

CHURCH REGATHERING & COVID CARE PROCEDURES

January 10, 2021

Indeed, these are perilous days of which we should not be surprised (2 Timothy 3:1) *nor be shaken by these afflictions; for you yourselves know that we are appointed to this* (1 Thessalonians 3:3). Therefore, we are exhorted to *sing to the Lord, bless His name; proclaim the good news of His salvation from day to day. Declare His glory among the nations, His wonders among all peoples. For the Lord is great and greatly to be praised; He is to be feared above all gods* (Psalm 96:2-4). Many are losing courage, faint-hearted, worried, living in a state of agitation, and on edge. We need hope! We need the Word of God! We need each other!

So with that in mind, we share with you how we will operate in the Sundays ahead with what we will call a "Hybrid Service." Beginning Sunday, January 24 . . .

- You will have the option of meeting onsite at BCBC for the 10:30 AM Gathering **or** viewing the service on YouTube in its entirety. The sermon only will be uploaded after the morning gathering to be viewed on YouTube.
- If you believe it best to stay home because of this being a potential compromising situation or just wise on your part, please do not feel any embarrassment. We want you to do what you believe is right before the Lord.
- We ask that when you arrive, enter through the designated front door, follow the seating arrangements in the auditorium, and maintain social distancing. Please do not linger in the foyer.
- We are asking that you wear a mask in and out of the building. Once you are seated and have proper social distancing, you may remove your mask.
- We will dismiss the congregation at the conclusion of the service by rows, the piano side using the back doors and the organ side using the left (gym side) doors. The door that exits directly to the outside behind the piano will be available as well.
- Most of all, let's love God and our neighbor with all our heart, set aside our angst about the trial we are under, and let's be consumed with Christ. He is the Issue as we live in consideration of everyone in view of Romans 14:1-13.

Philosophical: What we believe

Boones Creek Bible Church affirms that . . .

- Psalm 37 guides us to trust in the Lord, commit our ways to the Lord, rest in the Lord, and wait on the Lord.
- 2 Timothy 1:7 reminds us that fear does not come from God. Through His grace, we have as a present possession power, love and self-control. This is where we are to dwell.
- Our Lord knows of our needs, cares for us, and will be our strength in the time of trouble (Psalm 46).

Practical: What we do

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- Prays: we call upon the Lord in our time of need.
- Seeks the Lord, corporately and individually, to keep us protected and trust Him to do so.
- Desires to be a good testimony before the unsaved in our immediate neighborhood and the Tri-Cities.
- Encourages one another for the glory of God to be gracious with one another no matter our position on COVID, wearing a mask, governmental mandates, etc. There is greater joy in fulfilling 1 John 1:1-4, when we declare Christ and enjoy fellowship with one another.
- Encourages wearing face coverings when physical distancing is not possible.
- Encourages folks to stay home if they are not feeling well or if they are uncomfortable with meeting.
- Encourages personal quarantine for those who are symptomatic.
- Encourages for now no handshaking, hugging, etc. as we love our neighbor through a joyful countenance and words of encouragement.
- Encourages fellowship outside in the parking lot and in our weekly small group gatherings.
- Encourages our members to check their temperature before attending any gathering.
- Supplies live and recorded YouTube broadcasts of our services for any to watch.
- Has organized the auditorium seating so that physical distancing is possible and constant.
- Encourages families to sit together in accordance with the White House staff agreement that 1 family equals 1 attendee.
- Has been and continues to be committed to clean facilities.
- Publicizes expectations and encouragements related to actively fighting COVID and the spread of the virus.
- Listens to the concerns of our members.
- Continues to stay up-to-date with the local, national, and international news and updates regarding the virus.
- Continues to support our own medical personnel and take into consideration the maxed-out patient numbers in the Ballad Healthcare System.
- Abides with the spirit of the Johnson City/Washington County proclamations and the wishes of Governor Lee.

Thank you for reading, for praying, and for your encouragement in these days! May we also remind you that you are able to give via the offering boxes, mail sent to the church (1528 Old Gray Station Road, Johnson City, TN, 37615) or online (bcbible.org) or using your Realm app.

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