

COVID-19 Update

West End
Baptist Church

April 29, 2020

Members and Friends of West End Baptist Church,

This morning the SC Baptist Convention hosted a virtual meeting with Governor Henry McMaster and Baptist church leaders from throughout the state. Governor McMaster made the following statement: "There are currently NO restrictions of any kind placed on churches in the state of South Carolina." Social distancing was encouraged as well as good hygiene practices but no guidelines or limits were mandated.

With this information in mind and based on a unanimous decision of staff and elected church leaders, we can now announce the following plan for services and activities at West End moving forward:

1) Sunday morning worship services, on campus, will resume on May 3rd at 10:30am.

Sunday morning worship services will continue to be made available via livestream at www.gaffneywebchurch.org for those unable to be physically present.

While we view church attendance as an imperative for the believer, we encourage the following groups to join us online only: anyone experiencing any cold or flu-like symptoms, anyone with a fever, anyone that is immuno-compromised for any reason, or anyone that falls under any of the CDC categories listed as being at high risk for contracting the Corona Virus.

- 1) We will practice social distancing in our building and in our pews. We ask our members to sit only with their immediate families and to maintain a safe distance from all others. Traffic flow in the halls will be directional and restricted as much as possible. There will be no greeting time or shaking of hands. We will not physically pass the offering plate during our service.
- 2) Children should report directly to Children's Church upon arrival.
- 3) Please take any infants directly to the nursery.
- 4) Sunday School classes will remain suspended until further notice.
- 5) Wednesday evening services, classes, and rehearsals will remain suspended until further notice.

Thank you for your continued faithfulness and dedication to #ourchurch. We hope these guidelines and scheduling changes will provide a safe environment as we gather together once again for worship.

Please pray for one another, care for one another, and stay informed through our Church Facebook Page, Church Prayer Line, or, call should you have questions or concerns: (864)489-3123.

In Christ, Michael