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Regathering as a Church

While we are thankful that technology has allowed many of us to remain connected during the Covid-19 Pandemic, we have also been looking for the day when we could gather again as a church. We are scheduled to begin regathering as a church on May 13th. On Wednesday night, May 13th, we will have our first on-campus Bible study at 6:30. This meeting will take place in the auditorium to allow for social distancing. Our first Sunday morning gathering will be the following Sunday, May 17th.

Here are the essential details related to our upcoming services.

- Services will be at 9 am and 11 am. We are asking members whose last names start with the letters A-I to please attend the 9 am service. Those whose last names start with letters J-Z, please attend the 11 am service. This will help us more equally divide attendance in the two services, thus aiding our need for social distancing. Everyone's help with this will be greatly appreciated. If you find that you need to attend the other service, we will understand, but please keep in mind our goal is to be able to provide as much social distancing space as possible.
- We will not have Sunday School, nursery, children, or student programs. We will reintroduce those programs as conditions continue to improve.
- Our services will be similar to our recent Family Worship Day. We would like for families to sit together as households. Please allow space between you and the next household. We will keep the services to as close to an hour in length as possible because we realize that many young children may be in the services. Mrs. Julie plans to continue recording a children's time video to help the children engage in the services.
- We will block off every other row in the sanctuary to maintain a measure of social distancing.
- The only doors that will be open will be the Welcome Center and the main entrance doors.
- The only restrooms we will be utilizing will be in the main foyer and the Welcome Center.
- We will collect the offering at the end of the service as you leave the auditorium. We encourage all who are willing and feel led to sign-up for recurring giving on our church website.
- The Welcome Center, auditorium, and bathrooms will be sanitized between services.
- The coffee station will not be open, and we will not have a fellowship time during the service.
- We will not have Sunday evening worship services for the time being to allow Sunday School classes to have an open time for Zoom meetings, etc.
- To keep the church from having to clean multiple buildings and areas, please stay in the auditorium and Welcome Center areas.
- The pew Bibles and hymnals will be removed during this time so as not to have to clean each one individually. They will be returned to the auditorium once the virus has subsided.

As you can see, there is a lot to take into consideration when reopening the doors for worship. Please join me in praying for God's protection, that we will be sensitive to what He is trying to teach us in these days, how we can better serve and witness to our community, and that our church returns stronger than before the pandemic started. Pray also for those in our church and community who have been negatively impacted by the pandemic and its associated restrictions.

I look forward to seeing you soon! Chad



Sunday Morning at 10:15 Bereafirst.online.church or Facebook Live No Evening Service

CLASS OF 2020 Graduate Recognition

Sunday, May 31 Please email Ricky your senior picture and a baby picture along with a favorite Bible verse, where you're graduating from, and what your future plans are. (rstark@bereafbc.org) Stay tuned for further details!

ANNIE ARMSTRONG OFFERING

For North American Missions Our Goal: \$12,000 Received: \$5,475

Reaching Center

Items needed in May: CANNED VEGETABLES

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Mrs. Julie will be sharing our kids time during the service today.

LESSON: JESUS, THE SAVIOR -THE MISSION CONTINUES

FOCUS PASSAGE: ACTS 13

KEY BIBLE VERSE: ROMANS 1:16

"I am not ashamed of the good news. It is God's power. And it will save everyone who believes. It is meant first for the Jews. It is meant also for those who are not Jews."

LIFE APPLICATION:

I can tell people about Jesus.

As we respond in worship and sing to the Lord, take time to meditate on these Scripture passages below that relate to this morning's songs.

WORSH

CONNECT Worship

"I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being." Psalm 104:33

"This Is Amazing Grace"

"Before the Throne of God Above"

Hebrews 10:19-22

"Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water."

"Jesus Paid It All"

John 3:16-17

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."



Sermon Series on 1 Corinthians: Transforming Faith

Keys to Life Change

1 Corinthians 2:1-16

- 1. Change occurs through faith in the Gospel. Vs 1-5
- 2. Change occurs through the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. Vs 6-16

RESPONDING TO THE WORD INTERACTIVE DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. How has your life changed since coming to faith in Jesus?
- 2. What area of your life do you feel needs to change?
- 3. How does your understanding of the gospel affect your approach to life change?
- 4. What does it mean to be a new creation?
- 5. When you seek to help others with experiencing life change why is it important to remain focused on the gospel?
- 6. How does the wisdom of God impact the way you approach change?
- 7. How does God make His wisdom known to you?
- 8. What are the things God has freely given to you?
- 9. What does it mean to have the mind of Christ?
- 10. What is the correlation between a change in your thinking and a change in your life?

QUICK TIPS for STAYING CONNECTED DURING THIS TIME

This GUIDE is designed to facilitate an ongoing conversation about our service. Consider gathering with family around the table OR give a friend a call and talk through the "Interactive Discussion Questions" above. Spend time in prayer responding to the worship, message, and online gathering. Ask God to reveal His will in our life.