



## **In-Person Worship Guidelines regarding COVID-19**

We are so excited to announce that we will resume In-Person worship services on Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup>. If you have kept up to date on COVID-19, you are already aware that the world is a much different place than it was on the day that we held our last in-person worship service. Therefore, it is necessary for us to establish some guidelines to follow regarding gathering together again. Our pastors, staff, and deacons have devoted much time in prayer to this matter. Please realize that these guidelines are specific to our church. There are churches that are being much more aggressive in their procedures than we are. In addition, there are churches that are much less aggressive with their procedures than we are. Please realize that just because another church is handling an issue differently than we are, it does not necessarily make either of us right or wrong.

In addition, we want to remind you that harmony and unity are crucial as we go through this. You may not agree with everything that is included in our new procedures. However; please realize that we are trying hard to do our part to protect people who attend our in-person worship services. Please also keep in mind that while you may not personally agree with everything that is included in the new procedures, there are others who are very passionate that the procedures need to be even more aggressive. Again, please realize that we have taken all of this very seriously. So with that in mind, here are the new procedures:

### **Before attending an in-person worship service at GBC:**

1. Each week prior to attending, we ask that you let us know that you are coming. This will allow us to properly plan for our services and it will also allow us to know ahead of time whether or not we need to prepare to offer an additional service time. You may pre-register each week by visiting our website at [www.greensburgbaptist.com](http://www.greensburgbaptist.com) and clicking the link to "preregister for a service". You may also preregister by sending an e-mail to [info@greensburgbaptist.com](mailto:info@greensburgbaptist.com), or by simply calling the church office at 270-932-4495 and leaving a message.

**UPDATE as of November 3, 2020. Pre-registration is no longer necessary at GBC.**

2. Please check your temperature and the temperature of all who will be attending with you. If you have a fever (any temperature that is 100.5 or higher), if you have any of the symptoms that are associated with COVID-19 whether or not you actually feel sick (cough, sneezing, difficulty breathing), if you are sick for any reason, or if your immune system is compromised ... please stay at home and worship with us via technology.
3. Please know that if you do not feel comfortable attending in person at this time, or if you are in one of the "at risk" groups, please do not feel guilty to stay at home and worship with us via technology.
4. **UPDATE as of July 10, 2020. On July 9, 2020, the Governor of the State of Kentucky issued an Executive Order that requires masks in public. As a result, and upon advisement from the Kentucky Baptist Convention, masks will be required to enter GBC and also to exit GBC. As with our previous recommendation, we still strongly recommend wearing a mask the entire time that you are at GBC. However; we do feel that the Governor's Executive Order would allow not wearing a mask once you are seated in the sanctuary and are maintaining social distancing.**
5. Our restrooms will be limited during this time and should be used only in the case of an emergency.
6. During this initial phase (and until announced otherwise), there will not be a nursery or children's church.
7. During this time, our Sunday School will continue to meet via technology.
8. During this time, our Children's Ministry and our Youth Ministry will continue with their current procedures and will not meet in person.

**As you arrive at GBC for an in-person service:**

1. Please plan to arrive at GBC a minimum of 15 minutes prior to the time that the service will begin.
2. Everyone will enter through the front entrance of the church and must wear a mask to enter. No other doors will be open. In addition, if you have a key to the building – please do **not** use it to enter through any other door. During this time, there will be no access to the bottom or the middle floors of the building. This will greatly assist us in sanitizing the building.
3. If you park in the back parking lot, please remain in your vehicle until a member of our safety team directs you to go to the front entrance. This will allow us to maintain proper social distancing at the front entrance of the church.
4. As you enter through the front entrance, you will be directed to your seat by a member of the safety team or by an usher in order to maintain proper social

distancing. Once you are in your seat, please remain in your seat throughout the service.

5. We will not be passing the offering plates during this time. There will be a box that you can drop your offering in as you enter and exit the building. In addition, you may continue to use our on-line giving platform, or you may always mail a check to us by sending it to 128 N. Main St., Greensburg, KY 42743.

**As you prepare to leave the building:**

1. When the service ends, please remain seated. In order to maintain social distancing, you will be dismissed row by row (similar to many weddings). Please remember that you must wear a mask to exit the building.
2. Everyone will exit through the front entrance.
3. After you are outside the building, we ask that you be respectful of others and continue to maintain proper social distancing.

**Other things to remember:**

1. We will continue to record our Sunday morning services. A livestream of our service will be available. Please stay tuned for further details on this.
2. We will continue our long-time radio broadcast through K-County 105.7. Please remember that the radio broadcast is at a different time than our service. The radio broadcast begins at 11:00 a.m. central.
3. We are doing the very best that we feel that we can with these procedures. However; please realize that there is absolutely no way that we can completely protect you from COVID-19. When you attend GBC during this time (or anytime that you go anywhere else), you are assuming personal responsibility for your health.