Hello Parkview Family!

I pray you're having a wonderful week and are staying safe and healthy! Please look over these very important announcements:

**1. Re-Opening Plan** - I know you are anxious to hear what our plan is to re-open the church!

I’ve been listening to the reports from our Governor, Mayor, and Tulsa County Health officials, been in discussions with Oklahoma Baptist pastors and leaders, and been in consultation with our staff as well as some key leaders in our church. I’ve also heard from many of you who responded to our church-wide survey about your feelings about coming back to church.

More than anything, I’ve sought the Lord and His will for our church. Other churches have made, and will make, their own decisions based on their own factors. Our plan is the one we believe is right and best for Parkview.

**HERE'S OUR PLAN:**

We will reopen with **Lawn Chair Worship Services at both campuses on May 17 & 24 at 10:30am.**

Weather permitting, these outdoor services will allow our members to sit where they wish and stay safely distanced from others. Being outdoors will also allow us to sing and have a little more freedom than we would indoors at this time. You’ll be reminded and encouraged to keep your distance, not shake hands, and respect those around you. These two weeks will also allow us to watch and see if there are any changes with the Covid -19 virus. **These worship services will be the only activities we offer at this time.** There will be no SS, nursery, committees, choir practice, or any other activities. **Online services will continue to be offered for the entire month of May** for those in an “at-risk” or “vulnerable” group or who do not feel comfortable returning to campus.

If the virus continues on its downward trend **we will then move our worship indoors to the sanctuary on Sunday, May 31st.** The main campus will offer our 2 regular services at 9:00 and 10:30 and the Sequoyah Creek campus will offer its regular service at 10:30. Even though we are moving indoors, there will still be some restrictions. For instance,

* Our seating will be adjusted to allow us to keep a safe distance from others.
* We won’t pass the offering plate anymore, but will have offering stations at each exit door.
* There won’t be the traditional welcome times, but we will give you an opportunity to give each other a holy wave!
* We’ll also keep the services a little shorter for a while to allow more time between services to minimize crowding in the hallways.
* At our main campus we will sanitize the sanctuary, restrooms and doors between services.
* You’ll notice hand sanitizers will be available and  masks as well for anyone who desires one.
* The restrooms will also be restricted to 2 at a time. Again, this will minimize crowding or pushing the social distance guidelines.
* Again – these worship services will be the only activity we offer at this time. No Sunday School. No Nursery.

We also have a tentative plan to re-introduce Sunday School and our other activities, but will re-evaluate our plan during the month of May before we move forward on these plans. Please continue to pray for us as we seek the Lord's wisdom for these plans!

**2. Sunday School -** In the meantime, we encourage our SS classes to continue to meet using Zoom or other methods of communication. I'm so thankful to our SS teachers who have faithfully continued to reach out to their class members. Here is the link to this week's lesson. As always, I encourage to take a few minutes to watch and connect with your class to discuss what God revealed to you this week:

[https://vimeo.com/396709065](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fvimeo.com%2F396709065&data=02%7C01%7C%7C40488ed9fe8846d171cf08d7ed013cba%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C637238461875879251&sdata=RUOik0BhqyGaBxjOBT8iIIqfaSw%2BMYiuyyd1XDU%2F4h4%3D&reserved=0) - Mercy

**3. ZOOM Event - Saturday, May 16 @ 7:00pm -** We want to celebrate our re-opening by meeting together on ZOOM to pray and praise the Lord for His goodness! If you are receiving this email you will be receiving a ZOOM invite to join together with as many Parkview members as possible where we will have some member-led prayers as well as, opportunities to thank God and ask His continued provision and protection for our church. You'll be hearing more details as this day approaches!

Thank you for all your love for one another and your prayers for our church! We WILL be back together soon and continue to desire to do that in the best and safest way possible for OUR Church!

Blessings!

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