

# FIRST BAPTIST

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## CHURCH *of* HAMILTON

*“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding ...” Proverbs 3:5*

April 25, 2020

Dear Church Family,

We hope all is well with everybody as we endure the pandemic crisis. Your church leaders have been monitoring current conditions and have been working hard in hopes of re-opening our church soon. We thank our staff for their dedicated efforts providing wonderful online worship services and devotions during the stay at home order. Our desire is to resume Sunday morning services beginning May 17<sup>th</sup> anticipating that Governor DeWine and the CDC will approve limited church activities. Their social distancing protocols and sanitation protocols will be strictly followed.

Our current plan for reopening, beginning on Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, is to conduct the Blended Service at 9:30am and the Modern Service at 11:00 am. Communion will be observed using disposable, individually packaged items. We will not have any Sunday School classes, no First Kids/Students programs or childcare for the first 4 to 6 Sundays. Only the sanctuary part of the building will be open, the main building will remain closed until the CDC relaxes the social distancing standards currently in place. Small groups, prayer gatherings, men's open gym and the sewing team will not meet in May. We will reassess these group meetings in June. The gym will be closed for non-member activities for the remainder of 2020 due to the coronavirus and our remodel program.

We will observe all recommended guidelines by Governor DeWine and the CDC for social distancing, 6' distance between each person/family, guidelines for wearing face masks and sanitation protocols. We want to ensure that we provide a safe environment for all ages that attend. You are encouraged to wear your personal PPE (personal protective equipment) to the services.

We are currently seeking to purchase hand sanitizer, sanitizing wipes, face masks and gloves for those that are not able to obtain their own PPE. Please donate any of these items that you can to the church over the next month to help us provide protection for everyone that needs it.

Your church staff is currently exploring alternatives and options for Vacation Bible School late this summer. We want to provide a safe and fun learning experience for our children. More to come later.

Lastly, the trustees encourage everyone to continue their giving to support our church. We are carefully watching and reducing our expenses wherever we can. Online giving is simple, and it is the most safe but we will have offering plates available during the services for your offering envelopes if needed.

In Christ's service,

*David Hall*  
Chairman Board of Trustees

*Stan Brown*  
Chairman of Deacons

*Dan Clemens*  
Pastor

*“Rejoice in the Lord always, I say it again rejoice. Let your gentle spirit be known to all men. The Lord is near. Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and petition with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”*

Philippians 4:4-7