

Covid 19 Elder update

When and How will we Relaunch Services

In a desire to keep you updated on our planning process for GRBC during this pandemic, the elders wanted to give an update to help you understand our planning for relaunch of public gatherings.

1. How will we make the decision on when to relaunch normal public gatherings for our services?

After prayerful consideration, the elders are in full agreement that we can't relaunch corporate, public, gatherings until Executive Order 55 is lifted and the state ban on gatherings of more than ten persons has been removed. We long for the day when the Lord will so move that these restrictions will be lifted, but until such time as we can gather as a whole congregation without clear violation of what is a just executive order, we will remain closed to public gatherings and continue to run the live stream and online classes. Right now that order runs through June 10th.

If in God's providence, the Order is lifted prior to June 10th, we will look to relaunch sooner. If for some reason, the Order is amended to allow for groups larger than ten but smaller than our congregational size, we will look to relaunch small gatherings such as our community groups first, and then when able, we will restart our full corporate gatherings.

2. Will we have any new policies in place for the relaunch of public gatherings for our services?

Yes, when we are able to gather again, we will seek to have some policies in place for the near future. Some of this policy practices will include, but may not be limited to, the following actions:

1. Hand Sanitizer located around the church building to encourage safe practices.
2. We will seek to continue the Live Stream service for those who are still the most vulnerable so that, if they need to, they can continue to watch the service at home.

3. We will look to have sealed communion cups and bread for a season.
4. Rather than passing the baskets to collect the weekly offering, offering baskets will be located near the back of the sanctuary. Online giving will continue to be an option for tithes and offerings as well.
5. We will not have the Passing of the Peace greeting in the service for a season.

These are a few of the practices we will encourage for the safety of the congregation when we are able to relaunch. There are a few others we are currently reflecting upon and may update these practices in the future.

As always, if you have any questions, please reach out to one of your elders. We will do our best to answer all of your questions as best we can during this season.

Again, we thank the Lord for each of you and pray that He is richly blessing you with His presence during this challenging season.

Your Elder Council