Grace and peace to you all in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! First of all, I miss you! It has been a unique season in the life of our church as it has for all churches, and I want to give you an update on our plans to return to face-to-face gathering. Below are the many steps we are taking to resume corporate worship in a safe way while continuing to be about God’s call for us to Be the Church.

I ask that you read everything carefully so you know what to expect and how you can help us resume worship safely. As of right now our target date to return to in person services is Sunday morning, June 7th, and we will hold two services (9:15 and 10:45). We are designating the 9:15 service for last names A-L and the 10:45 to M-Z so we can best practice social distancing. This may not be feasible for everyone, but if enough of us can be flexible it will be easier to balance the services.

Our planning efforts are broken down into four phases, below, to ensure we’re focusing on the major issues in the short, medium, and long-term, while recognizing the need to evaluate our measures and adapt if needed. Each of the phases has many details we’re working through, but for right now phase one has the most information because it’s the most pressing to get us back to gathering.

Across all four, the focus is Our Place and keeping our building safe, Our People and how we will seek to take care of each other, and Our Purpose as we continue pursuing God’s call as we grow in Him and love the community around us. The staff and leadership is committed to keeping you, your family, and our community safe as we return. We also understand that not everyone will immediately come back, and we support the decisions that you must make for your family. If we see you in person on June 7th, or you continue to take advantage of our online services, let’s stay unified in our purpose and continue to trust God as He leads us in what I expect to be an exciting chapter in the life of our church!

Blessings, and I’ll see you soon!

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PHASE 1

Primary Focus: Return to Church Building (Target Date: June 7th)

Our Place
- Ensure cleanliness of facilities
- Deep clean building before, between, and after two services
- Utilize only worship center and front part of building
- Limit available restrooms and keep sanitized through monitoring
- Cease use of bulletin and provide PowerPoint announcements and updates
- Keep all door handles disinfected and prop doors open
- Provide hand sanitizer stations
- Closed coffee stations (Bring your own coffee!)
- Encourage anyone who is symptomatic or exposed to COVID-19 to remain home

Our People
- Maintain proper social distance measures
- Add additional worship service (9:15am and 10:45am worship)
- Encourage attendance by last names for services (9:15: A-L, 10:45: M-Z)
- Shorten worship service to one hour for building exit and entrance
- Remove seating and restructure worship center (add chairs as feasible)
- Provide overflow room streaming service
- Continue offering online church
- Encourage use of masks and hand them out at the entrance
- Map out church building/worship center entrance and exit strategy
- Offer drop boxes for tithes and offerings
- Cease fellowship time in service
- Respect physical boundaries in gatherings (avoid handshakes, fist-bumps, etc.)
- Cancel Sunday School classes/youth/children - promote family worship
- Consider outdoor options for worship/children/students as summer progresses
- Encourage congregates over age 65 and those with pre-existing conditions to remain home and participate online
- Continue to provide letters and mailed sermons to those not online

Our Purpose
- Promote ongoing spiritual growth, discipleship, outreach, and gathering
- Continue Pastor’s Wednesday Online Bible Study
- Promote Student and Children’s online discipleship and fellowship groups
- Implement new online/backyard VBS in July (details coming!)
- Create new home groups and encourage small gatherings
- Begin new outdoor social distancing Bible Study group at church
- Plan Home Missions Week activities
- Continue providing missions challenges each Monday
- Promote summer outreach activities that involve social distancing
- Implement children’s focus on Sundays and email Children’s worship guides
- Give families resources for “at home” discipleship (e.g., through Rightnow Media)
- Focus on prayer in summer months
PHASE 2

**Primary Focus:** Groups/Classes return to campus (Target Date: August)  
-Action plans for this phase will be shared as we evaluate Phase One through summer.

PHASE 3

**Primary Focus:** Regain Strength and Ministries and Seasonal Missions Focus (Target Date: November)  
-Action plan for this phase will be drawn up as we evaluate Phase Two. Also, we will be prepared for relapse of COVID-19 in winter months

PHASE 4

**Primary Focus:** Celebration! (Target Date: Early Spring 2021)  
-Action plan will be drawn up as church seeks to return to normal activities based on COVID-19 status