



Dear Bible Baptist Church Family,

We love you. We are so grateful for the many prayers you have offered for us during this time. We appreciate your patience and for communicating your support and concerns with us. As an Elder Board we have met and discussed how we desire to see this church unified more and more in our Savior, Jesus Christ. We see this unity described well in Ephesians 4:1-3:

*“Therefore I, the prisoner of the Lord, implore you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called, <sup>2</sup> with all humility and gentleness, with patience, showing tolerance for one another in love, <sup>3</sup> being diligent to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.”*

We have prayed this verse for our church. We can lose sight of our calling by Jesus Christ. This passage encourages each of us to follow Christ together with humility, gentleness, patience, and tolerance for one another. Again, thank you for your patience with us and please continue to pray for us.

Therefore, to minister effectively and provide a safe environment for our church family we are making the following changes:

- **We are moving to one service at 9:30AM on Sundays.** There will be no 11AM service. This is to unite our church family to worship our Savior together. We can still provide social distancing in our services while uniting our church family.
- **Concerning Children and Student Ministries.** There will still be Kidztown (Sonshine Kidz & Avenue 252) provided for Preschool to 6<sup>th</sup> grade students along with Life Student Ministry for 6<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grade students at 9:30 AM. Nurseries are available as cry rooms for infants up to 2 years old. Nursery will be staffed soon. Thank you for your patience.
- **Concerning ABFs:** At this time there will be no Adult Bible Fellowships, but the leadership is working to have this ministry begin soon with three adult classes. When ABFs begin, some things will change with our kids and student ministries and we will communicate those changes to you before they happen.
- **Our policy on face masks has changed to being optional.** This change was made in part because of the rescinded executive orders and to minister effectively to our church family and children. We will still provide a safe environment for all our church family with social distancing in our worship service. This change allows each person to make the decision they think is best for them and their family while still coming together to worship our Savior.

Again, we love all of you and covet your prayers for us. We desire this church family to be unified together in Christ. We may differ in our views but Christ is the one that brings us together. May humility, patience, and tolerance be displayed in each of our lives as we pray for one another. We believe this provides the best environment for our adults and children while living out a testimony of godliness in our community.

**If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your elder or the church office.**

May God continue to bless you through His Son, Jesus Christ,

The Elders of Bible Baptist Church