

March 18, 2021

Dear Bethany Family,

We asked. You answered. We are responding.

For 6 months we have enjoyed worship services amidst crisp mornings under a blue sky and beautiful trees — and occasionally with snow-capped mountains. Now, we are excited to announce that **we will be meeting INDOORS beginning this Sunday, March 21**. We will continue with a single celebration service **at 9:00 A.M. inside the Sanctuary — while continuing to live-stream our service for those who are not yet able to return in person**. We will continue to provide an excellent program for children from 3 year olds to 5th grade at 9:00. Following the 9:00 service, we will provide indoor ministry classes for Junior High Ministry, High School Ministry, Married STRONG (with Children's Ministry for 3 years+), Family Focus & Maranatha.

We are thrilled to see that L.A. County's *Average Daily Coronavirus Case Rate* has gone down to 4.1 cases per 100,000 residents — that puts us in the Red tier, and enables churches to meet indoors at 25% capacity. Once that lowers to 3.9 or better over a two-week period, we move into the even less restrictive Orange tier, and we will then be able to meet at 50% capacity.

Your responses from the recent survey have been helpful in providing new considerations for how Bethany is moving forward. Thank you for participating! As you know, Bethany prioritizes the physical health of everyone who attends Sunday services as well as the well-being of our neighbors. This is why live-streaming the service will continue indefinitely. Our care for your health is also why you can expect the same level of precaution and safety we have successfully practiced the last 6 months:

- Thank you for wearing your face mask.
- Complimentary face masks and hand sanitizer will be available.
- Our warm and friendly health team will take your temperature with a touchless thermometer when welcoming you into our Sanctuary.
- You will find your Sunday Bulletin, Communion, and an Offering Box for your tithes and offerings at the entry/exit.
- Although we look forward to connecting, please continue to refrain from hugs and handshakes.
- We love you, but please stay home if you have any symptoms of illness.

We will continue monitoring the health protocols in our region, and will make adjustments as needed. Thank you for your patience and flexibility!

For now, you're encouraged to read Galatians 4 in preparation for Sunday; and we greatly look forward to being with you, either in person or online. See you soon!

Grace & Peace,

Pastor Doug and Pastor Brandon

P.S. We're looking forward to seeing you Sunday morning at 9:00 a.m. — and bring a friend!

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: Where do I go when I arrive?

A: We have two entrances to our Sanctuary: one from the South parking lot, and one from the North parking lot.

At both entrances, you'll come to a sign that reads "Temperature Check." A friendly helper will take a quick touchless temperature scan of your forehead and will direct you to the check-in station. At the check-in station, you'll find:

- a Bulletin (with Worship Songs, Message Outline, Connection Card and Offering Envelope)
- a complimentary face mask (in case you forgot yours!)
- Hand Sanitizer (to keep us all healthy and strong!)
- an Offering Box for your tithes and offerings

Q: What programs are offered for families?

A: CHILDREN (3-5 years) — our wonderful Miss Emily will be leading a children's program in the nursery/preschool playground.

CHILDREN (Kindergarten-5th grade) — our fantastic Children's Pastor, Mrs. Sandy will be leading a children's program indoors in Moller Chapel.

FAMILY FOCUS will be meeting in Anderson Hall after the 9:00 service.

MARRIED STRONG will be meeting indoors after the 9:00 service (with Children's Ministry for children 3-5 years). *Contact group for location.*

Q: Will restrooms be available?

A: Yes! Restrooms are available in the Lobby of the Sanctuary.

Q: Will the Connection Café be open?

A: No, not yet. But we look forward to opening the café as opportunity permits.

Q: Will we continue to live-stream our worship service every week?

A: Yes. We will continue live-streaming our worship service indefinitely because we have members and regular attenders who are not yet able to participate in person due to health precautions, and because over the past 12 months we have connected with guests who've become part of the Bethany Family by watching online!

Q: Is there anything else I need to be aware of?

A: Yes.

- (1) Please wear your mask at all times. Our pastors and worship leader may not when they are on stage...so their speaking or singing will be intelligible.
- (2) It isn't what we are used to, but we encourage you to avoid hugs and handshakes. We're showing our love for one another by "*refraining from embracing*" (Eccl. 3:5)!
- (3) Please be patient with us! We need your prayers for wisdom as we continue in this season of almost constant change in health protocols.
- (4) We can't wait to see you!