there were 1,311 active cases, and there are currently 1,366 cases. The percentage of hospital beds being used by COVID patients (TSP-A) across the 22-county region that includes Comal County is currently 17.83%, on July 1 was 2.4%, 3 weeks ago it was 9.34%. Last year Gov. Abbott used 15% as the threshold to initiate statewide mandates for face masks and business closings. The Molecular positivity rate currently is 16.89% and the antigen rate is 13.25%.

54.69% of Comal County residents over the age of 12 are fully vaccinated.

The Delta Variant is twice as contagious as the early form of SARS-CoV19. It may cause more severe illness than the previous strain in unvaccinated persons. Individuals infected with the Delta Variant include fully vaccinated people with symptomatic break through infections who can transmit it to others and can carry a high level of the virus. The Delta Variant symptoms are different than those of the initial Covid-19 infection. The Delta Variant can be transmitted by people without symptoms.

Information compiled from resources at Comal County Health Department and the CDC