

Bethel Baptist Church

Policies and Procedures for Reopening

As a church, our foremost responsibility is to honor and glorify the Lord Jesus Christ! The Bible is our highest authority for purpose and practice. All operations of Bethel Baptist Church, **as it relates to the COVID-19 pandemic**, will be carried out in accordance with the request of our Governor and Local Authorities, as long as these request do not supersede our role as Christians or our constitutional rights as citizens of the United States of America.

Based on the leadership of the Governor of the state of Georgia, certain businesses have been allowed to reopen. The church has always been considered essential and has never been asked to close by our President, our Governor or our Mayor. As the Pastor of Bethel Baptist Church, I look forward to seeing God's people together again under one roof. This will take time! We are working to ensure your safety and reduce the possibility of exposure for each individual at Bethel Baptist Church. I want everyone to understand that you must make your own decision, and no one will fault you for the decision you make. I want each individual to feel at ease when they return to Bethel.

In accordance with the Center for Disease Control and other medical recommendations, the following POINTS are steps we are taking as a ministry as well as steps we encourage each individual to take as we move closer to having the opportunity to gather again.

POINT #1 - Administered by Church - CARE!

**The Entire Church facilities will be professionally cleaned
and sanitized prior to reopening!**

Temperature will be checked prior to entering the building!

- Approved Chemicals and Disinfectants
- Church carpets will be cleaned
- Hand Sanitizer will be placed at the entrance and exit of the buildings
- Mask and Gloves will be available at the entrance of each building
- Buildings will be cleaned and sanitized between each service
- Food nor drink will be served on the property until further notice
- Song books will be removed and songs placed on the screens to prevent spread of germs
- Offering Boxes will replace offering plates.
- Do not leave **ANY** of your belongings behind

POINT #2 - Administered by Individuals- CLEANLINESS!

- Practice personal cleanliness
- Wash your hands often
- If you have a personal mask that you wear, please feel free to wear it
- Refrain from touching your face
- Sneeze into a tissue or your arm

Wednesday, May 6, 2020

- Remain 6 feet from individuals who do not live in your household
- Do not move chairs from their designated position
- Refrain from physical contact. (hugs, handshakes or high-fives)

Do Not Attend any service:

- Until you are comfortable from a health perspective
- If you or anyone in your household has knowingly come in contact with individuals testing positive for the Corona Virus.
- If you are over 65 (Until June 12, 2020)
- If you have a underlying health condition
- If you are feeling sick in any manner
- If you are running a fever in excess of 100.4

POINT #3 - Administered both Church and Individual - CLARITY!

As a church I know we desire to meet together again sooner rather than later. However we will methodically transition back into public gatherings. I know there are many different perspectives on the current situation. We must be considerate of one another and be understanding to each individuals situation.

- You will be able to attend services online
- We must remain flexible during this transition
- To begin you will be asked to attend a specific service (Sunday AM, Sunday PM or Wednesday)
- Auditorium seating will be setup to follow social distancing guidelines, please refrain from making any adjustments to the seating.
- When arriving, a greeter will ask to check your temperature and the temperature of each family member. This must be allowed and you cannot have a temperature above 100.4 degrees to be allowed into the service
- You will enter through the front entrance and exit through the side entrance only.
- Please follow all posted guidelines and instructions from our ushers.

The Safety and well being of every individual in paramount to me as your Pastor. Please be responsible. Remember, it is not only your life that could be affected it is the life of those around you.

Bethel Baptist Church has an excellent reputation in our community. We have worked hard to maintain that reputation during this COVID-19 crisis. I have worked diligently with our state and local authorities to continue to lead and set the right example, and we will continue to do so! At the time that I, with the wisdom of officials and our leadership, feel it is right we will return to "normal" worship services. Until that time we must remember that we will be in transition mode. This means you will be asked to attend only specific services or attend a drive up service. Remember, you will always be able to attend church online!