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**Reopening Safety
Guidelines**

**Summer
2020**

“...let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.” Hebrews 12:1b - 2

As we each consider what is best for ourselves and our families, we want to always make sure our hearts and minds are fixed on Jesus. Here are three encouragements:

Come Joyfully

“Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth! Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!” Psalm 100:1-2

So much attention has been put upon the fear of this virus, but we must remember that when God calls us to meet together, He calls us to come with joy and with singing! The Sunday service may look a little different, but may that not stop us from coming with joy ready to worship!

Come Considerately

“Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.” Philippians 2:3-4

In regard to the pandemic, everyone has different comfort levels when it comes to safety. We want to be considerate and thoughtful of others. We have been under a state-issued quarantine and this virus is still a threat in our area. Some people may feel comfortable shaking hands and hugging, but others may not. We must think about what is best for everyone and limit physical contact when we gather in person to worship the Risen Christ.

Come Together

“I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now.” - Philippians 1:3-5

We must remember we are still together in this time (though some may be viewing from home), we must remember we are still coming together spiritually. We are still one unified church family! Our unity is found in Christ Jesus; He is who unites us! Please pray for one another, asking God to continue to draw us together during this time.

What Should I Expect?

1) One Service, Two Options!

We will be offering one service on Sunday afternoons at 3:00 pm.

In-Person (3:00 pm) - This service will take place in the gymnasium of Fairview Christian School. This location is a temporary meeting place until further notice. **Masks will be required upon entrance to the building, during the service and during any socializing in the common areas. People (ages 3 and up) will need to wear masks while in the building,** but upon exiting, they may take them off if they so choose.

Online (3:00 pm) - Our service will be streamed live through Facebook and is designed for those who are high risk, who have greater health concerns, or feel uncomfortable with gathering in groups at the present time.

2) Love in Social Distancing

We look forward to sharing the joy and love of Christ as we meet with each other. We can smile, laugh, talk, wave, encourage and pray for each other. However, we need to be safe. Therefore, we will practice social distancing during our service in the following ways:

- Chairs will be spaced out so there is 6 ft. between rows.
- We will ask family groups to leave 3 open chairs between themselves and other family groups or individuals.
- We will ask that parents keep their children with them at all times.
- We will have people fill the seating from front to back as they enter, and we will dismiss from back to front.
- We are asking everyone to be considerate and ask before hugging or any physical contact. If two people want to show brotherly or sisterly affection, wisdom is advised.
- If individuals would like one-on-one prayer, our pastors and others will always ask first before practicing laying on of hands.
- When the weather permits, please take any prolonged socializing outdoors after the service.

3) Mitigated Risk

We will be looking to reduce any unnecessary risks in relation to the spreading of COVID-19. This includes the following temporary changes:

- All surfaces in bathrooms, nursing mothers' area and common areas will be cleaned with disinfectant before and after the service.
- There will be no distribution of food or drinks by CCC. Individuals are welcome to bring their own water bottle if necessary.
- If an individual has been sick within the last 14 days (runny nose, [wet or dry] cough, or fever [greater than 100.4], and/or vomiting) we ask that he or she stays home.
- If an individual has traveled to a high-risk area over the last 14 days, we ask that he or she stays home.
- If an individual has been in contact with a confirmed or probable (symptomatic, but not tested or awaiting test results) COVID-19 patient, we ask that he or she stays home.
- There will be a "Standing Tabernacle" in the back of the gymnasium for people to place their tithes and offerings when they enter the service.
- Bulletins will not be provided, and all necessary information will be available on our website (www.cccberks.org).
- We will not be distributing welcome packets during this time.

Children's Ministry Update

At this time, children, including Catapult kids, will remain in the main service with their families. The service will be kept about an hour in length, and we ask parents to bring items (coloring pages, crayons, puzzles, etc.) to help keep their child(ren) occupied (if parent so desires). We will continue to consider what the best plan is for our children as we move forward. We will inform you as soon as decisions are made.

Any child coming from the neighborhood must be accompanied by a parent. Both parent and child must come with a face mask and be informed of these guidelines.

If you have any questions or regarding these guidelines, the pastors are available to listen and discuss them with you.