

DHCC RE-ENTRY DISCUSSION

June 5, 2021

11:00 AM

Michael A. Blue, Presiding

1) GRATITUDE

We are grateful for the Lord having shown His Mercy upon us as He has.

We are grateful for the faithfulness of ALL of you, His saints, to the ministry.

We are grateful for the faithfulness of those officers and members of the team that have served throughout the pandemic producing and presenting online ministry.

We are grateful for the faithfulness of those officers and members of the team that have served during the outdoor services.

There are a few who started out with us whom we trust have now taken their place in the immediate presence of the Lord, awaiting our reunion.

We are grateful for the privilege to announce that we are on the verge of the re-opening of our Ministry Center for our Members and ultimately our Guests.

2) CLEANING AND PREPARATION

The facility is being fumigated each Sunday morning. The entire duct system is being cleaned this week. UV and ionization system will be placed into the units in the next couple weeks. The air handler system has been replaced. The projectors and screens up front are being replaced with two LED video panels. The building is being cleaned outside and continues to be cleaned inside.

3) PLEASANT SURPRISE!

Our facility has been named Yard of the Month by the Chamber of Commerce of Marion, SC. Please thank any member of the Chamber that you know.

4) ONLINE & PHONE ENGAGEMENT

No one is being insisted upon with regard to coming back to the Sanctuary immediately, though we pray that everyone will come back, with new brothers and sisters, **eventually. Our online and virtual engagement will continue.**

We will not cease to work to upgrade our online presence and presentation.

Our online saints will not be treated as unimportant or secondary.

The phone and the online have been a LIFELINE for us during this season. We are ALL e-members.

SOME RE-OPENING PRINCIPLES and PRACTICALS

5) **Everyone** is asked to sign up online to attend the services. IF more people sign up than one service can accommodate, **we will consider providing two services** on Sundays.

6) You will be asked to arrive early, wearing your masks, and to have your temperature taken. If your temperature is above 99, you will be asked not to enter the sanctuary.

7) We will announce when the Cry Room will be open. When it is, it will **ONLY** be for those who have infants who need to change or feed them.

- 8) You will be asked to sign stating that you agree to the terms of the release form which we use – basically that you do not have the virus, you have not been exposed, and you do not hold the church liable if you contract the virus.
- 9) You will need to arrive punctually. After 15 minutes, people who are not registered will be allowed to come in, and once the numbers limit has been reached, anyone else will need to wait till the next service (or view from the overflow / multi-purpose area as long as there is space).
- 10) There will be no in-Person KI for the first Sunday back. Children’s KI will continue online only.
- 11) There are **no reserved seats** except for those who have specific functions: Ushers in the back, Praise & Worship in Section 1, Security in the back.
- 12) You will be led to your seats in the manner that is used in formal weddings.
 - a. You will wait until the ushers escort you to your seat.
 - b. PLEASE sit where you are instructed.
 - c. When the service is over, we will leave in order, not congregating inside the building.
- 13) Restroom use will be limited to a certain number per restroom at a time.
- 14) For now, you are asked to wear your mask while you are in the sanctuary, except when you are presenting (Praise & Worship, etc.)
- 15) I ask for a meeting with all staff that is willing to serve in-person: ministers, ushers, security, Praise & Worship, etc., next Saturday at 11:00 AM. We need volunteers who may be willing to help. Again, you are **not** obligated to come.
- 16) We will not encourage touching people who are not from one’s household: if you have been doing fist bumps, air hugs, etc, that is at YOUR own discretion.
- 17) Everyone will continue to observe CDC guidelines as to temp checks, forms, etc.
- 18) We will sign up for each Sunday service for the time being.
- 19) Pray that there will not be any reason to close the Sanctuary again.

MINDSET

Wisdom IS of God.

Morbid fear is not of God.

We will be wise, for God is with us.

RENEWAL OF MINDSET

You will need to condition your mind as children who have been on summer break, etc.

(By the way, none of this is the announcement from a few months ago. That’s still coming.)

You will need to condition your mind the same as you do to go to Wal-Mart, Sam’s, restaurants, malls, etc.

The rigid aspects of these protocols will probably diminish over time. Right now, please bear with us.

GOD, despite the enemy's intent, has given us the opportunity to START OVER! Let's MAKE GOOD on a SECOND CHANCE.