

Emory Church Re-Opening Plan

May 27, 2020

Re-Opening Emory

Dear Emory Church Family:

It's been different the last few months, for sure, during these days as we waited to corporately worship again. While technology has assisted us these months, it's no substitute for the gathering of the church body that is commanded in Hebrews 10. Bro Mike, Jeff along with the others who have given their time to read scripture or provided the music for the services have been honored to serve and come into your homes during these times.

As we restart our lives both in church and in the community we must be open to adapting to meet new challenges. Many of the changes that have been put in place to protect not only you but your family, your friends that you interact with daily, as well as the person that you may only casually pass while shopping. The Lord has a plan we just have to accept it.

As for Emory, we have set June 7th as our date to reopen. The plan is to have 2 services, 9:30 and 11:00 am, both will be held in the Family Life Center. The 9:30am service will be for those who may be more vulnerable (pre-existing conditions and/or over 65 years of age). The second service will begin at 11am. Both services will be approximately 45 minutes in length. The Family Life Center will be cleaned between the two services.

For everyone's protection masks will be required and we will be checking temperatures at the door. Masks will be available at the door

We will not have Sunday School, Nursery, Little Church or a Choir while we are meeting in the Family Life Center. You can review the Reopening Emory document that is attached for additional details.

If you would do us a favor, we need to get an accurate count on attendance for each service. If you would please email, text or call Jeff, he will keep the count. We need the count as we have a limited seating since we have to maintain 6-ft separation between families and can have no more than 50% of building capacity. This will also help us to configure chairs to accommodate the most people.

All other church activities, not already approved, are suspended until further notice; this includes Rook, Explores, 4-H, GEMS, etc.

If you know someone who does not have email, please share this with them. They can call Jeff to reserve space. We need to know service preference and number of people planning to attend.

If you have questions, comments or concerns please contact myself, Bro Mike or James.

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Reopening Attachment

General Information

- We are following the guidelines established by the CDC and the Mississippi governor. This includes maintaining 6-ft separation, wearing a mask and avoiding physical contact (no handshakes, hugs fist-bumps, etc.).
- The Family Life Center will be thoroughly cleaned prior to Sunday and will be wiped down in between services.
 - Note from CDC guidelines:
For an area that has been unoccupied for 7 days or more, it will only need your normal routine cleaning to reopen the area. This is because the virus that causes COVID-19 has not been shown to survive on surfaces longer than this time.
- Who should consider not attending:
 - Based on CDC guidelines
People 65 years and older, people with disabilities, people with serious respiratory or cardiovascular conditions, people who are immunocompromised, and others should consider not attending in person at this time.
 - Children under 5 should consider not attending at this time. (All Children's activities/nursery programs are suspended for the first few weeks.)
 - Families have to sit together, including children.
 - If you don't feel well, please do not attend.
- Bathrooms:
 - Stalls only will be utilized in both restrooms.
 - Signs posted as a reminder to wash hands.
- Kitchen will be closed at all times.
- Will continue to record the services and post them to the website and YouTube.

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Day of Service

- **Service Times**
 - 9:30 am Service for 65+ and others considered as high risk
 - 11:00 am Everyone
- **Location**
 - Emory Family Life Center (FLC) only, the rest of church will be closed.
 - Will continue to record the services and post them to the website and YouTube.
- **Prior to Service**
 - Greeters will be stationed at the entrance to the building and in the parking lot to assist and encourage established guidelines are followed.
 - When you arrive please park and proceed to the FLC, please keep visitation to a minimum. Once inside a greeter will help you find your seat.
 - Everyone will be required to wear a mask while on church property. They are available at the door if you do not have one.
 - Everyone will have their temperature checked before entering the building.
 - Families must sit together, including children of all ages.
 - No drinks/coffee will be served.
 - A basket will be at the door for Tithes and Offerings.
 - You can also use donate option on website.
 - No paper bulletins will be used.
- **Service Format**
 - Service Length - 45 minutes
 - Welcome, Opening Prayer and Remarks
 - Music
 - Soloists and small ensembles only, no choir.
 - Words will be displayed on the screen if needed.
 - Sermon
 - Prayer Requests
 - Closing Prayer
- **After the Service**
 - Orderly dismissal from the front to back by a greeter.
 - Please proceed to your vehicle, keeping visitation to a minimum.
 - Greeters will be stationed at the exit of the building and in the parking lot to assist and encourage established guidelines are followed.