

Southgate church of Christ and Inclement Weather

The Southgate elders are committed to holding our regularly scheduled worship services and Bible classes each and every week. The elders are also committed to the safety and welfare of all members and visitors. During times of inclement weather, these two commitments may come into conflict. Therefore, the elders have developed the following protocols for monitoring the weather and road conditions, conferring as an eldership, and conveying a decision to the congregation regarding our regularly scheduled services during such weather events.

1. All members are encouraged to monitor the weather and use extreme caution during times of inclement weather. Please do not travel if it is not safe for you to do so even if services are not cancelled. There may be cases in which the conditions in San Angelo are safe while conditions in outlying areas are dangerous. Generally, services will not be cancelled for a tornado watch, but please do not travel in the event of a tornado warning in your area. The National Weather Service (weather.gov) and Texas Department of Transportation (drivetexas.org) provide current conditions in your specific area.

2. Weather conditions are continuously monitored by church leaders. An elder and a designated staff member are responsible for monitoring the weather and making the other elders aware as soon as a weather and/or travel advisory is posted. Often, these advisories are posted days in advance.

3. When a weather advisory is issued that potentially interferes with one or more regularly scheduled church services, the elders will gather information, confer, and convey their decision regarding these services to a designated office staff and/or member. This designee(s) will then disseminate this information through various media to include but not limit to: the Southgate website, the Southgate Facebook page, and mass email to members. A message will be disseminated even if the elders decide not to modify or cancel one or more services so that members are fully informed. These messages will be conveyed as early as possible, but no later than the following:

- Sunday a.m. services: Designee informed by 7:00 a.m.; message disseminated by 8:00 a.m.
- Sunday p.m. services: Same timeframe as above, but morning services might be held while evening services might be cancelled.
- Wednesday p.m. services: Designee informed by 2:00 p.m.; message disseminated by 3:00 p.m.

4. Anyone with responsibilities during a service who does not feel safe traveling because of inclement weather should inform the appropriate person (deacon of the month, education coordinator, etc.) of their absence just as he/she would if the absence was due to illness, etc.

5. Take care of yourself and each other. When these types of events occur, please take good care of yourself and others in your home. Also, check on members of our Southgate family to make sure their needs are being met. If you have a need, please let the church office, an elder, or any member of Southgate know.

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