

Hi Brethren,

The great news is we are able to begin assembling and worshipping together this Sunday and we thank God for this is a day we have been praying for! (Deacons and men of the congregation please note the request at the end of this email.)

The government guidelines require that we maintain safe distancing during these assemblies and the elders desire to continue to do our best to protect the brethren during the assembly. The plans that we have put in place and ask that you follow are below:

1. We will have a worship service beginning at 10am this Sunday, May 10. Please plan on arriving by 9:40am, to allow time to be seated so that we can start promptly at 10am.
2. We will not visit in the foyer or gather in small groups within the building. All visiting will need to be done outside in the parking lot and we urge everyone to maintain safe distancing.
3. Please wear a mask coming into until you are seated. It is certainly acceptable if you chose to wear a mask except when singing or partaking of the Lord's supper during the assembly. We realize it may not be possible to keep a mask on some children and we encourage all to kindly remind the children that they need to keep distance from others.
4. As you enter through the foyer, you will be given the emblems for the Lord's supper which are self contained along with a baggie to place the containers in. Once used, we ask that you put the containers in the baggie and the baggie in the trash on your way out.
5. Seating will be in small family groups of 3 or less, alternating two groups to a pew with single groups on pew in between the pews with 2 groups. Accommodations will be made for families [...] that have small children. We also realize this means some of the older children may not be able to sit with the family and we apologize for that but believe this is the best approach.
6. We may utilize some of the classrooms in the building if needed.
7. We will have men of the congregation who will guide you to your seating, beginning front to back. Please realize this means you will probably not get to sit where you normally would but we would ask that you please sit where directed.
8. At the end of the worship, men of the congregation will ask you to exit as is done at weddings and funerals, one row at a time, from back to front, or from the front through the side doors. Please maintain social distancing as you exit.

We are excited that we can gather to worship, looking forward to it! We will also be live streaming the worship service through Facebook this Sunday as well!

We love each of you and believe that this approach is appropriate to protect each of us. We also want you to know, if you personally decide that you are not able to start assembling at this time we understand. We would ask that you let us know by email, text or phone call if you plan on attending so that we can have some idea of the number attending.

Also we ask that the deacons and men of the congregation who are planning to attend, to come to the building at 10am, this Saturday, May 9th, so that we can go through the details of the plans and assign duties. Please wear your masks.

In Christian Love,  
The Elders