



Columbiana Baptist Church

"Serving, Sharing, Standing"

May 12, 2020

To our Church Family and Friends,

We are planning a phased reopening for "in-person" services starting this Sunday, May 17th. We will not yet be completely returning to "normal" in order to do all we can to keep everyone safe and healthy. As a result, we will be instituting the temporary steps below for all services and general operation of the church facilities until further notice. I humbly ask for your patience and your participation as we adhere to these temporary precautions together. While you may not be fearful, others may be, so I encourage you to adopt a Romans 12:10 mindset – *"Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another."*

Phase One Guidelines – Starting 5/17/2020:

1. In-Person services will be **Sundays at 11:00 AM & 6:00 PM** and **Wednesdays at 7:00 PM**.
 - Sunday School, Children's ministries, and Nursery will remain suspended.
2. Social Distancing protocols will be utilized.
 - Seating will be every other pew to accommodate the six foot recommendation.
 - Masks will not be mandatory, but are encouraged. We will do our best to have extras available if you need one, but would ask that you provide your own if possible.
 - Handshaking and physical contact need to be avoided.
 - Congregating in the entryway, foyer, or other parts of the building also need to be avoided.
 - Offering will be received at the end of each service in the plates located in the foyer.
 - We will not be distributing bulletins, calendars, visitor packets, or other materials.
3. We ask that you arrive no sooner than 20 minutes prior to the start of service, enter the auditorium and take your seat. We will dismiss service by row from back to front and ask that you do not linger after the service.
4. The facilities will be sanitized following each service and we ask that you refrain from entering the building outside of our scheduled service times.
5. Again, these are temporary precautions as we move toward a less restrictive Phase Two.

If you are ill, are in a high-risk category, have been instructed to self-quarantine, or just feel unsettled about attending, please remain home and connect to our online service broadcasts.

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to reach out to us for more information. I'm praying this is a short-lived inconvenience and am looking forward to moving into less restrictive phases in the near future.

Once again, I thank you for your understanding during these challenging times. Please be praying for God's continued help and blessings for our church. I'm looking forward to seeing you soon.

In Christ,
Pastor Jeff