

Bethel Baptist Church
Hampton, Virginia
COVID-19 Update
June 5, 2020

Dear Bethel Family,

It's been a blessing to be able to gather back together again for worship on Sunday mornings. We have continued to monitor the COVID-19 situation and how it will impact these services and other ministries of the church as we move forward. I want to remind you of some things and make you aware of our updated waiver statement. Please make note of the following important information:

1. We will be opening our building for prayer meeting on Wednesday nights beginning June 10, 2020, at 7:30 pm. This will be the normal prayer service that we have on Wednesdays. There will be no nursery, children's ministries, or youth ministries. All who attend, including children and youth, will meet for a joint prayer and praise service and Bible study in the auditorium.
2. The Phase 2 of Virginia's reopening did not include any pertinent changes for churches. We are still under the original reopening directives. Let me remind you that all **Bethel Baptist Church attendees 10 years of age and older are required to wear an appropriate face covering while attending services.** Masks may be removed only when ministry is being performed on the stage (speaking, singing, and the use of musical instruments requiring the use of the mouth). Also, throughout the week, those who are 10 years of age and older will be required to wear a face mask when entering the building.
4. We are required to continue maintaining social distancing. Please help us to observe this by not congregating in groups before, during, or after the services. Please do most of your fellowshiping outside the building, still maintaining the social distancing policy.
5. We will continue using the Commons for entry for English services and the one entry at the back of the Family Life Center for the Hispanic services. Please do not enter the educational facilities when attending worship services.
6. We have updated our liability waiver. As of June 5, 2020, the below statement is the official statement and all previous statements are null and void. Anyone entering Bethel Baptist Church's facilities on or after June 5, 2020, are in agreement with the following statement:

By attending Bethel Baptist Church (the "Ministry"), you acknowledge the contagious nature of COVID-19 and voluntarily assume the risk that you and your family may be exposed to or infected by COVID-19. You also acknowledge that the risk of becoming exposed to or infected by COVID-19 may result from the actions, omissions, of yourself and/or others, including, but not limited to, Ministry employees, contractors, volunteers, members, and participants and their families. You agree to assume all the foregoing risks, waive liability against Bethel Baptist Church Hampton, VA, Inc., it's pastoral staff, employees, and officers, and accept responsibility for any illness, injury, disability, or death to you or your family, including all claims that may arise resulting from the effects of COVID-19. This waiver does not extend to any individuals for their unlawful or negligent actions or omissions.

Thank you for your love and faithfulness. Please let us know if you have concerns or questions. May God bless you and keep you safe.

Pastor Donica