

Dear brothers and sisters at Nashville Road church of Christ,

The Elders feel that we now have enough information about the Covid-19 virus to resume worship services on Sunday, June 7th in our building, as long as we follow the latest health and safety guidelines and practices recommended by health officials. Please see the website detailing guidelines issued by the Tennessee Governor's office for Faith Base and Community Initiatives.

- **Of course, those who are at high risk and those with weak immune systems should not attend until more is known about the virus or a cure is found.** We would all prefer to enjoy fellowship as we did before the virus with hugs and handshakes but for the well being of our most vulnerable members, we must temporarily practice social distancing. In other words, when we meet, we need to refrain from hugs, handshakes and keep ourselves six feet apart from others if possible.
- In order to accomplish social distancing, we will need to make some temporary changes in how we enter, occupy and exit the building when we meet for worship. First of all we ask that everyone enter and exit the building by using only the two doors that bring you into the lobby. **Please do not use any other doors.**
- Every family member entering the lobby should wear a mask and go directly to a pew and be seated. Since the available pews are about six feet apart you have the option to removed your mask while seated, but it must be worn any time you are out of your seat.
- The lobby will not be available for gathering or fellowship. This activity is much safer outside the building.
- If more than one small family sits on the same pew, please make sure to keep six feet open space between yourselves.
- Every other pew will be taped off so that our auditorium will be at half capacity. For this reason we plan to conduct two Sunday morning services with half our members meeting in the first service and the other half meeting in the second service. If your last name begins with the letters A-L you will meet for the first service, which begins at 9:00 am. If your last name starts with the letters M-Z you will meet for the second service which begins at 11:00 am. The time between services will be used to sanitize the auditorium. For now these two service will be the only scheduled meetings in our building.
- There will be no Sunday school classes, Sunday evening worship or Wednesday evening classes until more information has been gathered concerning the virus. These meetings will resume as soon as conditions allow.
- Individual, pre-packaged communion will be provided as you enter the building. It will be placed in plastic bags which are to be used to dispose of the used packaging. A container will be available at the back of the auditorium to dispose of the plastic bag as you exit the building. Of course you may wish to bring your own communion supplies if you prefer.
- A basket will be placed at the back of the auditorium for your weekly contribution. You may leave your offering as you exit the building.

- After services, please remain seated until the ushers direct you to exit. The pews starting in the back will exit first. This is done to insure a smooth flow of people in the aisles and at the door.

These are adverse conditions but we can worship in adverse conditions. The first century church faced much worse in the form of persecution and death. Even today Christians meet all over the world under the threat of punishment. We, in America have been blessed for many years with the ability to worship in safety and comfort. We pray that God will deliver us from this current distress and allow us to once again fully enjoy the fellowship of every member of our family at Nashville Road while we worship Him in spirit and in truth. Thank you for your devotion to God, your understanding and your cooperation. **The Elders**

The website from the TN Governors office;

<https://www.tn.gov/content/dam/tn/governoroffice-documents/House%20of%20Worship%20Guidance%20FBCI.pdf>