

Thursday June 11, 2020

Dear Faith Family,

Long and hard we have been praying for the Lord to allow us to be together in fellowship. So it is with great anticipation and trust in our Lord Jesus Christ that we announce the partial opening up of our building for worship this coming Sunday June 14, 2020 at 10:00 am.

Your deacon team has met and have understood that we have been given the go ahead to re-open as per our Premier's recent announcement. As excited as we are to begin worshiping together, it is important to state that we will be doing our best to follow Halton Public Health's suggested protocols. For this reason your Deacons have devised a safety plan to accommodate a limited number of our members back into the building for worship. We here at Faith Baptist Church are committed to your safety and the community around us.. While the government has set the number 30% operation capacity, we will try to stay below it.

THE PLAN:

Since we are seeing this as a first step forward and are not yet prepared for our large service gathering, we are asking that if you plan on attending this coming Sunday June 14, to kindly indicate your intentions by responding to this email or phone call to the church no later than Friday at 2:00 pm. Please let us know how many in number will be attending. There will be no children's ministry, nursery or library for a while so little ones must stay with their parents. Again, we strongly recommend that if you feel you might compromise your health or the health of others by attending the service, or are in any way concerned, that you consider taking in the worship online via Facebook or Zoom.

Service will begin at 10:00 am sharp and will end at 11:00 am. The doors will open at 9:45. As you arrive PLEASE remember to practice social distancing in the parking lot as you come and go as well as you enter and exit the building. As you enter a greeter will usher you into the building pointing out the sanitation station, then direct you to the auditorium where you will see the safe seating arrangements. The service will end at 11:00 am and we hope to have everyone out of the building by 11:15 am. The rear doors are the only doors to be used for exit so we can ensure a one way traffic flow. Signs will be posted to help everyone navigate their way. We expect that many of you would be familiar with these new norms by now, for some it may already be habitual, so we anticipate common sense will prevail (2 Timothy 1:7).

There will also be sanitizer stations placed at the entrance and exits of each door and you are encouraged to use them upon entering and exiting the church building. It is strongly recommended that everyone wear a mask. Please bring your own but if you do not have one, we will have a supply when you enter. Take into account before you arrive, that our washrooms will only be available for emergency use only and will be monitored for proper safety use.

As we worship together, please bring your own Bibles. Personal belongings are to be kept with you as the coat racks will not be in use. The service experience itself will be different as we are continuing to focus on our live streaming efforts. Please continue to offer your tithes and offerings electronically by accessing our church website or use the basket at the door as there will not be an offering taken. Please arrive by 9:45 am so we can monitor the attendance figures.

We thank God for allowing us to meet again and we ask for your patience, sound judgement and prayer upon our return on Sunday. Please continue to pray as we begin gathering together again. We are counting on your grace and love for each other as we trust the Lord to lead us every step of the way. If you have any questions please feel free to contact myself or the pastor.

God bless,

Isaac Hines, chairperson on behalf of the Deacon Board

(David Blevins, Rod Bragg, Frank Bury, Rick Egelton, Paul Hooper, Jim Huen, Richard Moldovan, Sunil Singh)