

THE LORD'S HOUSE
Returning to Worship
Plans & Guidelines

5/5/2020

We know the past few weeks have been confusing and challenging.

First, we want to encourage everyone. The LORD is with you (Matthew 28:20). He will bring you through any challenge. (Mark 10:27) Through faith in the Lord God Almighty, you can overcome every obstacle. (Matthew 17:20).

I also want to thank everyone that took the time and put forth the effort to join us on Zoom & Facebook. I know that it was new to everybody. We all had to learn some things. The Lord has definitely moved with streaming and online services. In the Lord's blessing, a new ministry was birthed out of it, and that ministry will continue. However, in pretty much every online service, everyone made it clear that though the online services were a blessing, and we thank God for a way to join and lift the Name of JESUS, it certainly was NOT the same as personal, corporate worship.

So, all Glory to God, we have put together some plans and guidelines for us to return to corporate worship.

Please bear in mind a few crucial thoughts as you read this and help us come together as the body of Christ.

- 1) We desire to exalt the Name of Jesus and be his Church in every situation
- 2) We desire that everyone be healthy and safe
- 3) We desire that our services be safe *and feel safe* for everyone that attends
- 4) We have struggled to find the balance between having faith in God and the wisdom to follow safety protocols
- 5) We respect everyone's wishes and allow them to be personally led by the Holy Spirit without any sense of condemnation or judgment

It is in the spirit of love for God, a genuine desire to worship, and sincere care for the health and wellness of God's people that we have put together a plan and some guidelines for us to return to corporate worship. We ask that you read these guidelines and help us follow them. This way, we are exalting the name of JESUS together. We are "kicking the devil in the head" and telling him, "You will not stop us!". However, more importantly, we are maintaining a place of worship where the Pueblo community can come for love and ministry. So, join in and help us, want you, please!

Service Schedule

- I. We will have small group worship and service, so we are following Government protocols
- II. There will be services held in the sanctuary on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays at 11:00 am. Each service will last approximately one hour.
- III. These will be small groups of ten or less. We are attempting to contact everyone to see which service would best fit into your schedule. If you have not been contacted and would like to attend one of these services, please contact Brother David Reed (719) 214-6933, Sister Sheila Cesario – (719) 647-0647 or Victoria Cisse (214) 395-0893. They will be coordinating the services, so we stay within the maximum

attendance orders. We will add services as they are needed. There will be services to accommodate everyone.

This service schedule will begin Friday, May 15th, and will continue until June 5th. If the state Government lifts the sanction or changes the orders, then we will meet to determine how things will change

Service Protocols

- I. We request that everyone follow the social distancing order of 6 feet during the services. This includes all areas of the church building. (parking lot, foyer, sanctuary, altar area, restrooms)
- II. Seats will be spaced at least 6 feet apart during the service. We ask that you not move them closer. The only exception being with family that lives in the same home.
- III. Masks are recommended. However, they are not required during the service.
- IV. Social distancing is required at the altar. People can pray at the altar, but they will be asked to stay at least 6 feet apart
- V. We have sanitizer available at various places throughout the building. We ask that you use it often.
- VI. Handshaking and hugs are discouraged at this time. Though we understand the desire may be there to greet one another in a Christ-like manner, we feel we should refrain at this time. An elbow bump is allowed and will have to suffice for now.
- VII. The offering basket will be hands-free. The basket will be present on the platform for everyone to drop in their offering/ Tithes without contact.

Pre and Post Service Clean-up and Sanitation

- I. A weekly cleaning checklist will be followed before each service. This will include the exterior, foyer, restrooms, seating, platform)
- II. Proper sanitizing chemicals will be used to kill germs & viruses. Gloves and adequate cleaning supplies will be supplied. We are looking for volunteers to follow-up after each service. If you are interested, please let your service coordinator know.
- III. Though the children's areas will be closed during this time, we will sanitize all the items in those areas on a weekly basis

You Can Help

- I. Please stay home if you are sick or showing any kind of symptoms
- II. Please help us be aware of the 6-foot social distancing rule
- III. Please wear a mask when possible
- IV. Please remember, no handshaking or hugs currently – Elbow bumps only
- V. The kitchen and other common areas will be closed during this time.
- VI. No outside food or drinks during this time of returning to worship phase I

Please know that THE LORD'S HOUSE leadership team is here for you during this time. If you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions, feel free to contact the church office at – 719-924-8405. A copy of these guidelines will be available on the website and presented to everyone at each service.

Remember, the Lord loves you and THE LORD GOD OMNIPOTENT REIGNS!! (Revelation19:7)