

Elk Horn Baptist Church

Elk Horn Church Family:

To my beautiful, amazing and wonderful church family. On Thursday March 19, 2020 a world –wide Pandemic “COVID 19” swept through this world, it brought this world to a complete stop and to be honest, things will never be the same or normal as we call it. During this horrible time I have seen families come back together, people go above and beyond to help one another, the church do what she was designed and created to do and my prayer is that we NEVER go back to normal, comfortable or what we personally think church should look like. Saying this, on behalf of myself and the Leadership of EHBC it is our honor, joy and privilege to announce our first Sunday back will be **“SUNDAY MAY 31, 2020.”** Come on somebody PTL! Write that date down, post it all over Facebook, share it, and get your praise on because it’s time to sing, dance, and come back together as a church and praise the Lord. With this being said, we do still need to honor our Government and guidelines. I have attached **“EHBC Guidelines” for a SOFT RE-OPENING!** Please, please honor the Leadership of EHBC as we move forward in faith re-opening the church because the last thing we want is to hurt, or harm you, or do anything to backset the church or have to close our doors again. We need to love, honor and respect our church Leadership. Also, if you have any reservations, or are not feeling well, please don’t feel obligated to come to church. Please stay home, take care of yourself and continue to watch EHBC on Facebook, Vimeo, YouTube, Elk Horn App or church web-site. Lastly, if you have any questions please feel free to call the church and we would love to hear your voice and speak with you. Again, I have attached **“EHBC Soft Re-Opening Guidelines.” Please take time to sit down and read these guidelines.** I love you so deeply and dearly. I cannot wait to see and worship King Jesus with you. What a day that will be.

Glory to God,

Rev. Dr. Brian K. Rafferty, Th.D.

EHBC Soft Re-Opening:
Sunday May 31st “Pentecost Sunday”

- **No Sunday school**
- **No Soul Café**
- **No Bulletins**
- **No Nursery or Children’s Church**
- **Greeters / Security** – Both teams will be **“EVERYWHERE”** (Parking lots with signs, flags, etc. Atrium, inside sanctuary) waving and welcoming people back to church. **NOTE** – No handshakes, No hugs, No meet and greet (Staff will be creative with meet and greet), etc....
- **No offering taken up during Worship service** – (Pastor at end of service will inform congregation about the ways to tithe / give (**Online, Text to Give, Church App, Walk-In, Mail in**), and about the two **“GIVING STATIONS”** in the Atrium)...
- **Deacons** – All Deacons will help seat people keeping everyone as much as possible to the 6’ Social Distancing (3 seats between groups of families or individuals).
- **Holy Communion** – If we decide to serve Holy Communion we will use the pre-package Communion cups
- **No Baptisms** - EHBC will have **“NO BAPTISMS”** at this time.
- **Old School Altar Call** – EHBC loves the altar but due to COVID 19 and the Soft Re-Opening anyone preaching / ministering will go back to the “Old School Altar Call” (raise hand and see Pastors / Deacons before you leave)...
- **No River** – At this time were asking everyone to please stay seated and worship from where you are seated or standing. As soon as we can I promise we will open the “RIVER” back up!
- **EHBC doors will “NOT” open till’ 9:15AM each Sunday.** Please don’t congregate and respect one another with the social distancing.
- **Wednesday’s – NO IN HOUSE WORSHIP!** Due to our current church policy when schools out EHBC is out but during this Pandemic we want to stay connected and encourage you so we will remain Facebook live.
- **All Scheduled Activities on Church Campus** – Only drive by parades or parties “10” or less will be permitted on Campus at this time. Please call church to make reservations!
- **NOTE**– We will have sanitizer stations at every entrance, Welcome Center and tables in Atrium. Also, Connection doors leading into Offices, Kids WAC, and Children’s area will be locked.