

**TO THE FAMILY OF BELIEVERS OF FREEDOM ASSEMBLY from  
PASTOR JASON 22 MAY 2020...**

I want to begin by saying that Monica and I have missed you all terribly and we can't wait to be together again in God's house giving Him glory and praise. 1<sup>st</sup> Thessalonians 5:18 says, .."give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." It is hard to believe that it is now over two full months that we have been separated and having just the services on Facebook. I also want to point out that I am so proud of each of you for the faith you have and are continuing to exhibit. Your prayers and support have been a constant encouragement to Monica and I and, as I have received in praise reports, to one another.

**Freedom will resume Sunday services and limited  
weekday services beginning Sunday May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020 at  
11:00 AM**

Please take time to carefully review the enclosed sheet dedicated to how we will conduct our worship services.

Many elements will NOT be the same, so be sure to read every word of the sheet carefully. After reading everything, if there is anything that is confusing or something you don't understand, feel free to contact me and I would be happy to answer any questions you might have.

# CHURCH SERVICE REINSTATEMENT SHEET

I have many points to share, I have put them in bullets below

- Worship services will resume on Sunday, May 31st
- Service will **be at 11:00 AM** (not 10:30 for now)
- After the re-opening service on May 31st, we will have a better idea of current attendance trends and may need to make subsequent adjustments to maintain adherence to safety standards. Stay flexible, we're all learning as we go.
  - Mid-week prayer and bible study will also resume on Wednesday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>. All included directives will apply to those services as well
  - Due to the nature of the youth group ministry and activities associated there will be further consideration before resuming.
- We are asking those who intend to return at this time to please contact me by Wednesday, MAY 27<sup>TH</sup> so we can plan accordingly.

You can reach me in the following ways;

Pastor Jason Tatterson

Cell – (440)622-8453 voicemail or text

Email – [freedomagog@gmail.com](mailto:freedomagog@gmail.com)

\*You can also private message me on Facebook

I understand that different people have different views on safety and what is necessary and unnecessary especially for us as people of faith but for the time being we will follow these guidelines.

## Some safety measures in place for now will be...

- This will be a no touch gathering. I'm a hugger and I love to pray up close and anoint with oil but at present we will refrain. Trust me...this does not in any way diminish the work of the Holy Spirit among us. I assure you God is in agreement with our heart and desire to protect one another. These things will return at their proper time.
- Masks are not required but feel free to wear one if you would like. Please take it with you as you go.
- If you or ANYONE in your family do not feel well, please do not attend. Remember you are the front line defender of your brothers and sisters.
- Many members have allergies, so if you or anyone must cough or sneeze, please do so in a Kleenex, or in your elbow.
- Wash hands for 20 seconds after using rest room or touching surfaces.
- Note that multiple hand sanitizing stations will be available for members to use.
- Front door will be propped open, so you will not have to handle it to enter.
- Ushers/greeters will keep a safe distance but give a hearty hello to you as you enter.
- Please seat your family in a manner that maintains proper distance from other attendees also noting those in front of or behind you. The ushers may seat you if things begin to fill up and at the conclusion of the service, the ushers may release you by rows out of the sanctuary and into the parking lot. *\*Please be cooperative with our greeters and ushers as they carry out their duties. I'm sure they will have a learning curve right along with the rest of us.*
- **VERY IMPORTANT:** We are aware that many members are very concerned about coming to church and need to keep themselves as safe as possible. **We are reserving the back pews of the church for members who are higher risk.** Come late for church, sit down, and at the dismissal prayer, leave first. So that you diminish the risk of any contact while attending. *\* If this is where you normally sit please be considerate of those in this situation that could not attend otherwise.*
- If you feel unsafe please stay home. As much as we miss you, we do understand. Please know that you will not be ostracized or looked down upon. We understand at this time every person has to do what they feel is appropriate for their own health and safety. *~ Also please call if you have a need. You are still very important to us.*
- The ushers will not be passing a plate for the offering. Instead, there will be a box prepared in the vestibule to drop your offering into as you arrive or leave.

- For individual prayer needs, Pastor Jason will meet with you after service in the pavilion.
- Members can come up to the front for worship, but must maintain distance.
- The church has been thoroughly cleaned, and will continue to be.
- We have several individuals that have volunteered to sanitize traffic areas at the conclusion of service. As this will be an ongoing need, I would like to see all members who are healthy and able take a place in rotation of this responsibility. We will need a team of 4 each week and tasks will be specific. 15 to 20 min.
- We will NOT have children's church at first, but that will be added later.
- The nursery will not be staffed at this time. If you use the nursery please be sure to thoroughly clean and sanitize anything used.

I know all of this seems like a lot and it will certainly take a little getting used to but it won't last forever. Don't let these steps discourage you. We just want every person to feel safe and comfortable so that we can get back to what we all need and enjoy so much. Remember, we're better with you than without you.