## DEVELOPING A RELAUNCH ROADMAP

#### "A Ministry Guide for Reopening your Church Campus" by Dr. Emory Berry, Jr.

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# EZEKIEL 37:1-4

1) The hand of the LORD was upon me, and carried me out in the spirit of the LORD, and set me down in the midst of the valley which was full of bones,

2) And caused me to pass by them round about: and, behold, there were very many in the open valley; and, lo, they were very dry.

3) And he said unto me, Son of man, can these bones live? And I answered, O Lord GOD, thou knowest.

4) Again he said unto me, Prophesy upon these bones, and say unto them, O ye dry bones, hear the word of the LORD.

God is alive and at work! As we prepare to reopen our house of worship amidst our global pandemic parameters and COVID-19 confinement, below is a suggestive blueprint and not a comprehensive approach to follow God & allow C.H.R.I.S.T. to order our next steps.

#### **ON THIS JOURNEY...**

- God will provide for us
- Christ will strengthen us
- The Holy Ghost will comfort us



## IT'S IMPORTANT THAT WE ARE...

Safe

Slow yet steady

**Strategic** 

Scripture based

**Spirit-led** 

This template is designed for us to provide written responses to the said questions and share in writing with our leaders and congregation.









#### IT'S IMPORTANT FOR EVERYONE TO:

- Trust God
- Evolve
- Be flexible
- Be willing to make changes



## EVERYONE MUST BE WILING TO MAKE ADJUSTMENTS AS NEEDED!

## WE WILL USE <u>C.H.R.I.S.T.</u> AS OUR BLUEPRINT!

- <u>C COMMUNICATE CONSTANTLY</u>
- <u>H HIGHLIGHT HEALTH PROTOCOLS</u>
- <u>R RECRUIT A RELAUNCH TEAM</u>
- - IMPLEMENT IN INCREMENTS
- <u>S</u> STUDY THE STATS
- <u>T TRY CREATING A TIMELINE</u>

## **C - COMMUNICATE CONSTANTLY**

Over communicate with our core leaders, local congregation, and surrounding community on consistent days, in consistent ways, and on consistent platforms/mediums.



#### H - HIGHLIGHT HEALTH PROTOCOLS

• Emphasize new safety practices and label where the new "sanitati<u>on</u> stations" are located.



## **R** - RECRUIT A RELAUNCH TEAM

•Recruit at least 5-7 people to assist with strategizing, implementing, and assessing the reopening process. Also develop a Coronavirus Task Force to monitor and inform the church of health updates, data, and local health resources.



- IMPLEMENT IN INCREMENTS

Slowly introduce and include: •New practices •Small groups •Youth ministry Additional worship services New ministries New philosophies

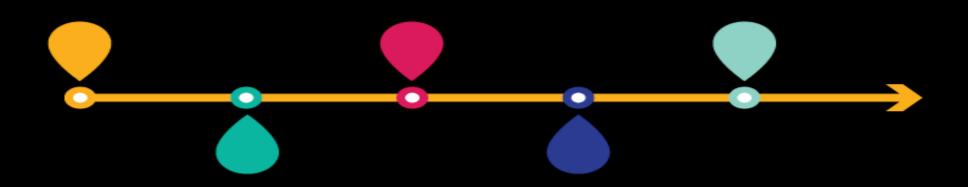


•Compile, review, analyze, and report the analytics, data, measurements, and trends to help drive future decisions.

•This info will help us prepare for our 2021 budgetary process.

## T - TRY CREATING A TIMELINE

•Establish a tentative 4-month timetable (June, July, August, September) that everyone can follow.



### **QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER BEFORE RELAUNCHING**



## HEALTH & SAFETY

What are the local, county, state, & national parameters for gathering?

Will we set up additional "Sanitization Stations" around the church?

What safety measures are we implementing around social distancing?

Will attendees be asked to wear masks, gloves, or other PPE?

How will Communion, Baptism, Lord's Supper, and Offering be done differently?

#### COMMUNICATION & TECH TEAMS

What will be our primary ways of communicating with our members?

Do we need an online Pastor?

Have we assigned someone to capture data and measure analytics (i.e. worship attendance, worship viewership, classes, and giving)?



Will we continue to offer online virtual worship & classes?

## WORSHIP SERVICES

Do we need to establish new worship times or shorten our services?

How will our church practice social distancing for weddings, funerals, mid-week worship, receptions, fellowships, and other large gatherings?

## **CONGREGATIONAL CARE**







What counseling will we provide those who are mentally struggling?

How will we care for our senior citizens? How will we care for our sick, shut-in, & bereaved?

## **AMENITIES & BATHROOM**

•Are we planning to thoroughly sanitize our facility before reopening? •How often will deep cleaning intervals take place?

## PRESCHOOL, CHILDREN, YOUTH, & TEENS

How will we slowly and methodically convene young people?



Which month will we start to **slowly** implement Small Groups?

SMALL GROUPS BIBLE STUDY

## <u>MINISTRIES</u>

How will we make prayer a priority in our church?

What new evangelism strategies do we need to implement?

What ministries do we need to combine, add, or eliminate?

## CHOIRS & BAND

- Will we utilize congregation singing or only use a small praise team?
- Will our choirs sing from the choir loft or not?
- Does the band need to social distance when playing their instruments?



# STAFFING & VOLUNTEERS



Will our staff work entirely virtually? In person? Hybrid?



Does our Staff need new or additional training?



Are there any staff we need to transition to places of need or phase in?

#### RESCHEDULING MINISTRY EVENTS

Do we need to reschedule key events (i.e. Graduations, Revival)?

Are we willing to do Virtual VBS and other yearly ministry events?

# FINANCES

- How will we monitor the church's financial income and expenses?
- Will we launch a giving campaign or start sacrificial giving?
- Have we asked lenders for a reprieve on mortgages or other debt?
- What additional expenses do we need to incur for our relaunch?



# **Tithing & Giving Opportunities**

Mail or Drop off tithing envelopes to church

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"...for God loveth a cheerful giver..." 2 Corinthians 9:7

"Show God that you can be TRUSTED even in a PANDEMIC" – Pastor Berry

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"If I be lifted up from the Earth, I will draw all men unto me" - John 12:32

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