

Wednesday, August 26, 2020

Dear Church Family,

Greetings in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ!

Thank you for responding to the recent survey that was sent out regarding the ongoing “reopening during COVID” process. It has confirmed to us that, overall, we are ready to take some more small steps forward as we continue to weigh out the risks and benefits of specific behaviours.

As we continue moving forward, please note the following changes:

- 1) Congregational Singing - As of this Sunday, August 30<sup>th</sup>, we are allowing congregational singing with masks.
- 2) Pre-registration - When we began to reopen, our attendance was not too close to our 30 % maximum (80 people) and therefore we did not need to be concerned about going over. As time goes on and more people are comfortable coming back to the building, the process of preregistering becomes more important. We will continue the pattern of you being automatically on the list for the next Sunday if you were there the previous Sunday, however, **if there are any additions or subtractions, we are asking you to notify Heidi by Friday at noon**, in order that we may have an accurate count of how many will be attending. The available spots will mostly be on a first come first serve basis, so please register early to ensure a spot.
- 3) Mask use while visiting before/after the service – one of the difficulties that many have had (myself included!) is keeping the 2 metre distance while visiting before/after church, especially in the foyer. We understand this difficulty, and therefore are asking people to wear masks while visiting inside the building before/after the service.
- 4) Other Ministries/Programs – as we head into Fall, some of our other ministries are planning/preparing to begin. Ministry Leaders, we are relying on you to determine if/when/how you are able to resume your ministry in a manner that is in keeping with current guidelines/best practices. We ask that you run your plans by the reopening team by phone or email, just to make sure necessary precautions are in place. If you need any help, or have any questions please feel free to talk to one of us.

Thank you for your patience with us as we do our best to reopen safely and respectfully!

“Be exalted, O God, above the heavens! Let your glory be over all the earth.” Psalm 57:5,11



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