

Dear Family:

Let me start out by saying how much we love and miss seeing your shining faces and beautiful smile and we can't wait to be back together. With that in mind there are a few questions we must ask ourselves:

1. Will we all return at once or will we return in phases?
2. What will be the safest way for us to return?
3. When we return will we need to practice social distancing and other guidelines?
4. What will the new "in person" service look like?

These and many more are the questions the staff, leadership, and I have been considering. Remembering the safety and health of your family as our biggest concern, here are a few of the guidelines we will be putting in place when we return.

- I. Return to SS
 - a. Ask each teacher and class to meet, following social distancing guidelines, in the respective classes
 - b. Meet on Sunday morning at 9:30
 - c. Stay and watch live stream of worship in classroom or dismiss and watch at home
 - i. Ambassador class – enter and exit through south gym doors
 - ii. Young adults – enter and exit through north gym doors
 - iii. Auditorium, Ladies, and Juan's class can meet in auditorium as a group, keeping social distancing
 - iv. Kids in kidzone
 - v. No nursery or child care
- II. Return to worship
 - a. Begin by asking those in the "high-risk" to stay at home until we see if there will be a second wave – this will be voluntary, not mandatory
 - b. Have family units sit together, proper social distancing guidelines observed.
 - c. No handshake time in auditorium
- III. No evening services until fall of 2020
- IV. Encourage connections groups to meet once or even twice a week to stay connected
- V. Mid-week services held for those desiring to attend – keeping social distancing and other guidelines.

This is a very difficult time for all of us. I wish we could just open the door and everything go back to the way it was. Unfortunately there will now be a “new normal” for all of us.

Please let us know if you need anything, keep us posted on how you are doing, and be patient with us as we care of you, your family, and our community.