

The Priorities of Our Response

COVID-19 Planning Response (CPR) is fully engaged in our congregation. Both our staff and leadership are working extremely hard to transition to the new reality. In doing so we have identified several broad priorities:

First, we are doing everything we can to fully comply with federal, state, and local recommendations and mandates in order to limit the spread of this virus. Every area of our church life is being reviewed and altered to help keep each of us safe.

Secondly, we will continue providing spiritual nurture and care to every age group and constituency within our congregation. We are using every means possible - internet, media, mailings, and telephone - to keep us in relational contact despite social isolation. We are providing for spiritual vitality and growth during these difficult days.

Thirdly, we are exploring creative ways to care for the wider community as we tangibly extend the hope of the gospel beyond our own walls. We are finding ways to bless our community in what we believe can be our church's finest hour.

Alan Johnson, Chairman

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· GIVE ONLINE

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· GIVE BY TEXT MESSAGE

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· GIVE BY MAIL

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Fun Things to do in Isolation...

- Make a silly sign to put by each sink to encourage hand washing.
- Bake cookies, a cake, or bread.
- Have a tea party. Get dressed up and bring a doll or bear and host a party with tea or apple juice and eat little snacks.
- Build a fort out of couch cushions, furniture and blankets.
- Make special popcorn (like oreo popcorn, carmel popcorn, etc. — search Pinterest) and watch a movie together.
- Play in the backyard (as of now, experts say you are fine to be outside as long as you are 6 feet from your neighbor).
- Draw on the driveway with chalk.
- Ride your bike up and down the street (use a helmet please, the ER is not the place you want to be now!)
- Work on a puzzle as a family.
- Color a picture with crayons, markers, gel pens, or colored pencils.
- Make something out of your craft supplies ...like toilet paper tubes, pipe cleaners, glue, construction paper, googly eyes, tape, etc.
- Deep clean your house as a family.
- Take time daily to pray for your friends, family, neighbors, and community.

<https://www.123homeschool4me.com/101-fun-things-to-do-in-covid-19-isolation/>

How to Participate in Our Worship Services

Even though we can't worship side-by-side right now, we can still worship together through a few ways...

1. **Facebook** — Ifalls Covenant Church page
2. **Website** — ifallscovenant.org
3. **Radio** — 91.9FM, "The Bridge", Sundays at 10:30 am
4. **KCC-TV** — Sunday afternoons on Channel 7



How Can You Help?

We have had several of you reach out and ask how you can help? We are putting together a Congregational Care Group and we need volunteers! Do you like to ...

1. Make phone calls?
2. Run errands/gather supplies?
3. Do practical jobs such as shoveling, cleaning, etc.?

If you are interested in being part of our Care Group, please call the church office, Monday-Friday, 8am-12pm, or contact Melanie Clarity at 417.0517.



DO THE FIVE

Help stop coronavirus

- 1 **HANDS** Wash them often
- 2 **ELBOW** Cough into it
- 3 **FACE** Don't touch it
- 4 **FEET** Stay more than 3ft apart
- 5 **FEEL** sick? Stay home



Dear Teens and parents/guardians/parole officers,

During these 8 weeks of no large gatherings we are still going to gather together, but online.

Thankfully this is something that you guys are good at! Here's what you need to do:

*Download the "Zoom" app on your phone or computer

*Receive a Zoom chat code via the Group Text message on Wednesdays (If you aren't on the Group Text contact Seth or the church office and ask to be put on it)

*Tune into Zoom chats from 7-8pm on Wednesdays



Expect fun games, guest appearances from David and Alexa and other awesome peeps, worship, Bible studies to try to figure out what in the world is going on!! BYOS - Bring Your Own Snacks. See your faces soon!

Pastor Seth



Sunday School Online

Online weekly Bible lessons for **Pre-schooler & Elementary** aged kids can be found at www.ifallcovenant.org/kids-konnect/. These lessons will help provide a way for your kids to 'konnect' with God at home on Sundays or sometime during the week. Be sure to participate as a family.

Those who are in our **Confirmation** class (students in grades 7 & 8) are asked to continue reading 1 chapter each week in their textbook and to answer the questions that relate in their binders.



at Home

We are going to continue our Awana Clubs at home. It has been a great year & we are so close to finishing!

For our Sparks and T&T Clubs: On Facebook, please go to the I Falls Covenant Church page or the church's website, ifallscovenant.org. Every Wednesday there will be directions on what sections to work on, how to involve your guardian/parent and worship music to enjoy as a family.



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From the Desk of Pastor Dan ...

If you keep quiet at a time like this, deliverance and relief for the Jews will arise from some other place, but you and your relatives will die. Who knows if perhaps you were made queen for just such a time as this?

Esther 4:14

Only a month ago, who would have thought that our whole world would find itself being ravaged by the pandemic COVID-19? Who would have predicted the restrictions, the closings, and the warnings? Even the term "social distancing," which was unheard of a month ago, has become a common way of life. Walking into the local grocery store to find empty shelves has seemed like an apocalypse. Every possible activity where people gather has been shut down. These are uncertain times.

But they are not uncertain times for God. And as God's people, we need to remember that. Have you ever thought that God has us right where he wants us "for just such a time as this." I don't pretend to know what all the reasons may be, but it could mean that it is a time of spiritual renewal for God's people – growing closer to God and relying more on God than on our own abilities and resources. It could be something big enough to wake us up to our selfishness and our lack of concern for the physical and spiritual needs of others. I believe that God never wastes a trial, if we are open to seeing the trial from his point of view. I am thinking that this horrible pandemic could prove to be the church's greatest hour if we use it to show the love and compassion of Jesus to our church family and to our communities. Just imagine if God used the bad news of COVID-19 to help thousands of people to receive the Good News of JESUS. Let us pray and work to that end, trusting our great God to watch over us and work through us "for such a time as this."

In His grip,

Pastor Dan

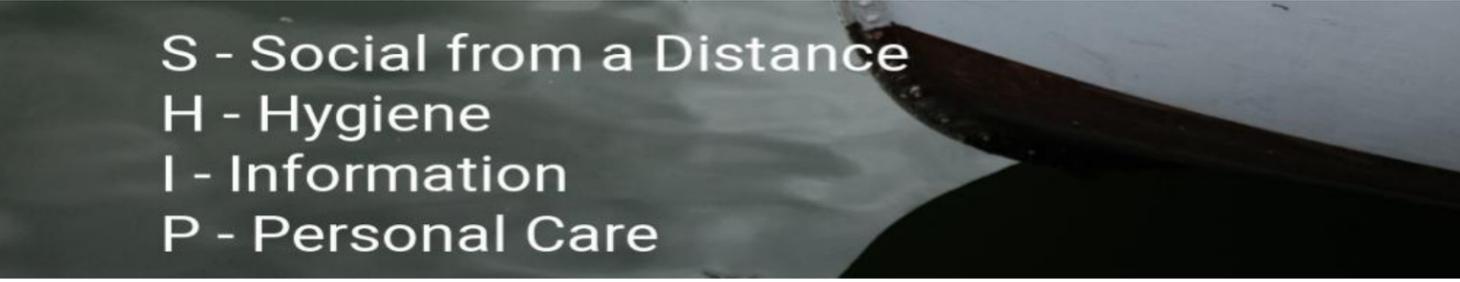
Recipe Corner



Caramel Apple Crisp Mini Cheesecakes

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| Graham/Oats Crust: 1/4 C brown sugar | 1 C graham cracker crumbs |
| 3/4 C rolled oats | 1/2 C melted butter |
| Cheesecake: 2 8oz cream cheese, softened | 2 tbsp cornstarch |
| 1/4 C brown sugar | 1/4 C granulated sugar |
| 1/8 tsp ginger | 2 tsp vanilla extract |
| 1/2 tsp cinnamon | |
| Apple Topping: 1/4 C flour | 1/4 C rolled oats |
| 1/4 C brown sugar | 1/2 tsp cinnamon |
| 2 med/lg apples; peeled/cored/finely chopped | 2 tbsp coconut oil |

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. In a mixing bowl combine graham cracker crumbs, rolled oats, melted butter and brown sugar. Line 16-18 muffin cups with liners. Divide mixture & press inside the bottom of the muffin cups. (about 1 tbsp) Bake for 5 minutes. Remove from oven & cool. Meanwhile, mix together cream cheese, brown sugar, granulated sugar, cinnamon, ginger, cornstarch and vanilla. Once well combined, pour on top of your mini graham cracker crusts, leaving room at the top for fruit and streusel. Combine all streusel ingredients and mix until crumbly. To start your apple layer, arrange the finely chopped apple on top of the cheesecake in a single layer. Top with the Apple Crisp Topping. Bake at 350 for 25-30 minutes. Once it is done cooking, cool for 15 minutes, then refrigerate overnight. Top with caramel sauce and serve.



S - Social from a Distance
H - Hygiene
I - Information
P - Personal Care