

NCCF COVID-19 Plan for Resuming Gatherings

As of October 25th, 2020

- **Phase 1 (Starting Sunday May 10th)** – Resume 11am Corporate Worship Service meeting in person, no child care (keep your children with you) – no Sunday School at 10am
- **Phase 2 (Starting Sunday June 14th)** – Wednesday Forums are back to normal, Sunday mornings are 11am Corporate Worship Service meeting in person with Nursery (no Kids Corner or 10am Sunday School)
- **Phase 3 (Starting Sunday November 1st)** – Resuming all “normal” gatherings, including Sunday School for all children, Kids Corner, and nursery during both the 10am Sunday School & 11am Corporate Worship Service meetings.

Observations

- Many churches (large and small) in the area have resumed corporate worship gatherings and smaller gatherings. We shared a call with many churches in the Greenville Baptist Association and learned about precautions other churches are making in light of the current situation.

Precautions We Are Taking

- Encouraging regular hand washing before and after entering the building
- Encouraging everyone to check your temperature to ensure you do not have a fever or any symptoms of sickness before coming (fever, chills, repeated shaking with chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, new loss of taste or smell). If you have a fever, any of these symptoms, or suspect that you are sick, **PLEASE STAY HOME!!**
- Encouraging anyone who is high risk or concerned for their health or the health of those they come in contact with to stay home and watch the corporate worship service online during this phase (New Covenant Christian Fellowship - Facebook Live Broadcast). Please continue to reach out to brothers and sisters for fellowship, encouragement, and friendship in every way you feel comfortable (phone calls, text messages, outside meetings, one-on-one or AG meetings, etc.).
- Each family is responsible for their own children, whether you keep them close in order to avoid contact with others or you choose to allow them to mingle & play.
- We will broadcast the service via Facebook Live for those who do not attend in person to watch online.

Please be understanding and respectful of each person/family’s choice to stay home, come to gatherings, social distancing, or mingling. Some are high risk or interacting with high risk folks on a regular basis.

Please read our letter of exhortation below to everyone in the body

Dear NCCF,

We want to remind everyone that *some folks in our body have not been in attendance at regular church gatherings and weekly forums due to legitimate health concerns for themselves or loved ones they come in contact with.*

Please continue to reach out to these folks for encouragement and fellowship (even if it is over the phone or a one-on-one socially distanced visit). **“One-anothering”** (Rom 12:1-16; Gal 5-6; Eph 4-5; Col 3; Heb 3:13, 10:25; Jam 5:16) is **essential in our Christian walk & necessary to protect us from the deception of sin** that wages war against our spirit—the devil is real!

Hebrews 3:12-13. **“Take care, brethren,** that there not be in any one of you an evil, unbelieving heart that falls away from the living God. But **encourage one another day after day,** as long as it is still called “Today,” so that none of you will be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin.”

We are tied together as believers, united in Christ, and each one of us affects the other member of His body (Rom 12:1-16). **A strong desire to be together with your brethren, fellow saints and soldiers, is biblical and good!** See how much Paul and his companions were encouraged and comforted in their afflictions to hear of the faithfulness and longing of their fellow believers! Let’s do this for one another!

1 Thessalonians 3:6-8. “But now that Timothy has come to us from you, and has brought us good news of your faith and love, and that **you always think kindly of us, longing to see us just as we also long to see you,** for this reason, brethren, in all our distress and affliction we were comforted about you through your faith; for now we really live, if you stand firm in the Lord.”

However, as we do *seek out these brothers and sisters,* perhaps expressing our heartfelt longing to be with them again in regular fellowship, **please be mindful that we do not put unintended pressure on them.**

Let’s be **attentive to one another’s desires for socially distanced interactions** and continue to *honor one another in love.*

Grace and Peace in our Lord Jesus Christ,

NCCF Leadership