



IT'S TIME TO COME HOME!!

We are all excited to be coming back together May 10th to worship the Lord as a body of believers. Sometimes we wish we could start 2020 over again, but the Lord has allowed this Pandemic, for our church, for such a time as this, to refocus on new ways of outreach and ministering to our community as well as across our country. I pray that you have been getting closer to the Lord during this time and have been connecting with us online if possible. Praise the Lord that we already had things in place to continue our services and connect with our church before this all began. We have also seen the Lord move in reaching folks online throughout the United States and even outside the Country. **What an opportunity that awaits us!**

I know thy works: behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it: for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name. Revelation 3:8

METHODS CHANGE BUT THE MESSAGE OF THE GOSPEL WILL NOT!

The plan for Old Bethel is to do a gradual phasing in of gathering together. Things will be different and things will change, but it will definitely get us all out of a rut and into real passion and service to the Lord.

- 1. In the Month of May, there will be 10 A.M. services on Sunday Morning. This may have to continue into June.** (no Sunday School, Nursery, or Jr. Church)
Sunday and Wed. night gatherings are canceled.
- 2. We will still be streaming live and will be having Bible Studies online via Facebook or Zoom.**
3. We ask you to please spread out in our auditorium. We have plenty of chairs to make this happen. Also, the good news is, there is no number limits on Family members that can sit together.
4. Please refrain from handshakes and hugs (this is very hard for all of us).

Just Remember “**Keeping The Distance**” is the New Friendly way of welcoming folks at O.B.B.C. Don't worry...no one will be offended.
5. We will dismiss by rows to reduce the risk of congregating or crowding in exit area.
Entry and exiting to the church will be through the main front doors and through the south door.

6. Areas of the church such as kitchen, gym, and back hallway will be blocked off to minimize and control our sanitation. We will have a team to wipe down any high traffic areas after service.
7. Offering plates are located in different locations around the auditorium. We still have our kiosk, online giving, and Focus Bank drop off available.
8. We will also take a few pics of our service each time we meet, so we will have a record of who is in attendance in case we do have exposure of infection.
9. Don't ever be embarrassed to wear a mask or gloves if you feel you need to.
10. If you are feeling sick or if you are not quite comfortable around larger crowds...**IT'S OK** to stay home and watch online or even stay in our parking lot and listen to 87.9 FM. It's not being paranoid...its Wisdom.

PRAISE THE LORD FOR A HEALTHY CHURCH BUT KEEP PRAYING FOR O.B.B.C

1. **Thank the Lord for those who have been giving online**, at Focus Bank, in the mail and those that drop it off at church. Praise the Lord the bills are still being paid as well as our missionaries.
2. **Sadly our VBS HAS been cancelled this year**, but there is something very **EXCITING** going to take place this summer for our kids and youth. Stay tuned for upcoming announcement!
3. **We must rethink and refocus our 2020 vision and reengage in reaching today's generation.** (This is not your Granny's world anymore.) Things are changing, but we will continue to GROW as a church, as long as we GO with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
4. **God's not finished with Old Bethel Baptist Church. There are wonderful days ahead till Jesus comes!**

Matthew 16:18 "..... and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."

Love you and see you soon!

Bro. Steven Vester, Pastor