

“Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves.” (Romans 12:10)

Along with 30 other churches in Waco, we are planning for a return to corporate worship on Sunday, June 7, 2020 at 11:00 am. We will only be having one worship service and no Sunday School/Bible Study or other in-person activities on June 7th.

Starting Sunday, June 14th Sunday School/Bible Study will begin at 9:30 followed by worship at 10:45 am. Other activities will be announced as determined.

Based upon interim recommendations for returning to worship from the CDC, we have outlined steps we believe will help our church family as we return to the building.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/faith-based.html>

Protection

- We will be sanitizing the sanctuary as well as the welcome areas, Garden Room, and restrooms and Sunday School classes thoroughly after each gathering.
- We encourage the use of masks/face coverings when social distancing is not possible.
- We encourage greeting one another but without the handshakes or hugs or even fist bumps; waves, air hugs and air high fives work well!
- Practice good handwashing as well as good coughing and sneezing etiquette, using the crook of your elbow to cover coughs or sneezes if tissues are not available.
- Hand sanitizing stations will be available.

Parking, Entering and Exiting the Building and Sanctuary

- The office area parking lot is reserved for those in at-risk groups, so the sliding glass door can be easily accessed. This will prevent the need to touch door handles.
- Families and youth are encouraged to park in the Fish Pond parking lot and to use the entrance to the church nearest the children’s classrooms directly behind the sanctuary.

Social Distancing

Coffee, Water and Refreshments:

- No coffee or refreshments will be served on June 7th.
- When Bible Study begins, coffee in the Garden Room will not be self-serve; it will be served by those using masks and gloves. Packaged creamers and sweeteners will be available.
- Pre-packaged refreshments will be available.
- Bottled water will be available in order to prevent use of water fountains.

Restrooms:

- We are reserving **restrooms in the Garden Wing for the those in at-risk categories.**
- Please take care to practice social distancing in other restrooms in the building.

Worship:

- Seating will be every other row and the recommended distance of six feet is encouraged between individuals and/or family groups.
- The section on the organ side of the sanctuary is reserved for those in at-risk groups.

Giving:

- Supervised giving stations will be located at the doors outside the sanctuary; giving can also be done online or through text messaging set up through the church website.

Sunday School/Bible Study:

- The current plan is to begin Sunday morning Bible Study on June 14th.
- Social distancing in classes will be encouraged; if social distancing is not possible, then masks or face coverings are encouraged.
- Details regarding children's and youth Sunday School and activities will be communicated through those ministry leaders and volunteers.

Prayer Corner:

- The Prayer Corner will not be available during this time; however, if you have a prayer need, please text (254) 717-6020 so one of our Prayer Warriors can reach out to pray with you or for you.

Our church family is eager to be together for worship as well as Bible Study; however, we ask if you are sick or display any symptoms of COVID-19 (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html>), that you worship with us via the Livestream available through the church website www.whbcwaco.org or the church Facebook page.

Also, church family members in at-risk groups who are not comfortable with returning to in-person worship currently are welcome to continue worshipping through our Livestream via the church website or the Facebook page.

Please continue to contact us with needs you have during this time.

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