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Hello Church,

It has been a blessing to be able to connect with you through social media during these unprecedented times in our world. We are grateful for the technology that allows us to stream our services to you. However, as great as that has been it does not take the place of gathering together as the body of Christ. **We are thrilled to announce that we will reopen our church doors on Sunday, May 17th!** We will have morning worship at 10:30 a.m. At this time, that is the only "in person" service we will offer. Live streaming will continue on Sunday mornings, evenings and Wednesday nights.

We know that many of you have questions and concerns about this. We promise to take as many precautions as possible to keep everyone safe. First and foremost, if you feel like it is too soon to meet together, please stay home! Although masks and gloves are not required, please feel free to take all the precautions you would like to protect yourself and others. We want to protect our church family. That is why we will continue to offer live streaming of the services. You can still be a part of worship but in the safety of your home.

Following the "Governor's Health Protocols" released on April 27th, we will ask that proper social distancing be followed. In order to accommodate the space required by six-foot social distancing, it will be necessary for us to reduce the number of people in attendance for worship service. It is important to note that each person in attendance will be personally responsible for maintaining a safe distance in all directions between himself and others in attendance.

We ask that you follow these guidelines to protect yourself and those around you:

- We strongly encourage at risk populations to watch the service remotely.
- Please do not attend the service if you or anyone in your immediate family has any symptoms of Covid-19.
- A maximum of 75 people will be allowed to enter the Sanctuary. Overflow seating in the gym will be provided with video screen viewing.
- The front doors on Main Street will be the only entrance and exit point. Greeters will meet you at the doors and direct you to seating areas. Please follow their guidance in leaving every other pew empty. Seating areas will be marked with tape to help alleviate any confusion. At the end of the service the greeters will guide you in the dismissal process.
- When entering and exiting the building please do not congregate in the foyer or hallways. We know there may be a desire to shake hands or hug, but we must avoid physical contact a while longer.
- At this time there will be no Sunday school, Nursery or Children's Church. It would be very difficult to maintain social distancing guidelines in these areas.
- Offering plates will be located near exit points.

Below are guidelines and health protocols that we will be following:

- All regularly touched surfaces will be cleaned and disinfected prior to and after the service. This includes door knobs, tables, chairs and restrooms.
- Hand sanitizer and soap and water will be readily available at multiple locations.
- Signage will be posted throughout the facilities to remind everyone of the best hygiene practices.

This is the plan for now. We will all need to be very flexible, and we appreciate your patience. As we are able to increase our attendance or offer more services we will let you know. We are very excited to once again offer an on-site worship service. See you Sunday, May 17th at 10:30 a.m.!!

Bro. Donnie, Church Staff & Deacons