

We are living in interesting times. Christians have always lived in interesting times. But as servants of God, we are to be shining lights to the world even in difficult times. We are to love and respect each other as well as those in our community. We need to respect not only the physical health and well-being but also try to provide peace of mind for those who may be a little uneasy but still want to be able to worship together in person.

The Elders, Deacons and Chuck have all been working together using information from the CDC, Arkansas Department of Health and factoring in considerations unique to our church family in order to design a protocol that will allow us to all worship together in person.

We're all having to adapt, and we're asking for everyone's cooperation as we continue to work through what this looks like - today, next week and for however long we need to make special accommodations.

If you have specific questions about the procedures we will be using, please contact one of the following deacons: Chris Alsip / Jeff Slatton / Jake Nabors.

If you have Scriptural questions or spiritual concerns, please direct those to the Elders.

# In-Person Services Restarting May 10

*As directed by the Elders, in order to resume in-person worship services, it will be necessary to adhere to social distancing guidelines. This is for the safety and peace of mind of all those worshipping with us*

## General Info:

- Members will be *assigned to one* specific worship assembly time: 9am or 11am which will be communicated to you by Saturday; No Bible Classes
- Cleaning / sanitizing will occur in between the two services
- A limited number of Visitors are welcome (subject to social distancing guidelines)
- **Masks required** for anyone older than 5 yrs. at all times. Please bring your own as we have a very limited number of masks available
- Children must remain with parents at all times
- Please have children use restroom before getting to building. If they must use them at the building, parents must sanitize all surfaces touched after use
- If you need water, please bring a small bottle from home as drinking fountains will not be operating

## Parking & Building Entry:

- Please leave 1 parking space in between vehicles
- Doors open ~20 minutes prior to service (please wait in car until doors are opened)
- Maintain 6 feet between others while awaiting entry
- Follow the marked entry signs - only one set of doors will be open for entry
- Upon entry:
  - Hands will be sanitized (sanitizer provided, or members can use their own upon entering)
  - Individual pre-packaged communion elements will be provided for partaking of the Lord's Supper at the appropriate time
- Worshippers will be ushered to assigned seats upon entry - no congregating in foyer; please be seated 5 minutes prior to worship start time

## Exit:

- Worshippers dismissed by row / take **all** personal belongs with you
- No congregating in foyer / maintain social distancing in parking lot

See church website  
for additional details

# Additional Info

## Worship Service Times:

- Because we must maintain minimum distances, we will divide the membership directory into two groups for worship times.
  - We want to ensure that everyone who wants to attend is able and to allow for potential visitors
  - Older members and those who may be at higher health risks will be asked to attend the first service
  - Please appreciate the challenge of trying to balance the attendance at the two service times and attend the service you've been delegated; If you have a specific reason you cannot attend your assigned session, please contact Jake Nabors who will try to accommodate
- Worship services will be limited to one hour to allow for necessary cleaning / sanitizing that will occur in between the two services
- We will not have Bible Classes at this time, but we will continue having online Bible Classes

## Masks required / No-contact greetings required:

- Masks will be required for anyone older than 5 yrs. inside the building.
- Masks need to be covering faces at ALL times (other than while you are partaking of the Lord's Supper)
- The only exceptions will be for those men who are leading a particular portion of the worship service (song-leading, Lord's Table, Preaching, Prayers) and only during the time they are actively covering their duty
- We will have a very limited number of masks available for visitors, but we are encouraging members to please bring their own
- We will not be able to shake hands or hug yet - but feel free to "air high five"

# Additional Info

## For Parents and Children:

- Children must remain with parents at all times - this includes while children are in the parking lot
- Please have children use restroom before getting to building.
  - If a child must use the restroom while at the building, if they are under 10 years old, parents must accompany them
  - After use, any surface that is touched in the restroom must be sanitized
- The nursery will be available for mothers of infants, but all surfaces that are touched will need to be sanitized
- The drinking fountains will not be operating. If you or your children will need water, please bring a small water bottle from home.
- Note: If you bring books or toys for small children, you will need to take them with you at the end of services. Any item left in the pews will be removed.

## Visitors:

- We want to make our visitors feel welcome, but we must do so within the guidelines of social-distancing
- We will make all reasonable efforts to accommodate visitors (a reasonable number which will be determined by the Elders as appropriate)
- Visitors will be required to adhere to the same procedures as the membership
- If you are aware of specific individuals who intend to visit Westside, please let Jake know so we may plan accordingly

# Additional Info

## Parking & Building Entry:

- Depending upon your worship time, you will be asked to park in a particular area of the building. This is to help improve the flow of traffic into and out of the building to prevent bottlenecks (diagram of the parking lot will be provided)
- Please leave 1 parking space in between vehicles to allow for social distancing
- Doors open ~20 minutes prior to service (please wait in your car until the doors are opened). Sanitizing of the building will be occurring in between services, and we need to have everyone out of the building
- Maintain 6 feet between others while awaiting entry
- Follow the marked entry signs - only one set of doors will be open for entry
- Upon entry:
  - Hands will be sanitized (sanitizer provided, or members can use their own upon entering)
  - Individual pre-packaged communion elements will be provided for partaking of the Lord's Supper at the appropriate time
- Worshippers will be ushered to assigned seats upon entry - no congregating in foyer; please be seated 5 minutes prior to worship start time

## Exit:

- After the Closing Prayer, we will dismiss everyone by row in order to facilitate the orderly exit and prevent bottlenecks.
- We will exit through a different door than you entered. We will have signs and ushers to direct you.
- Please take all personal belongs with you - this includes your Bibles, activities you brought for young children, blankets
  - Because the auditorium must be cleaned for the next service, any item that is left on the pew will be removed
- We will not be able to linger and congregate in foyer
- If you want to visit briefly with other people, do so in the parking lot, but maintain social distancing.
- Do not block any of the entrance or exit areas as we will be trying to get the next group of worshippers into the building

# Additional Info

## During Services:

The order of services will be modified slightly. To help with the flow, we will open with announcements followed by the Lord's Supper

**Lord's Supper** - the one heading the Lord's Table will direct everyone when to partake of the emblems they were handed upon entry

- At the proper time, each member will partake of the emblems at their pews
- Note: if you or someone in your family may have difficulty opening the pre-portioned communion packets, please let a deacon know. We will have a small number of containers available to accommodate those needs.
- At the end of the Lord's Supper a couple of the men will bring wastebaskets to collect the used cups. To facilitate this and to minimize spills, please drink all of the juice in your container

**Songbooks** - one of the Health Department recommendations was to remove items that are shared publicly, such as songbooks.

- We will project songs on screen.
- If anyone does have a special need for a songbook, please make that known and a deacon will provide one that has already been sanitized. Leave the book in your pew, and it will be picked up and sanitized for future use.

## Miscellaneous:

**Water Fountains:** The drinking fountains will not be operating. If you or your children will need water, please bring a small water bottle from home.

**Restrooms:** It is encouraged for members to use the restroom before you get to the building. If you do need to use the restroom at the building, once you've washed your hands, you will also need to sanitize all surfaces that are touched after use. This includes toilets, faucets, door handles, etc.