

SHC family,

5/13/20

As many of you know, Gov. Ivey announced last Friday the amended re-openings from the coronavirus stay-at-home orders which went into effect this past Monday, May 11th. In that amended order, churches are permitted to gather for worship services within the building. Church leadership has been following the CDC, the APHD, and the NAFWB church guidelines & recommendations as well as the ALFWB state recommendations for local churches regathering.

After much prayer, consideration, and evaluation of our congregation's needs for the safest, healthiest regathering procedures for our members, the following plan has been approved by our board.

***Please understand that the COVID-19 pandemic is a fluid situation. Any of these guidelines are subject to change.**

Please note the following screening guidelines provided by the ADPH:

- Have you been in close contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19?
- Are you experiencing a cough, shortness of breath, or sore throat?
- Have you had fever in the last 48 hours? (please check everyone's temp before leaving home to verify this)
- Have you experienced new loss of taste or smell? Have you experienced vomiting or diarrhea in the last 24 hours?

If ANY of these apply to you or a member of your family, please stay at home and watch the service online.

Procedures for Regathering:

- We will *temporarily* offer two morning worship services on Sundays at 9:00AM (for ages 60 & older + immune-compromised individuals) and 11:00AM (everyone else).

- Doors will open at 8:45 for the 9:00 service and at 10:45 for the 11:00 service. If you arrive early, please wait in your car until the appropriate time to enter the building to limit congregating outside or in the entryway.
- The Worship Center will be sanitized (door handles, hard surfaces, bathrooms, and chairs) before and between Sunday services.
- Doors will be propped open to reduce the handling and touching of surfaces.
- In order to minimize contact, printed bulletins will not be available.
- We ask that family units sit together, with at least 4 empty chairs between family units on the same row. Also, please leave a row between you and others.
- When entering and exiting the building, please follow CDC guidelines for social distancing (6ft between households.)
- Seating in the sanctuary will be marked off in order to maintain the 6' distancing.
- We will not have nursery, children's church, Sunday school, or Connect Groups available at this time. Families are encouraged to sit together for a family worship experience, and Connect Groups will reopen as soon as additional services are recommended.
- No offering plates will be passed. You can drop your tithes & offerings in the offering plates at the Information Table. You are also encouraged to give online at www.southhighlandchurch.org or via text at 256-500-8961.
- There will be sanitation stations set up throughout the facility for your use.
- We ask that only one person use the restroom at a time to minimize contact in the doorways and sink areas.
- When using the restroom facilities, be sure to wash your hands thoroughly. Use paper towels to turn off the water and to open the bathroom door when you finish, then throw the paper towels in the trash.
- We ask members to refrain from shaking hands and hugging. While many of us miss the embrace of dear friends and family, a smile and a hello will have to replace physical contact for now.
- We will have some masks available at the door, but please bring your own, if possible.
- Please cover your cough or sneeze with your sleeve or a tissue.
- If you have symptoms of sickness, fever, sinus cold, etc., please stay home!
- We will continue our Wednesday night Refuel Bible studies through FB live *at this time*. I do encourage you to participate with your family. This is a Bible study tool meant to edify and encourage you in your walk with the Lord.
- You can always stream our services online on our FB page if you are unable to attend in person.

SHC, please keep in mind that our church never "closed," as we have continued our ministry in a different capacity. We are doing our very best to ensure a safe and healthy environment for everyone. If you are comfortable coming back to church at this time, please do so. Online services cannot replace the joy and encouragement of meeting together in person. However, if you are not comfortable returning at this time, online streaming will be available as always. I

want to encourage you to make decisions based on common sense rather than fear. Do what you think is best for you and your family. We look forward to the day when all of this is behind us, and we can all be together at the same time; but until then, we will do the best we can and trust that God will bless it.

Pastor Chip