

## Restarting Services

After much prayer and discussion, it has been decided to begin having in-person services again starting this Sunday, **May 31<sup>st</sup>**. Please note that this was not a unanimous decision. This was decided with a majority vote. We know that for some this will seem too soon and for others it will seem overdue. We ask that everyone be sensitive, respectful, and loving towards one another. With that in mind, we would like to communicate the following.

- *Do what is best for you and others!* If you are sick, particularly vulnerable, or uncomfortable, please stay home. If you have been recently exposed, please stay at home.
- We will continue to broadcast our livestream service on Facebook, YouTube, and [www.bigspringschurch.org](http://www.bigspringschurch.org) for those worshipping at home.
- Please follow all recommended hygiene practices (handwashing, not touching your face, etc.). If you are going to congregate together, we would ask that you do that outside.
- **Face masks are at your discretion.** You are welcome to wear one but since we are not requiring them, know that some may choose not to wear them.
- We will distance chairs as best as we can in the sanctuary. Families and couples should stay together. Others should remain at a safe distance. We will adopt as many social distancing measures as we can and reduce as much interpersonal contact as possible during the service (no passing an offering plate, no greeting time, etc.).
- There will be no nursery or Tots Church. Your kids are more than welcome in our service. They are not a distraction.
- We will not have Sunday school.
- We will not have coffee time fellowship (you are welcome to bring your own coffee in a cup with a lid.).
- Midweek Bible study will continue to be held via Zoom.
- It is possible that future local developments could impact this decision, so stay tuned!

We thank you for your constant prayers over the last couple of months. This is new territory for all of us! We thank you in advance for your cooperation and patience as we figure things out in a still constantly changing ministry environment. We are excited to be getting the church family back together for worship though we know that we are still far from “normal.” As always please feel free to contact J.B. or one of the deacons if you have questions or concerns.