

**Recommended Strategy for Re-Opening for Church Services
Proposed and Voted by the Church Board – June 1, 2020**

For each Sabbath in the month of June (i.e. **June 6, 13, 20, and 27**), our church will engage in a “soft” reopening process; one Sabbath School option will be provided on these Sabbaths, which will consist of an adult class.

Sabbath, June 6, 2020 – Church Program

9:30-10:30am	Adult Sabbath School Class (School Gym)
10:30-11:30am	Worship Service – “Sabbath on the Lawn”

Welcome/Announcements
Opening Prayer
Song Service
Sermon/Devotional Thought
Closing Prayer
Family Picnic

NOTE – The downstairs office area of the church will be open for bathroom access. A wooden box will also be available outside for returning tithes and offerings; church members and families will have the option for a church picnic after the service on the lawn if they wish (the school kitchen will not be open for use); families who wish to stay for a picnic and church fellowship will need to bring their own food; the church will not be providing food for the picnic. The school gym will be a backup venue in case of inclement weather.

Sabbaths, June 13, 20, 27, 2020 – Church Program

9:30-10:45am	Adult Sabbath School Class (Church Sanctuary)
11:00am-12pm	Worship Service (Church Sanctuary)

Welcome/Announcements
Opening Prayer
Special Music(s)
Pastoral Prayer (Remain in pew)
Scripture Reading
Sermon/Devotional Thought
Closing Prayer

NOTE – A wooden box will be available for returning tithes and offerings; we will not be passing an offering plate during the worship service.

General Guidelines for Re-Opening Church

Church members who (1) are in a high-risk category, (2) are not feeling well, or (3) feel that their personal health might be compromised by attending church should remain at home and watch services online.

Those who choose to attend church in person should be careful to avoid all physical contact by maintaining social distancing standards (six feet) between people outside of their individual household units.

Hand sanitizing stations will be available in the church foyer and near the side door entrance to the church office and Sabbath School area; water fountains will be turned off; bottled water will be provided in the church foyer; bathrooms will be available for use; members are encouraged to bring their own hand sanitizing supplies as well.

Every other pew in the sanctuary will be roped off to attempt to maintain social distancing standards; deacons will also dismiss people by rows at the conclusion of worship services; different exits should be used as far as the front, back, and side exits of the church to regulate the flow of traffic out of the church; we will also keep the front doors of the church open during services to ensure good ventilation.

No corporate singing or offering collections will take place in the month of June; special musical numbers will be offered; as stated above, an offering box will be made available for those who wish to return their tithes and offerings at church.

Common use areas in the church facility should be sanitized after services, including wood on pews that have been touched, bathroom counters and fixtures, doorknobs, microphones, computers, sound/video equipment, lecterns, etc.

Some members might not feel that it is necessary to take strict precautions as far as avoiding physical contact, while others will desire to rigidly follow strict precautions to the letter, which might include wearing face coverings; either way, we should respect the wishes of those who desire to be extra-cautious, and should seek to follow the social distancing guidelines recommended by church and government agencies.

We should use common sense and follow basic standards of personal hygiene to protect ourselves and fellow church members; we should also remember to be considerate concerning the well-being of others; it is an important part of our Christian duty to set a good example of respect, caution, and safety.

It is our hope to resume full church services, including regular Sabbath School classes, in the month of July (note – this would NOT include church potlucks); the church board will continue to monitor the current situation, and make an informed decision on this possibility during the month of June.
