**FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT RETURNING TO CHURCH**
**- PLEASE READ IN ITS ENTIRETY -**

Church,

We are currently making plans to resume worship service in the near future and wanted to make you aware of the guidelines that we are asking all attendees to adhere to. We also want to try to answer some questions that you may have related to returning to worship and what it will look like when we return.

Please understand that your church staff has been working hard to make decisions that are respectful of our governing authorities (Romans 13:1; 1 Peter 2: 13-14) and in the best interest of our church members. While you may have an opinion that conflicts with some of the guidelines discussed, please understand we are asking everyone follow these guidelines in the best interest of our church and out of respect for your church leaders.

If everything goes according to plan and in accordance with our governor's openness to respect places of worship, when we choose to meet we will adhere to the governor's recommendations related to meetings. If you would like to see the governor's recommendations regarding places of worship, please click here.
https://www.tn.gov/content/dam/tn/governorsoffice-documents/House%20of%20Worship%20Guidance%20FBCI.pdf

## FAQ's

## Should I feel obligated to attend church service?

No. At this time the governor still recommends worshipping virtually so don't feel obligated or disobedient if you chose to remain at home. We will still be live streaming the service as usual.

## Should I attend at this time?

We would love for everyone to attend! According to the governor's current recommendations, senior adults, disabled, and immunocompromised persons are at greater risk at this time, stating that gatherings that include these vulnerable populations may put them at risk. We simply ask that you use your best judgement when deciding to attend.

## What is Sunday morning going to look like when we resume services?

Sunday morning is going to look very different for the foreseeable future. Please understand this fact and adhere to the recommendations we post online and at all entrances. Thank you in advance for understanding. *See below for answers to questions you may have specifically about Sunday morning services*:

- **Are there going to be children's programs and childcare?**
  No. Childcare will not be provided, and all children must sit with your family group in your designated area.

- **Will there be a welcome time?**

At this time there will not be a traditional welcome as we are still trying to social distance from one another.

- **How will I know where to sit without coming into contact with another person or family?**

Currently we are working on spacing out seating in our facility so that this is not an issue. We ask your patience as you arrive, as this is new for all of us.

- **How will we handle the offering time?**

Offering baskets will be placed at designated locations around the church for people to drop their tithe into without coming in to contact with others or passing plates.

- **How will we dismiss without coming into contact with one another?**

We will dismiss by rows in sections of the auditorium. We ask you to be patient and understanding as we stagger our dismissal.

- **When will Life Groups resume?**

Life Groups will not resume at this time. There will be more information when we are ready to take that step.