



COVID-19 UPDATE

May 15, 2020

Dear Church Family,

The day is almost upon us! We can almost taste it! It's almost here! In just two days, we will begin the process of restart and, wait for it, we will actually see each other face-to-face! I can't believe it is finally here!

This email is more about instruction and I apologize for the length. We need to make sure we all have the right information and we collectively work to keep everyone safe. Safety is all of our responsibility. We have made a video to help reorient everyone. [Click here for that video](#) or go the church's Facebook page.

This Sunday, May 17th, we will gather in the sanctuary for our 8:15am and 11:00am live services with our 8:15am service being lived streamed on the church's Facebook page. In anticipation of this, please note the following instructions.

1. Doors will open at 7:55am. Do not come early. Per health guidelines, we cannot assemble early or stay late. Doors will lock at 12:45pm.
2. The setup of the sanctuary has rows of 6, 4, and 3. Please sit in a row appropriate to your group size. Overflow is setup if needed in the fellowship hall (similar to Easter setup). You can see this on the video. We can accommodate 190 people and 42 family units per service.
3. We will not have: coffee, offering plates passed, nursery care, children's church, Sunday School, ABFs, communion, hymnals or Bibles in the chair racks, handshakes or hugs, bulletins, or furniture in lobby.
4. Masks are not required, but will be provided if you would like one. The pastors, greeters, and ushers will wear masks.
5. All surfaces and rooms used during first service will be deep cleaned before second service so please do not arrive before 10:45am for second service so as to give the crew adequate time to finish the cleaning.
6. All interior doors are locked except the bathrooms. If you need to change a diaper, changing stations are located in all bathrooms.
7. If you are in the high risk category for this infection, please do not attend yet. See health code guidelines for who is considered high risk. <https://southheartlandhealth.org>
8. Offering plates can be found on the tables at the sanctuary exits before and after services.

It is absolutely imperative that we give grace to each other, recognizing that different people have reacted differently to the recommended health measures. We will not mock, finger point, belittle, or judge anyone for things like wearing a mask or not. This will be a test of our church's maturity. Let's show each other who we really are!

Our phase 2 reopening procedure at this point has us resuming Sunday School, ABFs, small groups, etc. on June 7th. We will keep you in the loop on this as guidelines change.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call the church or call me at 507-399-3282.

Two more days!

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