

## CONNECTING PEOPLE TO CHRIST, TO ONE ANOTHER, AND TO SERVICE

May 27, 2020

Dear Church Family and Friends,

This letter comes to you with good news for our congregation – we will be opening the church with a **'Celebration Worship Service" on June 7!** In this Celebration service, there will be singing, Scripture reading, and prayer. Hallelujah and Amen! It will be so good to see your faces again— well some of your faces since we are encouraging you to wear face masks!

Also, do not forget that State Road 11 will be closed for the month of June between Jonathan Moore Pike and Garden City. You will need to make sure you have an alternate route to the church. We understand 200 South will be open and Southern Crossing is another alternative for getting to the church.

However, even with this good news, we need to remind everyone that we are asking for your complete cooperation and adherence to the changes we are making in our worship time to protect everyone's health and safety.

- The church building and the sanctuary have been deep cleaned and sanitized for your protection.
- When we resume on Sunday morning, June 7 at our normal worship time of 10:00 a.m., it will be for congregational worship only. Bible studies, Sunday School, and other church events will not resume until further notice.
- Please enter & exit the church by the east and south entrances. The north entrance will remain locked.
- Our Deacons will assist your entrance into the building, seat you by household in the sanctuary, and dismiss you one row at a time at the conclusion of the service.
- No childcare or children's programming will be provided.
- Coffee and donuts will not be offered until further notice.
- For our members age 65 or older or those with underlying health issues, we recommend
  they consider continuing to comply with the Stay-At-Home guideline. The final decision is
  between you and your family, but we want you to feel secure when you return and take
  every precaution to protect your health. We will continue recording the service and
  posting it on the website and Facebook.

- There will be signs and instructions in the restrooms for safe use of the facilities—please adhere to these instructions and do not loiter in the restrooms.
- All individuals are encouraged to bring and wear face masks, for your safety as well as
  others in attendance. Your leaders will be wearing theirs! Some homemade masks were
  donated to the church and will be made available while supplies last.
- Hand sanitizing stations will be provided in the church welcoming area.
- People who are not part of the same household will need to maintain a social distance of 6 feet apart, so seating will be limited.
- Prepackaged communion emblems will be available as you enter the sanctuary and collection boxes will be located outside the sanctuary doors to deposit your tithes and offerings.
- The Bibles and hymnals have been removed from the pews. (So, please bring your Bibles!)
- We will not be handing out bulletins, however all announcements will be on the screen.

We look forward to seeing you and worshiping the Lord together on Sunday, June 7!

Garden City Church of Christ Leadership