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October 8, 2020

Dear St. John Church Family,

We hope this letter finds you well and staying safe. I want to share with you our regathering plan. Our objective is to protect our congregation, staff, and others who enter the Church building, by minimizing the spread of COVID-19. The guidelines from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Nueces County Health Department and Church Mutual Risk Assessment Department will be closely followed to achieve our objective of safely returning to a gradual ingathering worship.

Those who are uncomfortable attending an ingathering worship, or who have symptoms of COVID-19 or who feel ill, or who have underlying medical conditions must stay-home and worship via Live-Stream.

There are three stages to the Regathering plan:

- a. Preparation Stage** – (Completion Date: 10/15/20) We are preparing for a safe regathering by cleaning and disinfecting all areas, purchasing PPE equipment, placing signs and setting up the building for 6 feet social distancing and designating seating for families living in the same household. We have purchased and installed two iWave-C commercial air cleaners which purify the supply air, killing mold, bacteria and viruses. Sanitizing stations are set up, temperature check thermometers and questioners are secured. Designated entry and exit points are established.
- b. Intermediate Stage** – (Completion Date: 11/1/20) This is where we review our preparation checklist to ensure all safety steps have been covered and conduct a dry-run of the Execution Stage two weeks before regathering. We will assess what modifications are needed.
- c. Execution Stage** - At this stage we have prepared and trained to protect our congregation, staff, and others who enter the Church building. There is limited seating while practicing social distancing of 6 feet for the congregation. Therefore, those who are comfortable attending an ingathering worship must adhere to the schedule by their last names (see chart below).

Phases of Regathering Plan 2020

<p>PHASE 1</p> <p>Date: November 15</p> <p>Sunday AM</p> <p>9:00am – Small Groups Online (Zoom)</p> <p>10:45am – Worship Service Onsite (Last Name begins with)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. A-D (3rd Sunday)b. E-J (4th Sunday)c. K-R (5th Sunday) <p>Online Worship via Live Stream</p> <p>No Small Group or Bible Study Onsite</p> <p>Wednesday PM</p> <p>7:00 pm – Bible Study Online (Zoom)</p> <p>Sunday Morning Precautions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Social Distancing• Offering Plates At Designated Areas• Hand Sanitizers Throughout Church• Recommended CDC Guidelines Regarding Face Masks• Worship Sanctuary Sanitized Between Services.	<p>PHASE 2</p> <p>Tentative Date: December 6</p> <p>9:00am – Small Groups Online (Zoom)</p> <p>10:45am – Worship Service Onsite (Last Name begins with)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. S-Z (1st Sunday)b. A-D (2nd Sunday)c. E-J (3rd Sunday)d. K-R (4th Sunday) <p>Online Worship via Live Stream</p> <p>No Small Group or Bible Study Onsite</p> <p>Wednesday PM</p> <p>7:00 pm – Bible Study Online (Zoom)</p> <p>Sunday Morning Precautions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Social Distancing• Offering Plates At Designated Areas• Hand Sanitizers Throughout Church• Recommended CDC Guidelines Regarding Face Masks• Worship Sanctuary Sanitized Between Services.
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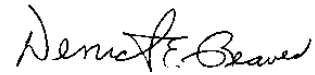
1. Small Groups will continue online (Zoom) starting at 9:00 a.m.
2. Temperature checks and questioners will be administered prior to entering the worship service. Knowing this safety process will happen, it is recommended the congregation arrive 30 minutes before the start of the worship service. There is limited seating while practicing social distancing of 6 feet for the congregation. Family seating (for persons living in the same household) will be made available; all others will practice 6ft. social distancing seating.
3. Live stream worship service is offered, Zoom Small Groups on Sunday and Zoom Bible Study on Wednesday.
4. Those who are uncomfortable attending an ingathering worship, or who have symptoms of COVID-19 or who feel ill or who have underlying medical conditions must stay-home and worship via Live-Stream.
5. The Church Security and Ushers ministries will enforce our safety procedures. Persons who are not cooperative will be asked to leave the building for their safety and the safety of others.
6. Congregation will be asked after each worship service to exit by row through a designated exit area.
7. Congregation will be asked to place their financial offering inside the designated collection points and/or to give via online, texting, drop off or mail in their offering.

8. Congregation will receive from an usher the Lord's Supper (Communion) elements.

Whether you choose to continue worshipping via Live-Streaming or to attend an ingathering worship on your designated Sunday; please know we have experienced a significant decline in our offerings due to this pandemic; therefore, we need all of us to continue to financially give.

We love you and are continuing to pray for you, your family and for all those who have been affected by this virus. Remember, God is at work in and through uncertain times.

Kneeling in Order to Stand,



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