

SABC
COVID-19 GUIDELINES
FOR HAVING WORSHIP SERVICE

EFFECTIVE MAY 31, 2020

DURING A MEETING ON MAY 27, 2020, THE PREACHER AND THE DEACONS AGREED TO CONDUCT CHURCH SERVICES SUNDAY MAY 31, 2020 IN THE SANCTUARY. THE CHURCH LEADERSHIP HAS AGREED ON A PLAN FOR MEMBERS AND GUEST TO ENTER, WORSHIP, AND EXIT THE CHURCH DURING THIS TIME.

WE WOULD LIKE TO EMPHASIZE THAT JUST BECAUSE WE HAVE DECIDED TO HAVE SERVICE THAT THIS DOES NOT MEAN YOU ARE REQUIRED TO ATTEND IF YOU FEEL THAT YOU MAY BE AT RISK DUE TO HEALTH CONDITIONS YOU MAY HAVE OR IF YOU FEEL THAT IT WOULD BE A RISK FOR YOU TO ATTEND. WE UNDERSTAND COMPLETELY AND WILL SUPPORT YOU IN THAT DECISION THAT YOU MAKE. WE WILL STILL OFFER SERVICES THROUGH THE WEBSITE AS USUAL BUT WILL BE AVAILABLE AFTER SERVICE HAS CONCLUDED.

IF YOU HAVE A FEVER, COUGH, OR SHORTNESS OF BREATH DO NOT COME TO SERVICE.

TO ASSURE THAT WE CAN PROVIDE THE SAFEST ENVIRONMENT ALL DOOR HANDLES AND CHURCH PEWS WILL BE CLEANED BEFORE AND AFTER SERVICE ON THE FIRST FLOOR OF THE BUILDING.

APPARENTLY SERVICES WILL NOT BE CONDUCTED AS THEY HAVE BEEN IN THE PAST. HYMN BOOKS WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE TO HOLD. SEATING WILL BE ARRANGED TO KEEP 6FT SEPARATION FOR SOCIAL DISTANCING. THIS MEANS THAT YOU MIGHT NOT GET TO SIT WHERE YOU USUALLY SIT. WE WILL NOT HAVE FELLOWSHIP TIME AND WILL NOT BE SHAKING HANDS, HUGGING, AND CONGREATING BEFORE AND AFTER SERVICE. THERE WILL BE NO CHOIR. NO OFFERING PLATE WILL BE PASSED OUT. NO SUNDAY SCHOOL. NO NURSERY.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS AND CHILDRENS LESSONS WILL STILL BE AVAILABLE ON THE WEB SITE AND WILL CONTINUE AT THIS TIME.

WE UNDERSTAND THAT SOME DO NOT AGREE WITH THE RESTRICTIONS AND SOME THINK THAT MAYBE IT IS TOO EARLY FOR THIS TO OCCUR. WE AS THE LEADERSHIP FEEL THAT IT'S TIME TO TRY TO HAVE SOME TYPE OF SERVICE AT CHURCH AND FEEL THAT THIS IS THE BEST WAY TO ACHIEVE THIS. PLEASE HAVE PATIENCE, THIS IS ALL NEW TO US AS IT IS FOR YOU. WE WILL GET SOME THINGS RIGHT AND WILL HAVE TO ADJUST ITEMS IN THE FUTURE. BELOW IS THE PROCEDURE THAT WE WILL FOLLOW FOR SUNDAY MORNING SERVICES.

SERVICE TIME WILL START AT 11AM OR WHEN ALL ARE SEATED.

IT IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED THAT YOU SHOULD WEAR A MASK, BUT NOT REQUIRED.

1. FAMILIES OR IF YOU LIVE IN THE SAME HOUSEHOLD WILL SIT TOGETHER.
2. USHERS WILL MEET YOU AT THE SIDE DOORS AND WILL LET EACH FAMILY OR INDIVIDUAL INTO THE CHURCH. PLEASE WAIT OUTSIDE TO BE SEATED AND MAINTAIN 6FT SEPARATION. WHEN ENTERING USHERS WILL ADVISE YOU WHICH SECTIONS ARE FOR FAMILIES OR INDIVIDUALS.
3. PLEASE REMAIN SEATED BEFORE AND AFTER SERVICE.
4. IF YOU NEED TO USE THE RESTROOM, PLEASE KEEP SOCIAL DISTANCING AND ONLY ONE PERSON AT A TIME IN BATHROOMS. PARENTS PLEASE ACCOMPANY CHILDREN TO RESTROOM. WASH HANDS BEFORE LEAVING RESTROOM.
5. AFTER SERVICE USHERS WILL DISMISS EACH ROW SEPARATELY.
6. ALL MEMBERS AND GUEST WILL EXIT THROUGH THE FRONT DOORS TO CHURCH.

IF MORE SEATING IS NEEDED, CHAIRS WILL BE SET UP IN FELLOWSHIP HALL AND SERVICE CAN BE VIEWED ON THE TV SCREENS. IF IN FELLOWSHIP HALL USHERS WILL DISMISS THROUGH BACK SIDE DOORS.

A COLLECTION BOX WILL BE PLACED AT THE EXIT TO RECEIVE TITHES AND OFFERINGS OR YOU CAN STILL MAIL THEM TO THE CHURCH.

DO NOT SIT ON PEWS THAT HAVE BEEN ROPED OFF.

WE APPRECIATE YOUR PATIENCE WHILE WE ATTEMPT TO CONDUCT SERVICES IN THIS DIFFICULT TIME. WE PRAY THAT ALL ARE SAFE AND THAT WE CAN BEGIN TO WORSHIP AS A CHURCH BODY AGAIN.