



Cedar Street

BAPTIST CHURCH

“Where Heads, Hearts, and Hands are Being Transformed through the Gospel of Jesus Christ”

June 17, 2020

Ref: Important Church-Wide Update

Dear Church Family,

After months of physical separation due to COVID-19, our leaders at Cedar Street have finalized a plan to re-open for Sunday morning corporate worship on **July 5 at 11 a.m.!** Therefore, below are the key details of our plan that was finalized during our June 16 deacons meeting:

- **CSBC Re-open Guidelines—Our Policies & Procedures for July 5:** Upon our return to the sanctuary on July 5, we will be implementing the following policies and procedures to ensure everyone’s safety:
 - A) Sanitation Standards**—Our staff is committed to doing a weekly deep-cleaning of the sanctuary, fellowship hall, and restrooms after each service. We will be providing hand sanitizer and optional masks, will temporarily remove all hymnals and pew Bibles, and will be suspending the distribution of a service bulletin and offering plates until further notice. We encourage everyone to bring their own Bibles, and we are also asking all attendees to temporarily refrain from hugs or handshakes while inside the facility.
 - B) Seating Arrangements**—Ushers will be located at each entrance to greet attendees and help direct everyone to their seat. Families are encouraged to sit together, but each group is encouraged to practice social distancing and leave ample space between other families and individuals. Overflow seating will also be provided in the fellowship hall with a live-stream video of the service on a projection screen.
 - C) Service Distinctives**—We will be temporarily postponing all childcare, pastoral greeting time, corporate singing, and usher collection of the offering. However, there will be offering boxes provided at each exit to submit contributions. At the end of the service, ushers will also dismiss each row in an orderly fashion, beginning with the back row and moving forward. Finally, there will be only one weekly service held each Sunday morning, and all other ministries will remain on hold until further notice.
- **CSBC Review of Ministries—Our Short-Term and Long-Term Goals:** Our leaders are continuing to monitor the current COVID-19 cases in Candler County each week. We are hopeful to be able to lift these current restrictions and restore all ministries of CSBC as soon as there is no longer a significant risk of outbreak. In the meantime, we encourage you to continue participating in our active church ministries through our multi-media platforms when possible. We are still providing online access to our Sunday morning services, Wednesday video devotions, Children’s Sunday School videos and Student Ministry devotions. Many of our Sunday School classes are also meeting through conference calls and small group gatherings, and teachers will be contacting their class members with any updated plans.

Finally, as you pray for our re-opening, please continue to pray the Lord will create clean hearts and renewed spirits, as He restores joy in our salvation upon our return (Psalm 51:10-12). And may our church always be a place where heads, hearts, and hands continue to be transformed through the gospel of Jesus Christ!

Yours in HIM,

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