

Dear Church Family,

I know this has been a trying time for everyone. So many questions, too many conflicting answers! I just wanted to reach out and give you some idea of what is in the future for church attendance and small group meetings at Anderson Baptist Church.

I have been meeting with the deacons, staff, and other church leaders around the area discussing plans for moving forward. As of April 27, Governor Abbott has loosened some of the restrictions on public meetings for places of worship. While this is a great announcement, it is still going to be a challenge to gather together each week. In trying to meet those challenges and to best serve our church family, we have made the following decision:

***Anderson Baptist Church will be proceeding with Live Stream only services for Sunday May 3 and planning to have an “in-person” worship service on Mother’s Day, May 10 at 10:45 a.m. that members can choose to attend if they feel comfortable.*** Small group meetings such as Sunday School, Life Groups, Children’s Church, Nursery are still on hold until further direction from state officials.

There is a challenge before us to make sure we have enough seating while staying within the current guidelines. There will be a designated area for people who are more at risk if you would like to take advantage of that. **It would be very helpful if you could let us know if you plan to attend on May 10th. Please take time and fill out the form for us.**

**[CLICK HERE](#) to let us know your plans for May 10th.**

If you choose to attend on May 10th, we ask that you work diligently to help us follow the recommended guidelines listed below:

**Per Gov. Abbott's guidelines:**

- Strongly encourage the at-risk population\* to watch or participate in the service remotely.
- Designate an area inside the facility reserved for the at-risk population or offer a service for at-risk population attendees only.
- Ensure proper spacing between attendees:
  - Keep at least two empty seats (or six feet separation) between parties in any row, except as follows:
  - Two or more members of the same household can sit adjacent to one another, with two seats (or six feet separation) empty on either side.
  - Two individuals who are not members of the same household but who are attending together can sit adjacent to one another, with two seats (or six feet separation) empty on either side.
  - Alternate rows between attendees (every other row left empty).

\* At-risk population are those who are 65 or older, especially those with chronic lung disease; moderate to severe asthma; chronic heart disease; severe obesity; diabetes; chronic kidney disease undergoing dialysis; liver disease; or weakened immune system.

**ABC Guidelines:**

- We ask that you continue to practice social distancing. While it will be the first inclination to hug people and shake their hands, we ask that you refrain from doing so. While you might feel comfortable doing so, others may not.
- We ask that you do not congregate before or after service in the parking lot or entrances to the worship space.
- Masks are encouraged if you would like to wear one but are not mandatory.

I know this will be a little awkward and uncomfortable as we make this transition, so bear with us as we all embark on the journey of getting back to normal. I also want everyone to feel comfortable not attending at this time if they feel they should refrain from meeting. As a matter of fact, there are some that should definitely wait a little longer. It is important that we make this transition in a manner that everyone feels comfortable. We desire for everyone to feel safe as we unite as the body of Christ at Anderson Baptist Church.

God Bless,  
Bro. Kyle