

MAY 22, 2020

After a great deal of prayer and deliberation, we have decided to open our doors for in-person worship services at Grace Bible Church on June 7th!

Our goal is to strike a balance between being controlled by fear and behaving recklessly. We want our people to join together for worship in a safe environment, without so many restrictions that returning to worship is burdensome. As circumstances change and information becomes available, we will adjust our plan to serve our church wisely. You can always find the most up-to-date plan on our website.

The plan (for now):

On June 7th we will begin in-person Sunday services at the **SOUTHWOOD CAMPUS**.

- Services will be at 9am and 11am. Southwood services will be shorter than typical - we are aiming for one hour. This will allow us time to move people in and out safely and clean our facilities in between services.
- It is our intention to observe six foot social distancing guidelines. Specifically, we will assist worshippers in being seated to create spacing between individuals or groups.
- There will be no childcare or youth programming on June 7th. Youth and children's Sunday morning programming will be phased in over the following weeks, beginning with the older children.
- Staff and volunteers who are not on stage will be wearing masks. You are free to choose whether you wear a mask or not. We assume that some people in attendance will wear masks and some will not, but keep in mind that worship through singing will be a part of our services.
- We are also designating a room for the vulnerable population who wish to worship in person. Masks will be required in this room. If you are in a high risk category, (i.e. over the age 65, or your health is compromised in any significant way) we encourage you to continue worshipping with us online.
- To avoid overcrowding at either service, we are asking those who normally attend Southwood to come at 9am, and those who normally attend Anderson or Creekside to come at 11am.
- We encourage you to show up 10-20 minutes before the service to facilitate our new seating procedures.



We will continue live streaming services from the **ANDERSON CAMPUS** at 9:15am and 11am.

- The survey we conducted last week indicated the majority of our members do not plan to return to in-person worship services immediately. We are thrilled our online services will continue to serve our congregation and many more throughout the world.
- If you have been worshipping with us online, you may have noticed we added the Church Online platform. More information on Church Online and Youtube is available [here](#).
- By opening one campus at a time, we have time to learn how to manage our facilities under new realities created by Covid-19.
- While maintaining the livestream, we anticipate re-opening the Anderson Campus for in-person worship by early to mid-July.

We hope to be in our **CREEKSIDE CAMPUS** by the beginning of the school year.

- Despite significant delays in Creekside construction, including weather and supply disruptions caused by Covid-19, we are near the finish line!
- When the facility is completed, we will hold a dedication service for all our members to celebrate together.

Although we've encountered setbacks this semester, we are giving thanks that God has continually made a way for His Name to be magnified, and His people to grow in His love!

*Grace and Peace,*

The Elders and Staff of Grace Bible Church

