



BARCELONA ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH

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Dear Church Family:

It is hard to believe June is here and we still have not been able to meet in person for worship. Sadly, in recent days we have seen an increase in COVID-19 cases in Arkansas. This is a cause for concern.

A small group of church leaders and staff met today to discuss guidelines for opening up for worship. A separate sheet is included with this letter and contains recommendations to be followed. The church has ordered an electrostatic sprayer to disinfect and sanitize large areas. It will arrive in a few weeks. We also have ordered a large supply of masks and wipes. While a few churches have opened in the Village, many, like ours, are still being cautious. We are staying in close contact with sister churches, including Balboa and Coronado, to coordinate our return. It would be tragic to open prematurely and see a spread of the virus within our congregation. We can perhaps project a July date for meeting again.

Thank you for your generous, faithful giving. Our May budget giving totaled \$53,108, which exceeds our budget needs. We also gave generously to the Arkansas Baptist Children's Homes in the amount of \$1,560.

My sermon title for next Sunday is "When Trouble Comes" and is based on James 1:2-4. The apostle wrote: "Consider it pure joy, my brothers, when you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance. Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything." Rose Mary Dauber will lead our music for the first time as interim director. We also welcome Susan Wade at the piano.

Although we are separated from one another, let us continue to pray for one another. Use the prayer list e-mailed to you as a guide for remembering others and their needs.

Remember, your staff is available and stands ready to encourage and minister to you.

Your Pastor,

Jon M. Stubblefield

Guidelines for Worship Services

Barcelona Road Baptist Church

Considering the average age of our congregation, we want to be safe when we open for worship. Seventy-four percent of the deaths in Arkansas due to COVID-19 are people 65 years and older. Based on recommendations from Governor Asa Hutchinson and Dr. Nate Smith, we will need to follow these guidelines when we gather for worship.

- 1. Please do not attend worship if you have a fever or other COVID-19 symptoms, or if you have been exposed to someone who has tested positive.**
- 2. An infrared thermometer check will be done at the doors as we enter.**
- 3. Hand sanitizers will be provided.**
- 4. Worshipers will be required to wear masks. Please bring your own mask. The church has a limited supply and will provide one if you do not have it. This does not apply to children 10 years and younger.**
- 5. We will have one worship service possibly in two locations. We will seat worshipers in the Sanctuary up to the limit allowed with the Fellowship Hall used for over-flow.**
- 6. We will maintain 6-foot distancing in seating, except for families.**
- 7. Ushers and greeters will seat and exit the congregation in a safe and orderly way.**
- 8. We will not share communal items such as offering and Lord's Supper plates. The offering will be received in the vestibule at the end of the service. Hymnbooks and Bibles have been removed from the pews. We will not print an order of service.**
- 9. Meeting and greeting will take place outside in the open air. No hand-shakes or hugging. A friendly wave and smiling eyes will suffice for now.**
- 10. Worship areas, the vestibule, and restrooms will be sanitized after each service.**
- 11. Until further notice, a nursery will not be provided. Sunday School, Evening Worship, Prayer Meeting, Choir Practice, and other gatherings will be added later.**
- 12. We will continue to provide a website service for those who are not ready to return for worship in person.**

Would you be willing to follow these guidelines if we return for worship in the next few weeks?

Please respond your intent to attend in one of the following ways: email (brbc3office@att.net); call the church (922-0692), or drop a note saying YES or NO in with your offering envelope.