

I know many are wondering if we will continue to hold our Sunday services in our facility with the recent Executive Order given by Governor Whitmer. Yes, we will continue with the plan we implemented last week to meet in the building. As a leadership team our goal has been to honor those in authority, be respectful of one another, and to provide a safe place for believers to gather and worship. It remains our goal. In the recent Executive Order No. 2020-160 paragraph 14 Governor Whitmer has exempted places of religious worship being subject to any penalty for gathering. I have copied the paragraph below:

Executive Order: No. 2020-160 Paragraph 14

Religious worship. Consistent with prior guidance, neither a place of religious worship nor its owner is subject to penalty under section 17 of this order for allowing religious worship at such place. No individual is subject to penalty under section 17 of this order for engaging in religious worship at a place of religious worship.

Our gathering for public worship is permitted under this executive order.

Secondly, I want to thank everyone for following the safety protocol we have established as a church. I have placed it below for you to peruse over again before we assemble this Sunday. Please let's stay diligent in following these simple guidelines.

Our Plan for Re-entering Our Facility:

1. If you are not feeling well please remain at home and watch via Facebook Live.
2. We are asking everyone to wear a mask as you enter the building until finding your seats in the sanctuary. Once you are seated, mask can be removed for the service. We are asking that on exiting you would again wear your mask until exiting the building. Those who are more comfortable wearing a mask during the service, please feel free to do so.
3. Seating in the sanctuary
 - We have positioned the rows of chairs 6 feet apart to allow for social distancing.
 - Families may sit together.
 - In available rows there should be three chairs between unrelated individuals.
 - We will be operating at 50% capacity in our sanctuary, multi-purpose room, and classrooms to allow for social distancing. We will have the multi-purpose room available for a live feed from the sanctuary plus have a pastoral team member and altar team ministers available in the room.
4. We are asking that we fellowship outside and not in the foyer area to limit any congestion.
5. There will be sanitation stations strategically placed throughout the building.
6. Youth and Children

- Youth will enter and exit at the east end of the building (it will be marked with signage) to reduce the number of people coming through the front doors and foyer area.
 - Children will enter with their parent/guardian and those planning on attending children's church (Only K-5th grade classes will be open) will register at the check in booth. Check in will be spaced to permit for social distancing. The children will join their family in the sanctuary and then be released after worship to go to children's church. Parents whose children will remain with them for full service do not have to register.
7. We will continue to give our tithes and offerings on-line, mail in, or we can drop them in the box at the back of the sanctuary.

Thank you for your heart to serve and strengthen this fellowship of believers. We are in unprecedented times and it will be a people committed wholeheartedly to Jesus and one another who will shine forth His glory in this hour. We were born for such a time as this - let's not miss our moment!!!

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to email or call me. We are in this together.

With deep appreciation,

Pastor Ron