



December 10, 2020

Dear Church Family,

While gathering in person is a huge value to us, and we have the legal right to continue meeting, we believe that there are more important factors to consider than holding onto our "rights." We recognize that the new restrictions requires everyone to make drastic and extreme changes in order to protect those most vulnerable in our community. In view of the new rates of COVID-19 infections and the county's response in re-instituting shelter-in-place restrictions, we have decided to temporarily suspend our "Church in the Lot" gatherings.

Early this summer we communicated to you our guiding principles in making these kinds of decisions. Among those principles we said accomplishing our mission would take precedence over program. We promised to stay up to date on the latest science and recommendations from the various health officials (CDC, State and County) and to make wise and safe decisions. We stated that during this crisis, we would resist the temptation of isolationism, tribalism, and defensive living. Instead, we believe God is calling us to engage our community with the hope of Jesus. We are the church and the church is not limited to a physical location. We want to be a church that lives out the gospel of Jesus in such a way that blesses our community, protects the most vulnerable and communicates that we are for them. So for this brief season, we will want to err on the side of promoting community health. We acknowledge that while we love meeting at 505 Driscoll, Bridges is much bigger than our physical location.

With all these things in mind, we will continue to move forward as a church. Our virtual services and Life Groups will continue to thrive. Our Christmas Eve outreach will safely communicate the good news of Jesus and celebrate our joy in Him. Our Lord will continue to be with us and to build His church.

Thanks for walking through these days with us, and as always, if there is any way we can be an encouragement or support to you, please let us know.

Following Jesus with you,
Bridges Staff & Elders