

SEASIDE CHURCH

Fall 2020 Plan

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This fall, even as the challenges of COVID persist, we are pressing on in our mission of making disciples and planting churches. We will continue to do this by Drawing to Christ, Developing in Community and Deploying to Culture. The letter to the Hebrews reminds us,

...let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near. [Hebrews 10:24-25 ESV]

As a church this fall, we want to prioritize "meeting together." Meeting together during COVID has proven more challenging than we'd prefer. It costs more now. We have to make sacrifices, we have to adapt and be creative. What follows is our plan for Fall 2020 @ Seaside. Please join us in making disciples and planting churches!

SUNDAY MORNINGS

We will continue offering in-person and online gatherings each Sunday. We want to encourage everyone to come down to the gatherings in-person. To date, about 1/3 of the church has come in-person. If in-person attendance increases this fall, we will move to having people come down every other Sunday and then watching from home the other Sunday. We may also consider shortening the gatherings and adding a third gathering, if the need arises. For those not able to come to in-person gatherings: We want to strongly encourage you to regularly watch the online gathering with others from Seaside (or with neighbors/ friends or family). Get creative as you watch together, sharing childcare, sharing a meal or having a discussion about the sermon after the gathering. (BTW, we can also provide you with kids curriculum. See below for more info on that)

SEASIDEKIDS

Monthly SeasideKids Sunday[night] School // Sundays, 6-7p @ the Seaside Garage

Instead of SeasideKids classes on Sunday morning this fall, we will be offering a monthly class on Sunday nights for each age group. We will meet in the lower building where we can have more people at one time. These classes will be very similar to the model we had for our Kids Camp this summer. A parent/ guardian will be required to come with their child [parents can only bring child(ren) in that age group]. Masks and social distancing will be enforced. Our kids directors and volunteers will run a fun and interactive hour-long class with curriculum from the Gospel Project. These class will start on Sunday, September 20 and each class will operate on the following schedule.

- 3-5 years old: First Sunday of Each Month [October 4, November 1, December 6]
- K- 1st grade: Second Sunday of Each Month [October 11, November 8, December 13]
- 2nd- 3rd grades: Third Sunday of Each Month [September 20, October 18, November 15]
- 4th- 5th Grade: Fourth Sunday of Each Month [September 27, October 25, November 22]
- When there is a fifth Sunday, we will not have any classes at the building.

Registration will be required for each class date and class sizes are limited to 20 children. Registration @ seasidechurch.com/events

No Sunday Morning SeasideKids for the Fall

COVID restrictions for social distancing significantly limit what we can do in our small kids classrooms on Sunday mornings. Further, we anticipate a shortage of volunteers willing to serve at this time. Once schools reopen for in-person learning, we will reevaluate our decision for SeasideKids on Sunday mornings.

Kids are welcome in the Sunday gatherings! It's okay if they make noise or don't last the entire gathering. We are providing kids coloring kits, so kids have something to do during the sermon. We also encourage CG's to get creative in providing childcare for each other. We are making the Gospel Project Kids Curriculum available to families/ community groups, if you want to utilize that during the childcare times or community group. Email info@seasidechurch.com if you'd like access to the curriculum.

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SERVE TEAMS

All of our SERVE Teams are continuing to operate in a modified way due to COVID. Here is a summary of each SERVE Teams modified plan for the fall. We are looking for new serve team members! Many of our teams are shorthanded right now, as team members have been cautious in coming back. Click on the contact email if you would like more information about serving on a specific team.

SEASIDEKIDS TEAM: We are looking for volunteers who can help one night a month. **We need 2-3 assistant teachers and 1 tech/video person for each class (4 classes). We can train you for any position.** Requirements: Complete background check, application and training. Commitment: Serve once a month for one class. [Email Leslie](#) if you are interested.

HOSPITALITY TEAMS: These teams are dedicated to making sure that every person that enters our church feels warmly welcomed into our church family. No prior skills requires, all training is provided. Commitment: Serve every 3-5 weeks. Our hospitality teams serve in variety of ways:

- **Greeting Team** (welcoming and helping people connect) 1-2 people for each Sunday. Arrive at 8:30a, depart after 2nd gathering begins (11:15a) [Email Liz](#) if you are interested. **[4 more Greeting Team Members needed]**
- **Coffee Team** (Sunday morning coffee) 1-2 people for each Sunday. Arrive @ 8a to make coffee and get everything setup, serve coffee for both gatherings and then depart after cleanup, about 12:30. [Email Alyssa](#) if you are interested. **[2 more Coffee Team Members needed]**
- **Safety Team:** We need Safety Team members! Safety Team members are responsible for welcoming people to Seaside and providing safety support for any sort of emergency or event. Safety Team members serve for one gathering every 3-4 Sundays, arriving 30 minutes before a gathering and leaving 30 minutes after a gathering. [Email Alex](#) if you are interested. **[6 more Safety Team Members needed]**

MUSIC TEAM: The Music Team is composed of musicians and vocalists who come together to lead Seaside in corporate worship at the Sunday Gatherings. Requirements: Commitment, character and competence (vocally or with an instrument). Commitment: Serve every 3-4 weeks for both gatherings (arrive by 7:30am to practice) and attend monthly jam sessions. [Email Vicki](#) if interested.

TECH TEAM: The Tech Team is responsible for the operation of all audio-visual (A/V) equipment. This includes running slides and/or sound. Requirements: Prior knowledge and experience is helpful but not required. Commitment: Serve every 3-4 weeks for both gatherings, arrive at 7am. We currently have three roles for our gatherings.

- **Slides Tech:** Arrive @ 7:30a, run slides during band practice and first gathering. Depart after first gathering ends. **[2 more Slides Techs needed]**
- **Live Sound Tech:** Arrive @ 7:30a and run sound through both gatherings. **[2 more Sound Techs needed]**
- **Broadcast Streaming/ Audio Tech:** Arrive @ 7:30a, setup up broadcast booth and run streaming/ audio for first gathering. Depart after first gathering. **[3 more Broadcast Techs needed]**

[Email Jason](#) if interested in any of the tech teams.

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE: Here are a few specific ways you can serve throughout the week.

BUILDING TEAM: This team is dedicated to maintenance, deep cleaning and projects at/ around our building. We are dedicated to joyful and humble service and would love to have you join us! Requirements: No prior skills required, training provided. Commitment: Serve every 3 - 5 weeks. [Email Jon](#) if interested.

TAKE THEM A MEAL: Bring meals to families in need. Open sign ups allow you to bring meals when you can. [Email Mel](#) if interested.

SEASIDEYOUTH LEADER TEAM: Opportunities available for mentors, leaders and chaperones for grades 6-12. [Email Noah](#) if interested.

COMMUNITY GROUPS

As COVID restrictions on in-person group sizes persist for the foreseeable future, we would like to ask each Community Group to commit to one of the following modified CG plans. All groups would begin one of these plans by the first week October and continue until next summer starts or COVID restrictions ease.

We recognize that each of these plans are less than ideal and require some sacrifice of the structure we value regularly for our community groups. That said, with prayer, creativity and commitment to one of these plans, we believe Community Groups can thrive during this time. Choosing a model also helps us plug new people into your group, during this unique time.

COVID Restrictions for Church Group Gatherings in Homes:

Phase 2: In-person meetings of groups of 5 or less // Phase 3: In person meetings of groups of 10 or less.

OPTION 1: ONLINE (zoom) Model

A community group meets weekly on zoom, as many groups did at the start of COVID. Here are a few suggestions for how zoom groups could be improved on.

- Keep the meeting 60 minutes or less. Ask group members to log in on time. Devote a specific amount of time to each item and inform the group of the time block (i.e.- 15 minutes to check in with each other, 25 minutes to read sermon passage and discuss together, 20 minutes to pray together).
- Schedule the meeting after younger kids are in bed. Ask older kids to join you for the prayer time only.
- Keep questions simple. Group leader takes a direct role in leading the meeting. Don't ask open ended questions, instead ask a question and then go around, asking each person/ couple to share an answer.
- Take a break regularly to connect in person (in smaller groups: go on a hike or walk, meet at the park, help someone with a work project, go to church together, etc.)

Option 2: Hybrid Model 1 [gender based small groups]

A community group meets monthly on zoom as an entire group and then divides into smaller gender based groups that meet every week/ every other week

- This could be an ideal choice for groups with a lot of young kids as parents/ group members can help cover childcare needs while the other spouse/ group member is meeting in a small group.
- Monthly Zoom Meetings would meet, check in with each other (share where you see God's grace/ need God's grace), spend time praying for each other and schedule small group meetings for that next month.
- Small groups would meet, read the passage from the sermon that week, discuss the sermon study guide questions, and pray together.
- Small groups could attend church together once a month or watch together in each other's home.
- **Sample Monthly Schedule:** Week 1: Entire groups meets on Zoom, Week 2: Women's Small Group meet, Week 3: Men's Small Group(s) meet, Week 4: Women's Small Groups meet (or everyone takes a week off). The following month, the men's groups could meet twice and the women once.

Option 3: Hybrid Model 2 [small groups]

A community group divides into smaller groups and meets in different homes at the same time each week.

- This model allows for many of the same benefits of our normal CG's only in smaller groups.
- Groups could meet in the same small groups each week or rotate around to each group. The latter would require organization by the leader to create a rotating monthly schedule of the small groups.
- This model requires several solid leaders in a community group to lead each small group.
- Entire groups could meet together once a month on zoom or by reserving space at Seaside (masks and social distancing would be required at Seaside).

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SEASIDEYOUTH

SeasideYouth have been meeting regularly in the park/ outside on Tuesdays (Middle School) and Wednesdays (High School). We plan to continue this through September. Starting October, youth will move indoors and we will come up with a solid plan for helping youth gather safely. Stay tuned for more details as October approaches.

DISCIPLESHIP CLASS/ DEVELOPMENT GROUPS

Discipleship classes and development groups are proceeding as usual. These classes/ groups will meet in person where possible and online, if needed.

If you consider Seaside your church home and haven't been through the Discipleship class, now is the time! We are offering an in-person Discipleship Class [September 21, 28, October 5] and a Zoom (online) Discipleship Class [October 12, 19, 26].

[Click here to register](#) for the in-person or online Discipleship Classes.

BIBLE GROUPS

A Bible Group is 2-3 men or women (or 2-3 married couples) who agree to meet regularly to read and discuss scripture together.

This fall, Bible group will continue to read through a book of the Bible using the COMA method. John and Kristi will administer a registration process and training for all Bible group leaders. Further, for more consistency during this time, all Bible groups will be encouraged to study the same book of the Bible. John and Kristi will provide specific direction for this. If you would like to join a Bible group [email Kristi](#) or [email John Corrigan](#).

WOMEN'S/ MEN'S DISCIPLESHIP

Women's & Men's discipleship events will continue to happen at the Seaside garage.

- The monthly **Men's Group** will continue to gather at the building on the second Saturday of each month from 8-10a. This is open to all men and includes a time of fellowship, teaching, and prayer. Face masks/ social distancing are required.
- In October, Women will start a monthly **Women's Group** gathering at the building on the fourth Saturday of each month from 8-10a. This is open to all women and includes a time of fellowship, teaching, and prayer. Face masks/ social distancing are required.

Stay tuned for other special events for Men or Women happening this fall.

PRAYER MEETING

We will continue to host a weekday morning prayer group on Zoom. This started at the beginning of COVID, and has been a simple way to connect, study the Bible together and pray.

The Prayer meeting starts at 7a, lasts 30 minutes, and includes a short scripture reading, teaching from the leader and prayer time.

We would encourage everyone who considers Seaside their church home, to join the prayer meeting at least one time each week. Join the prayer meeting by [clicking here](#) or via Zoom Meeting ID: 901-895-284

If you have any questions or concerns, please email us @ info@seasidechurch.com.