

# ANF Virtual House Church Guidelines [COVID-19]

Same House Church | Different “House”

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- Shepherds, please make sure all house church members have the Skype app downloaded onto their phones or laptops, whichever they prefer, in advance of house church.
  - Please also ask that they share their usernames to you, preferably 24 hours in advance.
  - Shepherds should log onto Skype at 6:45pm each Friday to test the system and be prepared to group video call all house church members at once.
- Goal: The goal is to make virtual house church as close to a regular, in-person house church, as possible. We want to make it a welcoming place for our friends who may not know God, as well as all others who want to participate, to enjoy house church from the safety of their homes.
  - We are going to be utilizing a virtual platform for several weeks, if not months, so it is important that we make this a safe space for everyone and normalize this experience as much as we can.
  - We want to make sure everyone is engaged and downplay any awkwardness.
  - We should also invite any out-of-town house church members to participate in virtual house church as well.

## Schedule

1. Dinner—Each house church can do it differently, but let’s do “a” for this week.
    - a. Everyone eats on their own before house church.
    - b. Everyone prepares their own food and eats together online, sharing what they are eating.
  2. Welcome Message by the Shepherd(s).
  3. Icebreaker.
  4. Praise.
    - a. In advance of house church, the person in charge of praise should prepare two songs and send out the lyrics to the rest of the house church members.
    - a. Everyone, except for the person in charge of praise, should mute their Skype, while they sing the two songs together.
  5. Word Time.
    - a. The person in charge of word time should give a summary of the sermon to start.
    - b. Then, house church members can go around freely and share how they’ve applied the sermon into their lives.
  6. Announcements.
    - a. HC Missionary Updates.
    - b. Missions Offering by Venmo to the House Church Missions Coordinator.
    - c. Tithe and Offering.
      - i. **“Give”** link at the top-right corner of the ANF website; or
      - ii. **Venmo (@ANFDallas)** – Please specify in the comments section the specific amounts to be given in Tithe, Offering, Thanks, Missions, Special, etc.
    - d. Explanation of the virtual Sunday Corporate Worship format.
  7. Sharing Time, led by the Shepherd(s).
  8. Time of Prayer, led by the Shepherd(s).
    - a. For each other;
    - b. For our missionaries;
    - c. For Pastor Daniel and for the leaders;
    - d. For ANF and for the Sunday Corporate Worship to be done on a virtual platform; and
    - e. For the various ANF prayer requests amid COVID-19.
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