

Dear Saints,

Thank you so much for your participation in our recent Phase 3 survey! We received valuable information from many of you about what the current needs and comfort levels are for our congregation. Based on your responses, the session has made some important decisions in how we will progress in reopening:

- 1) The survey showed that about half of our members still want to worship online, and the majority of those preferred a traditional style.
Beginning on August 5th the traditional style service will be recorded in the Sanctuary on Wednesdays at 7:00pm, with the video available online on Sunday morning. **Beginning on August 9th** the Jubilee service will be live in the Outdoor Chapel on Sundays at 9:00am (indoors if inclement weather). For those who desire to worship in-person, both services will be open for attendance by reservation. Please see our website or call the church office if you would like to attend either Wednesday evening or Sunday morning!
- 2) The survey showed interest in drive-in worship as a special occasional opportunity to gather and see one another in a safe and socially distanced way. We have the necessary equipment and facility to provide this, and are tentatively planning a drive-in worship service for the first Sunday of September.
- 3) The survey showed a desire for more virtual fellowship and Bible study options to help us stay connected to each other.
Beginning Tuesday, July 28th Pastor Jim will lead a ten-week study on the Gospel of John using Google Meets. Pastor Dave's Sunday morning Hebrews study will continue on the same platform. We are also working on scheduling one or more weekly "virtual coffee hours" for people to see each other and check in, share prayer concerns, etc. Please contact the church office if you are interested in any of these options.

- 4) The survey showed a mixed level of readiness on the part of parents for their children and youth to participate in church activities. However, the majority were hopeful that some amount of in-person programming could be implemented in the fall. Most likely there will be a mix of online and in-person gatherings. We are paying attention to school openings, local case numbers, and current medical recommendations. Depending on these factors, **Rally Day may end up being pushed back slightly this year.**
- 5) The survey showed a lot of missional concern for our community, particularly food and housing needs. The service committee is coordinating with Habitat for Humanity to participate in an Apostle's Build (multi-church) this fall. There will be opportunities for all ages and ability levels to contribute to this project. We are also working out how to safely take part in Rise Against Hunger again this October. We remain financially committed to Daily Bread and other feeding ministries, and will continue to update you about hands-on service opportunities as things change.
- 6) With so much of our interaction taking place online these days, we recognize the challenge for those who do not have or cannot use the internet. We desire to keep you connected in every way possible – phone calls, physical mailings, delivering CD recordings of worship, and whatever other means may be appropriate. Please don't hesitate to contact the church to make sure we know about your needs. If anyone is feeling disconnected or left out, we want to hear from you TODAY!

Friends, we are grateful for the progress being made during this pandemic, and the faithful leadership of the session. We look forward to new and continued opportunities for worship, fellowship, and service. If you have questions regarding any of this information, please get in touch with one of the pastors.

Peace,

Pastor Dave

Pastor Jim