



Returning to CBC FAQs

Why has June 7th been chosen as the date to reopen the church for worship?

With the governor's phased reopening approach, as of 5/28, churches are now allowed to meet at 50% capacity of their meeting space. People are isolated, fearful, and looking for answers; answers that only God's Word can give. The leadership team agreed that it was important to resume in-person worship as soon as possible, both for the spiritual well-being of our church body, and to fulfill our mandate of gospel proclamation.

Will CBC be following the governor's guidelines for opening?

The leadership team is committed to following the guidelines listed in our governor's phased approach. These guidelines actually give the church some welcomed flexibility.

How will we control the number of people who are gathering in the Worship Center & lobby on Sundays?

Thankfully, the maximum occupancy of the Worship Center is substantially larger than our church's seating needs. Additionally, there won't be any fellowship table before or after the service to ensure people aren't congregating in close proximity. Immediately after the service, everyone will be dismissed outside to encourage fellowship in an environment that allows for physical distancing and fresh air.

What safety measures can I expect to see on Sunday mornings?

We plan to have the doors to the Worship Center propped open at all times to minimize touching of shared surfaces. We will also have hand sanitizing stations available in both the lobby and Worship Center, organized seating and dismissal procedures, and ushers available throughout the service to assist in making the environment safe for all who attend.

What cleaning and precautionary measures are being taken to ensure everyone's safety?

Before the service, all chairs, tables, and common hand-contact surfaces, (door handles, counters) will be sanitized and wiped down. Bulletins will be placed on the chairs in advance. An offering box will be placed at the back of the worship center to receive all gifts and offerings so that there is no passing of items between people.

How will we maintain social distancing during the worship service?

Our usher team will be directing people to available seating which will be spaced out to allow for proper social distancing for individuals and families. Additionally, we will dismiss the congregation outside after the service in stages to ensure a smooth flow of pedestrian traffic. Children are to remain with their parents at all times before, during, and after the service.

How should we greet one another?

While in the past a friendly handshake or hug have been the norm for greeting one another, a hearty but socially distanced broad smile and warm hello will be the recommended approach.

Are facemasks required to be worn when in the building?

In accordance with Virginia Executive Order Number 63, facemasks will be required while inside the building for those 10 years old and older. The only exceptions will be for those who are physically unable to do so for health and safety reasons. If you're unable to wear a mask, please contact Pastor Jeff, (jeff@cascadesbiblechurch.com), in advance so we are aware of those limitations.

Will restrooms be available?

Restrooms will be available. Signs will indicate that maximum occupancy should not exceed 2 adults at one time.

Will there be congregational singing?

Yes, our plan is to offer a full service, which will include congregational singing.

Will the worship service continue to be livestreamed?

Yes, but in a limited format. We're unable to broadcast the service on YouTube Live from our meeting space, but we will stream the service in a Zoom meeting format for those who aren't physically present. The invitation for the Zoom meeting will be sent out to our regular church attenders via the email distribution list the day before.

What about the Lord's Table during this time of physical distancing?

CBC has purchased convenient, individually sealed communion packets, (contains bread and juice), which will allow us to continue offering monthly congregational communion.

When do you anticipate restarting Equipping Hour, FOF, Children's Ministry, Nursery etc?

The leadership team will evaluate the timing of restarting individual ministries on Sunday mornings. For now, Equipping Hour, FOF, Children's Ministry (including the Nursery) will not meet.

How is the church doing financially?

God has continued to bless our church abundantly. We're happy to report that giving has been consistent and we are meeting all of our financial obligations.