

SALEM BIBLE CHURCH (SBC)
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LIMITED REOPENING GUIDELINES

We plan to initially reopen on a limited basis at SBC church building on May 17th for the two Sunday morning services, and to continue live streaming via Zoom and Facebook. Sunday and Wednesday evening services will continue to live stream from our homes as usual. For this limited reopening of the church, the Elder/Deacon board of SBC has established the following *phase one* guidelines during the health crisis. The criteria for these guidelines are the assembly of believers (Hebrews 10:25), the health and safety of those who attend (Galatians 5:13; 6:10), and submission to the safety guidelines of the state (Romans 13:1).

The unique element of *phase one* limited reopening is the required limitation of 10 or less personnel assembled. We will select a group initially, each of whom have a ministry role at the church. All of the following guidelines will apply to *phase one* and the phase which follows, when more than 10 people are permitted to attend:

1. Anyone with symptoms of the Covid19 virus are not to attend.
2. Social distance of 6 feet between persons is to be maintained.(with seating assignment)
3. Face masks are to be worn (unless impractical such as preaching or song leading), or if a health restriction exists which prohibits it. This is done out of care for one another in order to help prevent the spread of the virus.
4. Hand cleansing is to take place entering and leaving the building.
5. A limit of one person at a time in the restrooms is to be maintained.
6. Children will not be allowed to attend as long as social distancing is required, (unless they stay with their parents.)
7. For communion, individual kits for each person will be provided (no trays passed).
8. Offering plates will be in the back of the sanctuary (without being passed).
9. Handles and contact surfaces are to be cleansed after each service.
10. Congregating closely, such as in the lobby, is to be avoided.

The implementation of the above guidelines will allow for safe assembled worship, care for one another, and for compliance with the state guidelines during this time.

When the limit of 10 people being assembled is lifted, we encourage others to attend. Our goal is to meet, and to meet responsibly, so that people are safe and feel comfortable.

For any who do not want to attend, due to age or an underlying health condition, we will be streaming online so that no one misses a service if they so desire to participate.

As soon as the health crisis lifts, we look forward to the lifting of these guidelines.

We also plan, in the meantime, to have outdoor fellowships, with 10 people or less at first, and expanding that as the health guidelines are expanded.

May the Lord continue to bless SBC through the word of God, united prayer, fellowship of the brethren, and evangelism, and may God keep all safe during this time.

Elder/Deacon Board of SBC

Note: *There will be a message on this subject the first Sunday morning service May 10th.*