

Re-gathering Plan

Dear Church Family,

As we have previously mentioned, we are making plans to “Re-gather” in our facilities for Sunday morning worship. The leadership has met and decided to set **June 14, 2020 at 10:00 am** as our “Re-gather” date. We want to thank our members who participated in giving us feedback through the “Back to Church Survey.” We have used your feedback along with CDC and State recommendations in implementing our in-house worship services.

While these precautions may seem extreme to some, we want to make sure that those who choose to gather inhouse to worship will feel safe. Please use your personal judgement based on whether you should participate in corporate worship or continue worship at home. Note: We will continue to offer the services online via our website or Facebook. While we are implementing this regathering, the Covid-19 is still in our community and is still very dangerous to some. Based on current CDC guidelines, the following describes those people who are considered to be in the “high risk” category...[\[1\]](#)

- People 65 years and older

- People of all ages with underlying medical conditions, particularly if not well controlled, including:
 - People with chronic lung disease or moderate to severe asthma
 - People who have serious heart conditions
 - People who are immunocompromised
 - People with severe obesity (body mass index of 40 or higher)
 - People with diabetes
 - People with chronic kidney disease undergoing dialysis
 - People with liver disease

What to expect for the service:

As we have mentioned several times, our worship setting will be different. While we will hold services in the sanctuary, we will livestream the service to the fellowship hall to allow us to provide the recommended social distancing. Each facility will have ushers who will monitor seating capacity and redirect people as needed. Flow of Traffic for Entrance/Exit doors for each worship setting will be as follows:

Fellowship Hall: For worship in the Fellowship Hall, you will enter from the glass doors at the office or the first glass door across from the playground directly leading into the Fellowship Hall. These same doors will serve as the exits when the service is over.

Sanctuary: For worship in the Sanctuary, you will enter by the glass

doors near the Office, the far glass doors across from the library near the playground, or you may also enter the sanctuary setting from the vestibule at the front of the sanctuary. When you leave, you may exit the sanctuary through the vestibule, or at the door that goes to the nursery.

- We will not be handing out paper bulletins.
- We have drop-boxes around the facility for you to place your offering. For now, the two main drop-boxes are located in the hallway outside the sanctuary near the piano and beside the church office. We encourage you to put your offering in the drop-boxes when entering the service.
- We encourage a “No Touch” greeting. While you may be comfortable shaking hands, hugging, others may not. We must ensure that we honor and respect the wishes of others. Our main objective is to keep one another as safe as possible. Christ has called us to put the needs of others ahead of ourselves (Philippians 2:3-4).
- We will encourage you to bring your mask and wear during the inhouse gathering as our numbers for Covid-19 in Iredell County continue to climb.
- While music is an integral part of worship, it has been determined singing increases the chance of exposure. With that said, we will continue to lead with praise worship; your participation is an individual decision.

- At this time, Sunday School will not be meeting on campus. But we encourage groups to continue to meet as you have throughout this time away.
- There will be no nursery or children's worship throughout the summer to protect our children and our ministry volunteers. While we know this creates challenges for parents, we also know our children benefit greatly from worshipping alongside you, their parents. Pastor John and Pastor Phillip believe and embrace multigenerational worship. Check out this article from the NC Baptist web site, "[9 Ways to Prepare Families \(and churches\) to worship with Children](#)" for some great points and ideas of how to incorporate children in the worship service. We are going to try to make provisions for this time when we are all together.
- Our Facilities will receive a weekly deep cleaning as discussed with our Custodial Service.
- While the restrooms will be open, we ask that no one congregate in the restrooms. If the allotted number of stalls are in use, please wait outside for a person to exit before the next person enters. This will prevent crowding in small areas.
- We realize you are excited to re-gather however, if you are not feeling well and especially are running a fever or showing other Covid-19 type symptoms, please do not come to church. Instead worship with us through our live stream on

Facebook or by the recording posted to our web site until you have been symptom free for a week or two.

Hand Sanitizer will be located throughout the facilities. Please remember handwashing/hand sanitizing, social distancing of 6 feet, wearing masks are efforts to control the spread of Covid-19 as we regather. If at any point the leadership feels we need to temporarily halt our inhouse gathering due to spike in the number of cases in Iredell County or if we experience cases within our fellowship where there has been potential exposure, we will revert back to online and/or outside worship.

Thank you for your continued prayers, support and patience during this time.

TBC Leadership

[1] <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/people-at-higher-risk.html>, accessed on 6/6/20.