

As our State reopens, is there a way we can safely meet while protecting the most vulnerable among us? The pastors and deacons think there is. ***Lord willing, GRBC plans to gather, in limited capacity, for worship this Sunday morning and evening, May 24th, 2020 and subsequent Sundays.*** We are enacting the measures outlined below to ensure that those in attendance are well protected. However, if you are uncomfortable about gathering in person for worship at this time, please ***do not feel pressure to attend.*** Stay home. Use wisdom and obey your conscience in this season of church life (Rom. 14:13). We will be offering the livestream for each service on our website at 11:00 am and 5:30 pm.

**1. How many can attend?**

Our plan is to reopen in stages over time, like a dimmer switch instead of a light switch. For this phase, we plan to limit the size of the gathering to 25% of our auditorium capacity. That is about **100 total people** at one service.

There is **no Sunday School.**

**2. Who can Attend and When? (For the vulnerable and children see questions 6 and 7)** We

divided the church members and regular attenders into four separate groups, alphabetically. These groups ensure that no more than 100 people will be at the church building at one time (including children). Though, it is very unlikely every person in each group will attend. These groups also leave space for unexpected visitors and Sunday volunteers.

**Group 1:** All people with last names that start with any letter between **A-D**

Attend the **Morning Service on 8/23/20**

Attend the **Evening Service on 8/30/20**

Attend the **Morning Service on 9/6/20**

Attend the **Evening Service on 9/13/20**

Attend the **Morning Service on 9/20/20**

Attend the **Evening Service on 9/27/20**

**Group 2:** All people with last names that start with any letter **E-J**

Attend the **Morning Service on 8/23/20**  
Attend the **Evening Service on 8/30/20**  
Attend the **Evening Service on 9/6/20**  
Attend the **Morning Service on 9/13/20**  
Attend the **Evening Service on 9/20/20**  
Attend the **Morning Service on 9/27/20**

**Group 3:** All people with last names that start with any letter **K-R**

Attend the **Evening Service on 8/23/20**  
Attend the **Morning Service on 8/30/20**  
Attend the **Morning Service on 9/6/20**  
Attend the **Evening Service on 9/13/20**  
Attend the **Evening Service on 9/20/20**  
Attend the **Morning Service on 9/27/20**

**Group 4:** All people with last names that start with any letter **S-Z**

Attend the **Evening Service on 8/23/20**  
Attend the **Morning Service on 8/30/20**  
Attend the **Evening Service on 9/6/20**  
Attend the **Morning Service on 9/13/20**  
Attend the **Morning Service on 9/20/20**  
Attend the **Evening Service on 9/27/20**

If you have been exposed to the virus recently, are not feeling well, running a fever or have a cough, stay at home.

Others may genuinely desire to meet but are caring for someone vulnerable or don't want to put a loved one at risk. Please feel the freedom to make what you believe are the wisest decisions.

### **3. What about Cleaning?**

The church will organize volunteers to thoroughly clean and sanitize the building prior to this Sunday and after every service. Financial giving will remain online to avoid using collection plates. There will be no bulletins.

#### **4. What about Social Distancing and Seating?**

The church building will have tape on the floor and deacons to help direct traffic flow (Map inserted at the bottom).

- Keep at least one parking space between you and the next car. A deacon will be present to manage this.
- Please plan on not going to the restroom at the church. Try to be prepared beforehand. One restroom for each gender will be open in case it is needed. A volunteer will be positioned outside of the entrance and only allow one individual or family unit in the restroom at a time.
- Enter the church building through the glass foyer doors at the front of the building, by the church office (They will be open).
- Please do not enter the church office, as it is off-limits.
- Please make sure you maintain six feet of distance from other attenders outside of your family. Shaking hands or giving hugs is discouraged.
- Seating will be in clusters, at least six feet apart, and arranged by family. A deacon will create a seating plan and show people to their seats. They will lead people down the outside aisles of the sanctuary, asking them to move as far as possible toward the inside end of each reserved row.
- Upon completion of the service, the service leader will dismiss you by row, starting at the back.
- Do not enter the education wing

- Please immediately exit the building through the conference room hallway door, out to the car port (a deacon will assist).
- You are free to fellowship (at a distance) outside only. For cleaning purposes, once you exit the building you may not reenter.
- For safety reasons, please sanitize your hands or wash them as soon as you get home.

#### 5. What about Masks?

We are not requiring more than our state government requires, with one exception. Our state orders don't *require* masks but encourage them—except for times you are outside and able to stay six feet from others. We **highly recommend** that people bring and wear masks, but it is not required to attend. We are working to have extra masks available.

But please bring your own mask if you own one.

However, masks ***are required for singing at this time***. Singing produces a larger risk than speech does, and possibly larger droplet clouds than even coughing. Therefore, if you plan to sing you must plan on wearing a mask.

#### 6. What about the Vulnerable?

We highly recommend, though not require, that all saints over 65, or with underlying atrisk health conditions (diabetes, auto-immune compromise, cancer treatments, etc.) to remain at home until the risk has abated. We will follow this closely in the coming weeks.

#### 7. What about Children and the Nursery?

Children are welcome. Children of all ages will be welcome in the auditorium. But parents must be responsible to keep them at appropriate distances from other adults and children. Children are a blessing and not a nuisance.

The Nursery will be open with willing volunteers. A plan is in place to sanitize the nursery before and after the service, as well as to limit the number of toys and things to touch. Nursery workers must be symptom free. If your child or someone in your family is not feeling well, running a fever or have a cough, stay at home. They will not be admitted to the nursery.

### 8. What should I expect?

You should expect joy and awkwardness. Please understand that it will be a joy to gather again but it will be unlike any other prior gathering. Please prepare to love one another, to sacrifice your ideal, and to be patient with your leaders and fellow members.

Romans 14:13 Therefore let us not pass judgment on one another any longer, but rather decide never to put a stumbling block or hindrance in the way of a brother.

