



### **GTF's Strategy to Reopen Public Services**

Governor Abbott's plan to *Open Texas* begins Friday May 1<sup>st</sup>. While houses of worship in Texas have been exempt from the governor's executive order we have been asked to move our services online where possible.

In an effort to resume public gatherings we have developed a 6-point plan to do so in the safest manner possible.

It is extremely important to protect our at-risk community members from the spread of Covid-19. I am advising anyone who is physically frail, over 65 or even just uncomfortable with re-entering normal social interactions to *please stay home and join us for church online until the time is right for you*. Please feel free to reintegrate at your own pace.

### **GTF's strategy for the Month of May 2020**

1. Due to Moore County's high infection rate we feel it is best to delay regathering for 2 weeks and to set a target date to open for live Sunday service on May 17<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am. As a first step of reintegration I am encouraging GTF to do church at home on Sunday May 3<sup>rd</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> and consider inviting another family to join you for the livestream and lunch. This would be a great way to gather as the church in smaller groups and pray for one another.
2. There will be no childcare for the first two weeks after we regather on May 17<sup>th</sup> and May 24<sup>th</sup>. If this creates a hardship for you to participate in live services please stay home and join us for church online.
3. In an effort to practice social distancing we will reduce our seating to 1/3 our normal capacity. To accomplish this, we will remove every other row of seating and ask that there be 2 empty seats between households. Once capacity is reached we will have two overflow areas set up that will broadcast the livestream. Once capacity is reached we will not admit any other individuals into the building so please come early and be prepared that you may have to participate with us online from your car. Capacity will be increased in two-week intervals until we are ready to accommodate full capacity for our facility.
4. We will have a team to clean and disinfect door handles, bathrooms and common areas before and after each service.
5. Our self-service coffee bar will not be available for the time being.
6. We will also not be celebrating communion for the time being but are exploring ways to provide an opportunity to celebrate the Lord's supper as soon as possible and as safely as possible.