



GOODWIN MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH

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Dear GMBC Family:

Over the last few months, Goodwin has been planning to return to a full opening in September 2021. However, due to the increase in COVID and the variants, the leadership has decided to push the opening back to January 2022. We will constantly monitor the situation and follow CDC guidelines. Altar Call will be discontinued on Sunday mornings. We will continue sanitizing the sanctuary before each service. The handicap entrance will continue to be open for the **handicapped ONLY**. The nursery will be available, but parents **must stay** with their children.

The following guidelines are in effect immediately, except where noted, while in the church building to protect our members and children:

- An attendance sheet is in the foyer and each person is required to sign-in and show proof of vaccination (vaccination card), **effective Sunday, September 5, 2021**. Proof of vaccination will be recorded, and you will not be required to show it again.
- Masks are required, covering your nose and mouth. If you are not wearing a mask you will not be allowed to enter the sanctuary. The ushers will have a limited number of masks in the event you forget yours. You will need to ensure that your children are also wearing a mask.
- You are encouraged to use hand sanitizer before entering the Sanctuary.
- Your temperature will be taken upon entering the door. If your temperature is higher than 100.4, you will not be allowed to enter.
- Seating will be limited (**approximately** 85-90 including overflow, choir stand and main sanctuary)
- Once capacity is reached the doors will be locked.
- We will practice social distancing of 6 feet or more, seating will be in every other pew and every other row on the overflow.
- We will use the **Green Street Entrance ONLY**, except for those that are handicapped.
- The Social Hall will be closed.
- **PLEASE** Stay home if you are sick or just not feeling well! **If you have not been vaccinated, PLEASE** consider staying home and accessing the service on-line; this is for your safety as well as the safety of others.
- We will discontinue funerals at the church until further notice. If for some reason there is a funeral held at the church, it will be for **"FAMILY ONLY"**.

For the foreseeable future, we will refrain from walking around, hugging, shaking hands, etc.

Upon entering:

- Place offerings in the cross beside the audio booth
- 1st Sunday: pick up your communion cup in the foyer

If you feel that you are not ready to start attending in-person sanctuary services, it's okay. We will continue broadcasting service virtually. Take your time and return to church when you feel safe, do what is right for you. You are responsible for your health! If you have any questions, please contact me, or call the church office. We will be happy to address any concerns you may have. Until we can all be together again safely, we ask that God dispatch His Angels around you to keep you and your family safe from all hurt, harm and danger.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James D. Jackson".

Rev. Dr. James D. Jackson