

Frequently Asked Questions

Concerning Reopening Set Free Church

1) What to expect this Sunday?

For the last several weeks, we have been praying, discussing, and planning for reopening our church. The first thing to know is don't be worried; it's going to be ok.

- a) When you arrive, you will receive a household bag including a hand sanitizer, a Giving envelope, a Missions envelope, and a pen. Each child of the household will receive an activity bag. Masks and Gloves will be available as well.
- b) Our usher team will assist you in seating. This part will be slightly unusual as our rows are now six feet apart, and three chairs are between your household and the next.

2) Has anyone in our church family been diagnosed with CoVid-19?

As of July 6, 2020, we have had 9 CoVid-19 cases within our church family. But everyone has completed their quarantine and are back to good health, the facility has been professionally sanitized, and we will be sanitizing our facility after each service.

3) If we are people of faith, why do we have to take all these precautions?

Although the bible promises us, "By his stripes, we are healed" and "if they drink any deadly poison, it will not hurt them." (Isaiah 53:5 & Mark 16:18) The bible also says, "Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead." (James 2:17)

All that to say, although we firmly believe that we are safe from CoVid-19, we also want to use wisdom and knowledge. Regardless of CoVid-19 or any other sickness, we want to do what we can to keep our church family safe. That is why we have had a security team and medical team running for a few years now. We have amazing volunteers that sanitize all children's areas each week. We also installed Hand Sanitizer stations right after we renovated our facility.

So CoVid-19 might be new, but our efforts in keeping our church family safe are not.

4) What will happen with the Children?

For the first several weeks of our church reopening, we will ask that children remain with their parents/guardians for the duration of the service. But, we have reduced the length of our Sunday services, and as mentioned above, we will be providing activity packs each week to keep kids entertained.

We are currently watching the South Carolina board of education and taking note of when schools will be reopening and their procedures. One of our favorite sayings around the office is, "Don't unnecessarily reinvent the wheel." So what will work for our schools will work for us.

5) What if I am sick or have allergies and do NOT have CoVid-19? Should I stay at home?

Yes, if you do not feel well, are sick, or running a fever; we ask that you stay home. We will miss you, but know that it's ok! We will be streaming our service live on both Facebook and YouTube. We love you, will be praying for you, and please know that we are here for you! Although we have services in our facility again, God is NOT just within the church walls.

6) What about Wednesday Evening Bible Studies and other Set Free events?

If you think back to a few months ago and CoVid-19 was on the horizon, it was a horrifying event. But now, with learning comes knowledge, and with knowledge comes wisdom. So as we proceed in transitioning to our new normal, we will begin to open more and more. Tentatively, we are planning on resuming select activities in August, but that may change with the present circumstances.

Sunday Services are currently the only services that we are opening back up. We are continuing to do Wednesday Evening Bible Studies and Thursday Thoughts online at Facebook and YouTube.

7) What if I am considered High Risk? Should I come to church? What will people think if I don't?

If you are considered high risk, use caution and wisdom, and do what you feel is safe. If you choose to stay home, we understand and will not think badly. As much as we love our church family, we want each of you to stay safe and healthy. We would love it if you would join online and feel free to leave a comment informing us that you're with us via technology!

8) Will I get kicked out of the church if I go to hug someone?

Asking if you can hug someone might seem like an odd question to ask church family, but you'd be surprised at how many people have already contacted us about this.

We will be offering masks, gloves, and personal hand sanitizers; Seating will be spaced six feet apart in all directions. Our goal and desire are to come together as a church body and worship our Lord in Sunday's Service. With that, we also want everyone to be as safe as possible. Although our guidelines suggest that everyone stay six feet apart, we also realize some people will not be comfortable with these guidelines and will not comply.

So we have adopted a church method of categorizing. Green, Yellow, and Red Bracelets. We'll offer these bracelets to all attendees upon entering. Green means that you are ok with hugs and high fives. Yellow means that you would love to talk, but prefer no touching. Red bracelets indicate that you prefer to keep to yourself and wish to avoid contact.

We do ask is that you be considerate of others. Just because you might feel that all of this is excessive, others might not feel the same way. Please respect the feelings and beliefs of others.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us at (864) 269-3620 or at hello@setfree.cc