



Greetings CrossPointe Church Family,

It has been quite some time since we have been together! In light of Executive Pittman's order for our county I am excited to announce that we will now be holding services. We will comply with Mr. Pittman's directives. To serve you we are giving you some specifics that supersede previous communications and articulate important aspects of our reopening:

- We will begin promptly at 10am. ***Please arrive by 9:45am***. The flow of the service will begin with singing, move to preaching, then either have a final song and close, or simply close and all attendees will be encouraged to move outside. There will be no breaks and we are minimizing the amount of individuals involved in leading and serving on all fronts.
- The maximum capacity of our meeting is 244 with social distancing in the sanctuary. Groups will sit only with their family unit or with others with whom they have been quarantining, and a group must be limited to 10 or less. When you arrive chairs will be set in clusters for a group. Each grouped chair-cluster will be separated by ~10 feet and we will provide signs to guide you. While the requirement is only 6 feet, we are extending the distance so as to respect Mr. Pittman's concern (not requirement) about singing and give further separation such that we can safely and joyfully sing the gospel together. Note that you may have to adjust your seating for the particulars of your group so it is necessary to arrive by 9:45am to give plenty of settling time.
- There will be no children's ministry during this phase but parents who need to care for their children while maintaining a safe distance are encouraged to either go outside (if the weather permits) or into the fellowship hall. Parents must keep their kids with them at all times, even outdoors.
- There will be no communion or food/beverage served or shared.
- We will not collect tithes and offering; all giving is encouraged either electronically or through the mail.
- There will be hand sanitizer available throughout the building.
- We will limit the numbers in the bathroom areas such that no more than 4 adults (over age 12) are in the bathroom at any time (apart from emergencies).
- Masks are required for any attendee over age 5 and recommended for younger children who are able to wear a mask. The only exception to Mr. Pittman's requirement of masks is in the case of an existing medical condition that prevents wearing a mask without agitating that condition. If you fall into this category and plan to come here are some details of which you should take note:
 - We will set up designated areas to serve you and the rest of CrossPointe.
 - You will minimally need to be able to wear a mask when you move from your designated seating area until you are outdoors and at safe social distance.

- You should email Ed (eomara@crosspointemd.org). He will work with you to ensure your safety as well as the safety of others. We have several options for how we suggest handling these special situations.

We will continue to LiveStream for those who feel safer participating from home. We ask health compromised, vulnerable individuals, and others not attending in person to participate in this manner. It is a viable and dignified way of being served and serving your brothers and sisters in this difficult time. While not ideal and while we wish everyone could be together, there are some who simply cannot be with us due to their occupation, mask sensitivities that are non-medical, age, health vulnerabilities, or other personal concerns. We honor these individual situations and each person should feel both free and blessed in making their personal choice. At the same time, we hope all who are part of the CrossPointe family engage in this virtual, temporary, and less than ideal, yet still significant means of grace.

Above all, is an opportunity to serve one another and consider others more important than ourselves. We will remain interconnected even if not together in person and we will strive to love and serve one another in every way possible. In all things, we should press in to this time with faith that God will sustain and keep us. Our great privilege of being together far outweighs our preferences and rights. Likewise, our individual situations must not be markers of morality. Each person should arrive at their own conviction in prayer before the Lord and with love for others. Let us press ourselves to lay down our preferences for the goal of serving others, to hold our positions with grace and mercy, and engage in the way God provides for us full of faith. I look forward to being together in person with those who are able, and virtually with those who are not yet able, “eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.” (Ephesians 4:3).

By Grace,

Ed on behalf of the Elder Team