



LEBANON BAPTIST CHURCH

PHASED REOPENING PLAN

LEBANON BAPTIST CHURCH FAMILY & FRIENDS,

After much prayer, counsel, and thorough reviews of local, state, and national guidelines, our leadership has laid out a **tentative** plan for a strategic phased return to in-person gatherings as a church.

Understanding that there are a diversity of opinions and feelings represented in our church body, please be mindful to exercise love toward one another. Refuse to demonstrate a critical spirit on those who may differ from you. By God's grace, let's pursue unity in all of this! Our prayer is that each individual will take responsibility to determine the most appropriate decision for them and their household.

Please review the following **Phased Reopening Plan** to get an idea of how we are working to ease back into meeting together again as a church. The details for each phase will be based on latest medical data and federal resources.

If you have additional questions, please contact us through one of the following options:

- Phone: **770.993.3635**
- Email: **info@lebanonbaptist.org**

We have been deeply grateful for the technology that has allowed us opportunities to interact, however, we eagerly anticipate when we can physically assemble together once again!

Whether you choose to assemble in-person, or continue to view Sunday Broadcast, please know that you are loved.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Brian".

Pastor Brian

NOTE: *With concern for the safety and well-being of our congregation, we encourage that those that are 65 or older or those with serious underlying health conditions, including high blood pressure, chronic lung disease, diabetes, asthma, and those whose immune systems are compromised to continue to view the Sunday Broadcast from home. Those who are experiencing abnormal coughing or sneezing or have traveled beyond local, essential travel and may have increased the likelihood of being exposed to COVID-19 are also encouraged to refrain from gathering in person.*

PHASE 1

Beginning May 24 , 10:30 am

- In-person gatherings with limited attendance to 150 (sign up on website required)
- Every other row removed to allow for adequate spacing
- Strict social distancing required for those of different households (see the *Social Distancing Protocol* at the end of this document)
- Designated rooms with Livestream available for families with small children
- Livestream available for those who continue to shelter in place

Church Events & Activities

- No nursery, Sunday School, or Children's Church
- Weekly Children's broadcast available
- Weekly Student ministry Zoom meetings available
- No other church-wide events

PHASE 2

TBD*

- Continued **Phase 1** set up
- If necessary, added second Sunday morning gathering to expand participation
- Livestream will be available

**The timing and guidelines for this phase will be based on latest updates and federal resources.*

Church Events & Activities

- Limited nursery available
- No Sunday School or Children's Church
- Weekly Children's broadcast available
- Weekly Student ministry Zoom meetings available
- In-person Growth Group meetings may resume
- Limited church-wide events

PHASE 3

TBD*

- Remove attendance limits
- Return to one main gathering with moderate social distancing
- Livestream will be available

**The timing and guidelines for this phase will be based on latest updates and federal resources.*

Church Events & Activities

- Nursery available
- Adjusted LifeStage Classes
- Adjusted Children's Sunday School
- Adjusted Children's Church
- Sunday PM gatherings resume

PHASE 4

ALL GATHERINGS RESUME:

TBD*

- Return to normal seating
- Livestream will be available

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Church Events & Activities

- Regular Adult LifeStage Classes resume
- Children's Sunday School resume
- Student Ministry events resume
- Strategic return to normal schedule & other church events

SOCIAL DISTANCING PROTOCOL

1. Do not attend if you are not feeling well, have a fever, or have had direct contact with someone who likely has or is confirmed to have COVID-19. Those who are experiencing abnormal coughing or sneezing or have traveled beyond local, essential travel and may have increased the likelihood of being exposed to COVID-19 should also refrain from gathering in person.
2. Please utilize the hand-sanitation stations at each of the entrances.
3. Family members and cohabitating individuals are allowed to sit together.
4. Bathrooms will be available. Procedures to assure necessary sanitation of these facilities are in place.
5. There will be no coffee, snacks, or paper bulletins provided.
6. Offering plates will not be passed. Online giving will continue. There will be an offering box at the exit doors for those wanting to give in person.
7. All church Bibles and hymnals have been removed.
8. Facemasks are welcomed and encouraged, but not mandatory.
9. All staff and volunteers will be screened to assure none are running a fever.
10. Those deemed medically fragile and those over 65 are encouraged to remain sheltered in place until June 12, per Governor Kemp's order.
11. The doors will remain open during entry and exit times.
12. All attendees should enter the building through the Portico or Student Center entrance and exit through the doors toward the back of the property. There is also an additional exit near the front of the auditorium. Signs will be posted to assist.
13. Please do not congregate in the hallways or other common areas. Plan to be seated upon arrival. At the end of our gathering, each row will be dismissed sequentially.