



Changing lives and our community - one person at a time

“I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the LORD.” (Psalm 122:1)

Dear Evangel Friends and Members:

My prayer is that this letter finds you safe and well and daily strengthened by God’s grace. It has been so long since I have seen many of your faces, but you have all been in my prayers. We have seen babies born, wedding plans changed, sickness endured, job losses, money troubles, toilet paper shortages and so much more. Through it all, there is one thing that remains ever true: God is with us.

As we find ourselves in the first days of June, many have been asking when we will resume in-person worship at Evangel. I am happy to announce that we will begin in-person worship at Evangel beginning June 14th with a few guidelines.

1. We will begin June 14th to resume worshipping at the church with our two worship services. However, in order to effectively social distance, both worship services will be meeting **in the Sanctuary**. We will have every other pew roped off and ask that you keep 6’ between yourselves (other than people of the same household) on each pew. This will allow us to safely social distance and also have enough room for all who want to worship. Plus, each service will sit in separate pews.
2. We ask that anyone with any symptoms at all, or if you have a medical condition that makes you easily susceptible to any virus, continue to worship at home for the time being. We want all of our worshipping congregation as safe as possible.
3. Life Journey worship with its contemporary music and casual style will meet at its normal time in the sanctuary at 8:50 a.m.
4. Traditional worship with its timeless hymns and traditional liturgy will meet in the sanctuary at 11:00 a.m.
5. We will continue to post our worship online in a similar fashion as we have the last few months with the following changes: Life Journey worship will be posted online around 10:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings and Traditional worship will be posted online around 2:00 p.m. on Sundays. We are hoping to livestream the second service so watch for details.
6. We will not be providing or requiring masks at our worship services. However, it is appropriate and acceptable to wear masks. We will ask that if you join in singing that you wear a mask, if not, please just enjoy the music and worship by listening.
7. There will be no physical contact. We will have greeters at the door to welcome you. The doors will be opened already (weather permitting) so that surface contact can be minimized. The offering will be collected as you come in or leave with baskets at the entrances/exits.
8. We will disinfect the church between services.
9. We are asking that everyone use the front (east) sanctuary entrance as the **ONLY** entrance and exit from the building. If you would need use of the elevator please let the church office know ahead of time. The bathroom below the sanctuary (using the stairs on the left as you enter the building) will be the only bathroom available for now.



10. Please restrict your presence in the church to the sanctuary so that we can minimize the amount of disinfecting that needs to be done.
11. Children and Youth Sunday School classes will NOT resume at this time. Adult classes should contact the church office if they are interested in meeting.

We look forward to seeing as many of you who feel it is time to return. We understand that not everyone will feel safe returning at this time. Please know that we want to do what is best for all concerned. God has truly blessed us during the time and spoken to us through His Word. May God continue the work He began in us as we transition back to worshipping together.

After a conversation with Pastor Hector, Nueva Vida will not resume meeting at this time due to the ever changing situation with our Guatemalan brothers and sisters. We hope to resume as soon as possible. Please keep this part of our congregation in your on-going prayers.

If you have any questions do not hesitate to call the church (785-364-3834) or email the church office at office@evangelumc.org.

Grace and Peace,

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Pastor Hector - Pastor
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