

May 18, 2020

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future” (Jeremiah 29:11).

Dear Calvary Baptist Church Family,

I hope that you and your family are doing well! I am writing to inform you of our plans to gather back together at the Calvary Baptist Church building. I am thankful that we have continued to “be together” through this time via the internet and personal contacts, but I am excited for us to see each other again in person. “Thank you” to all of you who have given financially to CBC during our absence from the church building. Please continue to be faithful in your giving to our church. Offering checks can be mailed to the church in attention of the church treasurer and we will have a box for offerings in the foyer on Sunday mornings.

The other CBC leaders and I are aware that we must prepare well to re-enter our building. We have discussed and will implement what is appropriate in our commitment to your health and safety while at church. That being said, we cannot eliminate all of the risk concerning the Covid-19 virus. Please do not feel obligated to return to church at this time. If you are elderly or have health factors related to the coronavirus, we encourage you to stay home and all of you should make the best decision for you and your family in regards to attending church at the building. Please do not come to church if you or anyone in your household is not feeling well. We will continue to livestream our worship service on the Calvary Baptist Church Facebook page and upload them to cbcstafford.org. If you would like a written copy of the sermon manuscript, please let me know and I will mail you one each week.

For the foreseeable future, we will not be having Sunday school or a nursery during the worship service. This is due to the social distancing that we will practice at the church building. We will prop the doors open or a greeter will remotely open the front door for you from a distance. We will try to have as few people as possible touch the door handles to enter or exit the church. Avoid physical contact with others not in your household and allow for at least six feet between yourself and others. Practice good hand hygiene. Hand sanitizer will be available in the Gathering Area. You are welcome to bring sterile wipes or your own hand sanitizer, or to wear gloves and/or a mask while at the church building.

Families should sit in the same pew with only one “household” per pew unless single individuals sit on opposite ends of a pew. We will use every other pew in the sanctuary and distanced chairs in the fellowship hall, if needed. Church and children’s bulletins will be placed in the seats for your use and to take home. Please fill in the sanctuary from front to back, as this will help with social distancing. (Everyone cannot sit in the back row!) We ask that you not go in the north wing or upstairs in the church, as this will save time on cleaning and sanitizing once everyone leaves. You will be dismissed by rows at the end of the service to prevent everyone from exiting at the same time. Before and following the worship service, please do not congregate in the sanctuary or Gathering Area. If you would like, please visit with others outside the church building while still practicing the six feet of distance between

you and others. We advise you to wash your clothes shortly after returning home from church. The church building will be thoroughly cleaned prior to our first gathering back and cleaned and sanitized following the worship service each week.

Scheduled praise team members will be contacted by the team leader for their intentions that week, and praise team members of different households will maintain six feet of social distance on the sanctuary stage. This may mean that some on the praise team will be asked not to help lead in music that week so that social distance can be maintained on the stage.

The first worship service at the Calvary Baptist Church building with these parameters will be **Sunday, May 31, 2020 at 11:00am**. We will continue within these parameters until further notice.

Thank you for following these things for yourself and others. I realize that these precautions and guidelines will make our time at church different; however, they are important and will be practiced by local churches coming back together around the world and in Kansas. Please be respectful and gracious to one another as we move through this strange time together as God's people.

Please pray in advance for these times together to worship our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! Let me know if you have any questions and I look forward to seeing you soon!

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