

Building Community. Building The Kingdom.

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RE: Phased Reopening of OMCC

Dear Church Family,

In these unprecedented times we have endeavored to remain a gospel influence in our community in unprecedented virtual ways. It is our hope that these efforts have been a blessing to you and your families to bring hope and encouragement.

Although this has been inconvenient and frustrating, Romans 13 admonishes that we must do what we can to be good citizens. Thankfully, it was announced this week that restrictions in Missouri are beginning to gradually loosen. Specifically for us, it means that we will be able to start meeting together again soon.

We will follow a phased approach to re-opening. Here's how that will work.

Phase 1 - Begins May 10, 2020

- Sunday, May 10 We will begin to have in-person worship services again!
 - We are asked to continue following social distancing protocols. In order to do that, we have rearranged our seating to allow family groups to sit 6 feet apart from others.
 - Masks are being encouraged by the CDC guidelines. If you feel the need to wear a mask, you are welcome to do so but it will not be mandatory.
 - An offering box will be provided for people to give their tithes and offerings rather than pass an offering plate.
 - Cleaning/sanitizing supplies will be made readily available.
 - We will discourage shaking hands and hugging at this time so we can maintain social distancing. Be creative and have fun with different ways you can greet one another!
 - For now, there will be NO Sunday School and NO nursery. It is impossible for us to follow social distancing guidelines in those settings.
 - We will not be providing bus service at this time.
 - Please use wise judgment about staying home if you are sick or at extremely high risk of infection.

- Wednesday, May 13 Wednesday Drive Thru Meals
 - On Wednesdays through the month of May, we will resume "Drive Thru Meals" from 5 to 6:30pm. These proved a very valuable service to our community and a great way for our church to have an impact for the Kingdom in troubled times.
 - Volunteers are welcome to help cook and serve.
- The church office will remain closed to the public through the end of May. As always, anyone can call, text, or email at any time if they have a need (417-779-7777).

Phase 2 – Begins June 7, 2020

- **Sunday, June 7** Reintroduce Sunday School! Sunday bus service will resume in June if developments allow for it.
- Wednesday, June 10 We will evaluate if the "drive thru dinners" are still needed at this time. If not, we will resume Wednesday Bible study and prayer time for adults and youth. J.A.M. (the children's program) will resume in the Fall.
- We are trying to find a date in early August for Vacation Bible School, though this will depend on developments throughout the coming months.
- At the end of June we will evaluate any further steps that need to be taken. It is our hope that by the end of June we will be back to normal operations!

In conclusion, we hope you are able to join us on May 10th as we resume worship services. We're planning a special celebration service focusing on the constancy of God through the ages. He's always been here, He's always been good, and He'll continue to be so for us now! You won't want to miss it!

Wishing you all peace in the midst of the storm!