General Announcements

Return to Services
We were very excited to be able to meet in person in the East Texas congregation last Sabbath. Things went very smoothly, and we had plenty of room to fellowship while maintaining social distancing when needed. Thank you to everyone for helping make this transition run smoothly.

If you do not feel comfortable meeting in person yet (the current guidelines encourage those in the “at-risk” category to strongly consider not yet meeting), you can still connect to services via webcast or phone hookup as usual.

The guidelines say that all employees and volunteers are to wash or sanitize their hands upon entering the building and attendees are encouraged to do so as well. Someone will hold the door open for you as you enter the building and will offer you a squirt of hand sanitizer made from alcohol and natural ingredients.

The ushers will be directing you to either the front door or the one on the side of the Auditorium to enter the building. Families, extended family, couples who have been dating, co-workers who have been around each other, and anyone else who rides together or has been in the presence of each other are allowed to sit together.

The finalized face covering guidelines of COGWA from Headquarters are in the document that was emailed to all of you along with the letter from Mr. Franks. They are not required, but the CDC recommends face coverings, especially if social distancing is difficult. They will not be provided by the Church, so please bring your own if you desire.

We have put all the hymnals away and will be projecting the words on the screen. If you want to use a hymnal, please bring your own. We will not have snacks or offer water, tea, or coffee.

If you are not feeling well, as has always been our request, please do not come. Services will still be webcast, or you can tune in via the phone hookup.

Google Form
Each week the google form will be emailed out asking you to fill in whether you plan to attend so we can better plan our seating arrangements and ushering responsibilities to stay within the state guidelines for church services.

Please be sure to watch for an email each week with the link and respond ASAP or at least by Wednesday, which is a big help to our ushers.

Ruston Services Resuming
On Friday, June 5, the state of Louisiana entered Phase 2 of opening up. Businesses (including churches) can have up to 50% of the stated occupancy limit for buildings. The guidelines are essentially the same as for Texas—maintain social distancing, wash or sanitize hands on entering the building, bring your personal hymn, no food or drinks will be served, etc.

The Peachtree Room is not available due to another round of remodeling, so we will be in the Snack Room and the hotel will set up the chairs for social distancing. After consulting with the leadership, we set June 20 as the date we will resume services in Ruston.

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