



# *Living Hope Baptist Church*

Pietermaritzburg  
26 June 2020

## **RESTARTING OUR SUNDAY CHURCH SERVICE**

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Provider, Jesus Christ,

We as elders are rejoicing in this announcement that we will be restarting our Sunday Church service next month! We hope to be ready for a health-sensitive Church service on the 5th of July.

I have often testified to other pastors how the Lord had given LHBC a great diversity of saints even though we have never pursued any of the typical diversity schemes of the world. It is because the make-up of the saints at LHBC is so diverse, that we are so very eager to resume our regular Sunday service. We have some who have good internet access, but cannot leave their homes for health reasons, but we also have some who can travel relatively easy, but have very limited internet access. With our proposed restarted church service we can mix these two groups among us, and once again enjoy a fuller expression of the unifying work of the Holy Spirit throughout our various circumstances.

It will be a strange experience to meet together again, feeling the intense desire and joy of being with one another, but still practising the self-control fruit of the Holy Spirit Who is in us as we comply to various health regulations.

Here is the proposed plan for our service on the 5th of July.

**ONLINE:** The current online lockdown order of service and bulletin will continue unchanged for those not able to come.

**TIME:** The service time will be moved one hour earlier to 2pm

**CHILDREN:** There will be no Sunday School, and parents with children who will struggle to comply with social distancing are asked to keep their children at home with one parent. Children old enough to comply to the regulations can come, but the decision and oversight remains the responsibility of their parents.

**REGULATIONS:**

- a) Every attendee will need to submit to the full screening process including the wearing of a mask at all times, sanitising, recording attendance, temperature checks, and 1.5 metre social distancing
- b) Physical greetings will be restricted to President Ramaphosa's elbow-bumps (No hugging, kissing, hand-shakes, etc.)
- c) Vocal singing still remains too risky in this airborne-disease situation and will not be permitted. Instead, the lyrics will be read out for Psalm-like reflection and singing in one's heart (Eph 5:19)

Please let an elder know if you will be planning to come. You are also welcome to discuss any questions, concerns, and suggestions with any of the elders.

Yours in Christ Jesus,

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