

This past week, the governor of Indiana, Eric Holcomb, issued a statewide mandate regarding the wearing of masks whenever in public. In response to this, the Crosspoint Elder team went to the Scriptures and to prayer to seek God's wisdom on how to act when it comes to church and government relations. We know that God has established institutions within human society; the family, the government, and the church, all for God's glory and for the good of the society. We know that God calls each of these institutions to work in ways that are good and right for His glory and the good of others. We know that God has put the government in place for the protection of civic peace and well-being and we as the church are to respect their authority as civil leaders whenever it does not violate God's Word. We also know that there are times that the government does violate God's Word and does not do the right, good and just thing they are called to do and we as the church have the duty to stand up against these kinds of injustices.

Therefore, when the mandate was issued, it was our duty as Crosspoint Elders to go to Scriptures like Matthew 22:17-22, Romans 13:1-7 and 1 Peter 2:13-17 so we could understand what God's Word called us to do. It was also our duty as the Elders of Crosspoint Church to pray and apply those Scriptures to ensure that this mandate was not commanding us as believers to do something that God forbids and that it was not forbidding what God commands.

Therefore, due to the statewide mandate that begins on Monday, July 27th, we want to respectfully follow this order when we are gathered inside the Crosspoint Church building. This will be for anything we do in the building - from the membership refresher, to worship, to any possible ministries. So, here are two things we ask. First, we ask that when you are entering, moving throughout the building, and leaving, please make sure to wear a mask. Second, we ask that you only remove your mask when you are sitting as a family in chairs or on stage while still maintaining social distance. We will continue to encourage our fellowship outside so we can maintain six feet social distance.

We recognize that this is a hard time for everyone. But we want to assure you that worship at Crosspoint and the ministries of Crosspoint have not stopped and will not stop.

We know that God was not surprised by any of this and in fact He is in control and continues to mobilize the church to be the church.

Because of that, your Elder team will be meeting on Wednesday, August 5th to pray, discuss and make decisions regarding innovative ideas on how to move forward with ministry, Bible study, missions and discipleship. Please pray for that meeting.

We also ask that you pray about how to be the church during this time. We ask that you cry out to the Lord and ask Him to give you fresh ideas on how to do ministry and help the church thrive during this time. We ask that you cry out to the Lord and ask Him to give you fresh ideas on how to disciple new believers and how to reach our community and the world with the gospel during this time. We look forward to watching what God is going to do in you and through Crosspoint Church during this time.

For His Glory,

Your Crosspoint Elder Team

Pastor Dan, Pastor Chad and Pastor Josh.