



Ellijay Church of Christ Plans to Return to Worship

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After many prayers, suggestions, planning, and considerations, we will resume meeting together as a congregation on Sunday, May 31 at 10:30 AM for worship. As we assemble together, we will continue to strive to accomplish the goals set forth in the 2020 Spiritual Growth plan, namely, to continue to love one another according to the standard set by Christ. In accordance with that, we ask that everyone be mindful of differing opinions and respectful of each other's decisions during this difficult time.

We will observe the following guidelines as we begin meeting together:

1) If you are sick, or experiencing any flu-like symptoms, please stay home and worship via the live stream. Additionally, if you have any family members quarantined at your home, we ask you to remain home as well.

2) We will resume meeting in person for worship at 10:30 AM on Sunday mornings. 9:30 Bible classes will remain suspended at this time, and we will stream devotionals on Sunday night and Wednesday night. Our Wednesday night Summer Series begins June 3, as planned, and will be streamed on the YouTube channel with the topics and speakers that are listed in the Spiritual Growth Plan. We will transition to Wednesday services at the building when conditions are appropriate.

3) To adhere to social distancing standards, we will enter the building through the front doors which will remain open until the beginning of the service. The greeters will be stationed there with hand sanitizer for everyone entering. Upon entering the building, each member will be able to pick up a bulletin and a portable communion cup from the table by the door. We ask that everyone please avoid congregating in the lobby both before and after worship. Before entering the auditorium, one of the elders or ministers will usher you to a seat to ensure that we can seat as many people as possible in the auditorium while still maintaining a safe space. Families will be seated together, and if the auditorium fills up, we will have additional seating in spaces throughout the building.

4) To make each person feel comfortable, we ask that everyone avoid hugging and/or shaking hands at this time. Members are also encouraged to wear masks in the building, and there will be some available on Sunday.

5) We are looking forward to worshipping together and there will only be a couple of slight changes. The trays will not be passed for the Lord's Supper or the contribution. Instead, the individual, pre-packaged communion cups will be used, and the contribution will take place at the conclusion of the service.

6) At the end of the service, there will be a prayer of thanksgiving for the opportunity to contribute financially to the work of the church. Following this prayer, the service will be dismissed one pew at a time. On the way out, there will be trays on the tables for those wishing to contribute. There will also be trash cans to dispose of the portable communion cups and hand sanitizer for each member to use before exiting the building. Once again, we ask that there be no congregating in the lobby, hallways, or restrooms. Members are welcome to spend time together outside as long as they are not a hindrance to traffic leaving the parking lot.