



Growing in the Grace and Knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ... (2 Peter 3:18)

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Hope CBC Family and Friends,

We give praise to the Lord that we are able to call the congregation back together, even if it be with some strict guidelines as our State enters into Phase 1 of reopening from the COVID-19 crisis. Please remember that we are following the guidelines (with appropriate modifications due to our circumstances) as an act of faith and obedience to God as we practice Romans 13:1-6. The Church Leadership Team does not see the government as asking or instructing the church any different than it is handling other such entities. There is no form of persecution on the church note. Therefore we will plan to meet, beginning Sunday, May 10, with the following guidelines. Please review and plan accordingly.

- Hope CBC will continue to offer our **Live Streaming online platform** as an alternative means of participation in worship for those congregants whom it is not yet advisable/feasible to physically attend in-person services.
- Hope CBC advises all congregants **NOT TO ATTEND** our physical services if:
 - You have had a **fever of 100.4°F** or higher in the past 2 days
 - You have a cough, shortness of breath, or other symptoms typical of Covid-19
 - You have had known exposure to someone with Covid-19 in the past 14 days
- Hope CBC **ADVISES** congregants who are 65 or more years old or have underlying health conditions including high blood pressure, chronic lung disease, diabetes, severe obesity, asthma or immunocompromising conditions, to refrain from attending in-person services because they are at higher risk for severe illness if infected by Covid-19.
- Hope CBC is **ASKING** that all congregants arrive about **8:45 AM** and will be escorted into the sanctuary as it has been set up so as to allow the maintaining of the 6 feet physical distancing protocols.
- Hope CBC is **DIRECTING** congregants to enter the facility through the front double glass doors and to exit the facilities through the back double glass doors. (exceptions will be made for any handicapped congregants. Please seek to maintain 6 feet between people while entering.
- Hope CBC will provide hand sanitizing stations at our public entrances and recommend you use them.
- All congregants will maintain the 6-foot physical distancing protocol (apart from family groups) both indoors and outdoors.

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Scripture Alone

Solus Christus
Christ Alone

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- Hope CBC **STRONGLY EXHORTS** each of our congregants to wear a face covering at all times while inside the church buildings. Hope CBC will have SOME face masks available for a suggested donation of \$2 per mask if needed (thanks to Elizabeth Villar for making the masks). Otherwise, please provide your own mask, scarf, bandana, etc. The only exceptions to the wearing of face coverings will be:
 - Worship leaders/singers (while addressing the congregation)
 - Pastor or individuals preaching/teaching.
 - The above individuals will be 12-foot from others while speaking or singing without a face covering
 - All congregants who participate in the Lord's Table (only while actually partaking of the elements).
 - Face coverings for children under 10 years are optional
 - Face coverings for children under 2 years old are prohibited by CDC guidelines
 - **Children are welcome to participate in worship at the discretion of their parents.** There will be **NO children's ministries or nursery**. Therefore, **parents are responsible to keep their children with them at all times.** Be advised that children under ten may pose some risk of transmission of Covid-19
- Hope CBC encourages any greetings or conversations to be held outdoors due to the indoor face covering expectation.
- Hope CBC asks the congregants to refrain from any physical contact with each other outside of family groups; no hand shaking, touching, embracing, etc. **NO HOLY KISSING!**
- Hope CBC will sanitize all high-touch surfaces in the sanctuary and common areas after and between services.
- Hope CBC will partake of the Lord's Table this Sunday, May 10 in the following manner. Selected men, with face coverings and gloves will bring the elements to you, picking up the cup and bread from the top of the container and handing it to you to receive by taking the bottom of the container so as not to have any contact.
- Hope CBC will dismiss congregants at the end of the service beginning with the back rows first. We ask that everyone move outside at which time you may greet one another while maintaining the 6-foot physical distancing protocol.

We are so looking forward to seeing as many of you as are available. It will be good to worship our great God and our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ together.

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