

OPERATION RE-ENTRY

Sunday, June 7, 2020



We are so **excited** for the opportunity to **come back together in personal worship of our Lord with you!** A labor of great love is under way to ensure our ability to **re-enter the church building** at this time as safely as possible. We're not re-opening because we never closed! Before you arrive (*I know, it's like the anticipation of a first date all over again...LOL*) we are sharing what we see as a **well-counseled, timely, responsible and Christ-Honoring strategy for re-entry.**

First and foremost, we all must keep in mind the words of Jesus (**Mark 12:30-31**) when He said, **"You shall love your neighbor as yourself."** Regardless of personal opinions about government overreach, hoaxes, conspiracies, end of world scenarios, etc, many of our church family, friends and visitors are excited yet timid to attending in person worship services. Be mindful of Paul's words in **Ephesians 4:32, "Be kind to one another, tenderhearted..."**. It will take all of us partnering together to "...set the believers **an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity**" (**1 Timothy 4:12**). **Together, we will continue to lead our community directly to the Cross of Christ.** Unity has been and is a pace setter in our community at many levels. We need to continue to serve this role. What we are doing is **more than merely "coming back to church"**. By committing to re-entry and responsibly restarting certain aspects of Unity's Ministries **we are fanning the flame of Missions, Gospel Outreach and Ministry to the Glory of the Kingdom of God** in Prince George and Central Virginia. **We're glad to be a part of this journey with you!** It's been said **"If it's worth doing, it needs to be done right ... If it's the Church doing it, it NEEDS TO BE THE BEST!"** As you read through our strategy for re-entry **keep this Christ-Honoring, Gospel Driven, Kingdom building perspective at heart!**

ATTENDANCE - Sick, exposed or uncomfortable

We long for the day we all can confidently and safely worship together in person. I long to give each of you a BIG HUG (*I'm a hugger*). However, we understand **certain circumstances will keep some from joining in person.** Have **no fear, both Worship Services** will continue to be **Live Streamed** via **Facebook** weekly. They will be available for replay at your convenience as well.

We ask that you worship with us from home via our Virtual Services if you:

- In **any way feel uncomfortable or unsafe** in attending in person services.
 - Outdoor Seating Options will be available (weather pending).
 - Live Stream Facebook while in your vehicle in the Parking Lot. We'd love to see you and wave (safely from a distance) before and after service.
- Are **feeling sick or present any signs of sickness (fever, chills, aches, headaches, sore throat, persistent cough, difficulty breathing, upset stomach, etc.)**.
 - Seek a doctors consult.
- Have been **diagnosed with Covid-19** and have not received confirmation of recovery.
- Have **been exposed within last fourteen (14) days** to someone that has been diagnosed with COVID-19 or is considered Covid-Potential.

TIMES - Two (2) Worship Service Times

- Services will begin at **8:00am and 10:00am.**
- Both weekly services will offer the **same music, message** and will be on **Facebook Live.**

DISTANCING - Six (6) Feet

- **SOCIAL DISTANCING OF SIX (6) FEET IS REQUIRED** for anyone not in your household unit.
- **MINORS** (under 18) are asked to **STAY WITH AND SIT WITH THEIR FAMILY UNIT**.
 - If you got into a Sunday morning family spat on the way to church, someone can stay outside and/or Livestream the Service. Mom and Dad will make that call.
 - We ask **PARENTS** to **PRE-TEACH** their **TEENS and CHILDREN** on **PROPER DISTANCING** with all, **INCLUDING PEERS**, before arrival.
- Together we will refrain from hugs, handshakes, cheek pinching, elbow bumps & chest bumps.
- While **Entering** and **Exiting Services** we ask that you **keep moving**.
 - **Visiting** and **Congregating** is **encouraged** to be done in the **church yard outside**.

ENTRANCE - Three (3) entrances will be available on Sunday mornings.

1. A dedicated **SENIORS & COVID-VULNERABLES (SCV) ONLY Entrance/Exit** will be at the **Front LEFT Double Doors** (closest the Prayer Garden).
 - a. The SCV entrance will lead to a **Dedicated Hallway** and **Reserved Seating**.
2. Two (2) **General Entrances/Exits** will be designated at the **Front RIGHT Double Doors** (closest to Office) and the **SECOND (2nd) SIDE DOOR** on the Fire Lane.
3. The Fire Lane Entrance will grant **direct access** and will bypass any interior hallways.

SEATING - Five (5) seating options

- **General, Senior and Covid-Vulnerables (SCV), Outside, Pavilion and Indoor Overflow**
- **General & SCV** seating in the Multi-Purpose Room will have **every other row** available.
 - Rows will be **alternated between services**.
- An **Indoor Overflow Room** will be established in the **Dunn/Pastors Class**.
- **OUTDOOR seating** options (*weather permitting*) will consist of two (2) choices:
 - A **First Availability Grass** seating on **EITHER SIDE** of the **building** outside the Multi-Purpose Room will have chairs available or you may bring your own.
 - **Windows** will be **opened** and blinds up for a limited view of the stage area.
 - Air-Conditioning will be on to accommodate the opened windows.
 - The **Pavilion** will be available for those seeking **shaded** outdoor seating.
 - **Sound** will be **projected** to the Pavilion by way of an outdoor speaker.
- When choosing your seat be mindful to **leave adequate room** for **other families** and **move to the center** when possible.

OFFERING & COMMUNION

- Offerings can be given **anytime** to the Offering **Plates** located on the **edge of the stage** or in one (1) of three (3) wall mounted **Communication Boxes** located at the rear of the Multi-Purpose Room and in the Foyer.
- **Online Giving** at **UnityBaptist.us/Give** is always available anytime.
- Communion, when observed, will be conducted with prepackaged Communion Cups and will be made available before the Service begins.

CHILDREN AND NURSERY - We love our kids at Unity!

- In an effort to focus our attention to a responsible reentry we **will NOT HAVE NURSERY OR CHILDREN'S CHURCH** available during these services.
- We hope to make these ministries available in the future.
- **Thanks for being patient and kind** as parents do their best to worship together as a family.
- Join us for **Kids Zoom Sunday School** every **Sunday 7:00pm**.
 - Contact the Church Office for Login Info.

SMALL GROUPS - Facebook Groups & ZOOM

- We are extremely **blessed** and **thankful to our Teachers** that **Sunday School for all ages will continue** to meet through **Facebook Groups** and **Zoom Calls**.
- **Join a Class now** if you are not a part of one.
 - **Facebook.com/UnityPGVA/Groups**
 - For **ZOOM (Kids & Youth)** contact the Church Office
 - **(804) 458-7440** or **Office@UnityBaptist.us**
- Individual Classes/Groups may have periodic smaller gatherings in the future.
- Re-Entry of Small Group plans are ever evolving.
- As soon as possible, **we will share when In-Person Classes will resume**.

HANDS - Clean Them

- **Hand Sanitizer stations** are located at **each end** of the **two main hallways**.
- As always, **soap is available in the restrooms** throughout the facility.

MASKS - Wear Them

- Our Southern Baptist Conservatives of Virginia leaders have contacted the Governor's Office for clarification on the current "*Mask Mandate*".
 - His office has clarified that the Governor used language of "*encouraging this action*" and not enforcement, specifically for churches.
- In light of **Mark 12:31** where **Jesus says, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."** and in pursuit of being **above reproach** to setting a **Christ-honoring example**, we are encouraging all to **think of their neighbor first**.
- While visiting Unity we **ASK** (not required) that **all individuals over the age of ten (10)** properly **wear a protective face covering** while **inside** the building.
- The Governors Mandate **does not include outdoor areas**.
 - **Masks** will be **available** by the **front entrance** to each hallway for those that may need them while at Unity. Please, only **use what is necessary** for your visit.

BATHROOMS - Two (2) Person Limit

- A **two (2) person limit** applies to the bathrooms for those outside your Family Unit.
- A **Single Stall Family Restroom** is located **behind** the **Stage/Baptistry**.
- Changing Tables are available in each restroom.

With Great Expectation,

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