

ELDER NOVEMBER 2020 COVID-19 UPDATE

When obedience to the commands of Scripture finds opposition in the laws of the land, we will prioritize obedience to Scripture and encourage our church family to do the same.

This passage describes how the early church assembled:

Acts 2:46-47 (ESV):

46 And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, 47 praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

In this passage we see believers assembling as the local church both in places of worship and in homes.

Here is a portion from our statement of faith regarding the church of Jesus Christ.

“We believe that all believers from the day of Pentecost in Acts 2 until the return of Jesus Christ are members of the Church, the body of Christ, and that the visible manifestation on earth is local churches where believers assemble for teaching, fellowship, prayer, and observance of Christ’s commands regarding baptism and communion.”

Now, Our perspective and understanding of this ever-changing situation has continued to grow.

In March, when were told that many were dying from COVID-19, we cooperated with our governing authorities by suspending the assembly of believers in our places of worship and continued to meet in homes.

From May until now, we have been able to find creative solutions, both indoor and outdoor, for our church family to continue to assemble in our places of worship.

The current California government regulations prohibit the assembly of believers indoors on our church campuses as well as in our homes.

Our obedience to the commands of Scripture have found opposition in the laws of the land. We are prioritizing obedience to Scripture and encouraging our church family to do the same.

As an elder board we have decided to keep our church buildings open to support the spiritual and fellowship needs of our congregation. Weather permitting we will also seek to creatively utilize outdoor spaces. We will continue to do this with care and concern for both our church family and our community.