...a word from Pastor Ron

June 11, 2020

In Person Worship continues June 14th!

Like so many other groups, the church had been closed to In-Person worship since March 22nd. This was to minimize the spread of Covid-19. But the Leadership Team of the church felt it was time to resume meeting together for worship. A great deal of thought and conversation surrounded this decision. We continue to monitor the situation and will adjust our decisions as needed.

Looking Back at June 7th

Worship last Sunday was good. True, it was different but, it went well. Being ever so careful continues to be important during this time. The virus is still with us and numbers are actually rising in Gonzales and DeWitt counties. According to the Center for Disease Control, the virus is highly contagious and spreads easily. *But face masks and social distancing greatly reduce the risk of infection*. We will continue following guidelines from the Texas Department of State Health Services to provide the safest setting possible. Every other row of pews will be left empty and we ask members to maintain six feet of separation. Members of the same household may certainly set next to one another as well as individuals who are attending together.

Remember, singing intensifies the transmission of droplets from the mouth that present a source of transmission. In order to reduce the risk of transmission from droplets there will be NO CONGREGATIONAL singing. We will sing with our hearts.

<u>Face masks</u> are highly encouraged. They serve to reduce the transmission and reception of the virus.

The Sanctuary will be cleaned and sanitized to the best of our ability. Hand sanitizer will be readily available. We will make sure the restrooms have an ample supply of soap.

Continue using your own judgment!

The Department of Health encourages the "at-risk population" to participate remotely. That would include people 65 or older and/or individuals with health issues. Anyone experiencing Covid-19 symptoms or anyone running a fever should remain home.

We are doing our best to provide a safe environment. Please be patient and assist with these efforts.

Take good care. Be encouraged and remember daily how much God loves you.

Ron