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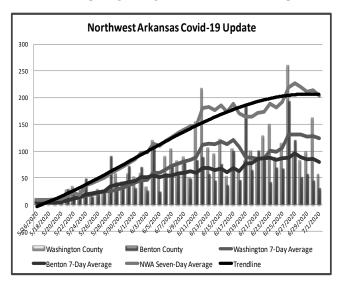
After much prayer and consideration, our pastoral staff has made the decision to resume indoor, in-person worship services this Sunday, July 5th. Even though the number of new cases in Northwest Arkansas continues to rise, we believe that this is the time to make this move for several reasons:

- Except for a few outliers, the numbers in Benton County have been plateaued and seem to be trending downward.
- Because of our commitment to alternative worship options, we have had time to prepare for the necessary health, safety and sanitation needs for a healthy atmosphere.
- And lastly, we believe that this is the safest option available to us at this time.

One thing that we want to make abundantly clear is that we do not want to pressure anyone to participate in indoor, in-person worship services if they are concerned about their health and well-being. But at the same time, we really miss seeing your faces and having the opportunity to catch up with all that is happening in your lives. So I would like to ask all of you who are watching online, please let us know that you are staying connected with us by posting a comment or sharing the post.

As we move back inside our facilities, there are several roles that we need to fill in order to provide a safe and healthy atmosphere. If you are interested in serving in one of these ways, please let me know and I will connect you with the right person/people who can show you all that needs to be done.

Look for more information about our policies and procedures for reopening on page 3 of this newsletter or check out the July 1st—Covid-19 Update" on our website at: <u>https://</u> www.templerogers.org/2020/07/01/covid-19-update/





Ron Fields, Pastor of Senior Adults and Care Ministries

These are uncertain times. A virus has been unleashed into the world and all the world is affected, even in our little corner of paradise. There is no area immune. For three months our lives have been turned upside down. We venture out at risk. We hide behind masks. We keep our distance from one another. We cringe when we hear the latest released number of those affected. Some have lost jobs, businesses, and the ability to interact with loved ones. Crime has escalated. Cities are no longer safe. Communication is censored. Churches are considered non-essential.



What are we to do? The writer of Hebrews encourages us, as we run the race, "Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith..." Hebrews 12:2. We are victors and not victims. Whatever takes place in our lives, Jesus is Lord. Our hope is not in the things of this world but in the Savior.

We must pray for our world, our nation and our communities. The need for God's grace, the gospel of Jesus Christ, is apparent. People without an anchor need the Lord.



Derrick Bremer, Pastor of Student Ministries

After church on Sunday, we've had some church members going to get food and bringing it back to eat at the picnic tables under our shady grove in the field. On Thursday evenings, Steven Fulfer has organized a time for families to play

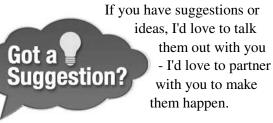
ultimate frisbee, cornhole, and a card game. I've started to look forward with anticipation each week to this time to see my church



family and engage with one another.

As our services return indoors, our creativity in finding safe ways to meet together will become ever more critical. Our youth group is continuing to get together online on Tuesday evenings at 7 PM over Google Hangouts and inperson on Wednesdays at 3 PM.

Our youth group's local mission project for this summer was unable to come to fruition. As we've seen creativity blossom from our desire to spend time with one another, I wonder, what can we be doing to connect with our neighbors in a time such as this. Surely we are not the only ones in need of a loving community.



COVID-19 UPDATE—JULY 1, 2020 REOPENING FACILITIES AT TEMPLE ROGERS

HEALTH GUIDELINES

HIGH RISK? ELDERLY?

JOIN US ONLINE website, youtube, facebook app



FACE MASKS WHEN WALKING, TALKING AND SINGING



SHORTNESS OF BREATH



NO HUGS OR HANDSHAKES

SAFETY GUIDELINES

- Socially-distanced seating arrangement.
- Health check upon entry.
- Enter through covered double doors.
- Minimal contact with surfaces.
- New traffic patterns in parking lot.
- Fellowship outside after services.
- Available seating for parents of children under 5 and babies in alternate location.

CLEANING PROCEDURES

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FEVER

- Professional cleaning and disinfecting every week on Saturdays.
- Spray disinfectant of sanctuary seating between services.
- Disinfecting of all surfaces by the "Sanitizing Squad" between services.



NEWSUNDAY Schedule

As we continue to navigate the Coronavirus Crisis, *we are offering both online and inperson worship experiences*. We would invite you to join us either for our 9:00 am service or our 10:30 am service. If you are not yet comfortable to come to our in-person services, we are using Facebook Live for our primary streaming service at this time. For non-Facebook users, the services will be available on YouTube and our website by Sunday afternoon.



ONLINE TRAINING AVAILABLE

Ministry Training

Evangelism Discipleship Kids Ministry Student Ministry Alpha Ministry Community Groups Adult Sunday School Men's Ministry Women's Ministry Deacon Ministry Worship Ministry Guest Services <u>Spiritual Growth</u> Discipleship Pathway Spiritual Development Leadership Pathway

Theological Training

Interpreting the Bible Teaching the Bible Christian Theology New Testament Survey Missions Evangelism

Please contact the church office or one of the pastors if you are interested in any of these online training courses.



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