



East Athens Baptist Church

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Dear East Athens Baptist Member,

In the last several weeks, we have monitored guidelines and best practices for gathering in a safe way. **After a significant amount of prayer and preparation, we plan to resume services at East Athens on May 17th, 2020.** We're committed to creating an environment that meets government recommendations for safety. To make that possible, our services have been redesigned to create a sanitary, touchless environment that allows for physical distancing. This includes a significantly reduced capacity, so on the 17th we will have two worship services: one at 9:30 and one at 11:00. We are asking our members whose last names begin with A-M attend the 9:30 service, and those whose last name begins with N-Z attend the 11:00 service. Our gym is also set-up with seating if we surpass 100 people in the sanctuary. The following bullet points will give you some specifics as to what we are doing to provide a safe way of in-person worship.

1. On Sunday, May 17th, 24th, and 31st, we will ONLY have the 9:30 and 11:00am worship services. We will not have Sunday School, Evening Worship, or any other activities or meetings.
2. Only the front doors to the Worship Center and the rain entrance door by the gym will be unlocked. Please pay attention to the arrows and signs that will show you which way to enter and exit.
3. Please remain in the Worship Center, and do not enter the rest of the building. Restrooms are available in the vestibule area of the church.
4. No childcare will be provided.
5. The pews will be marked to encourage spreading out at a safe social distance. Households may sit together, but please keep at least six feet between each household.
6. We will not pass the offering plates but will have designated drop off locations for your offering as you exit the service. Online giving is still available.
7. Handshaking, hugging, etc., are discouraged. Please greet one another at a safe distance.

* **Please turn over to the other side**

8. Face masks are strongly encouraged but not required. We are trying to secure a supply if you would like one when you arrive.
9. If you are uncomfortable attending in person, we will still live-stream on Facebook.com and [sermon.net](https://www.sermon.net) at 11:00 am.
10. If you feel compromised or ill in anyway, please stay home.
11. Wednesday services will still be broadcast on Facebook Live and [sermon.net](https://www.sermon.net).
12. Additional hand-sanitizing stations will be placed throughout the building.
13. No water fountains will be open or usable.
14. All services will be a touch-less experience, and all high-volume areas will be sanitized between services.
15. Please remain seated at the end of each service to receive instructions on how to exit in an orderly and safe manner.
16. All of this information is subject to change at any time based on our current health guidelines.

For the past several weeks, we've been grateful for the ability to worship together online. We encourage you to continue to attend our online services if you or a family member doesn't feel well or if you're just not ready to attend church at a physical location. You're part of the East Athens family no matter where you choose to attend. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding during this time.

Sincerely,

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