

We plan to reopen Valley Bible Chapel's auditorium for in-person attendance on **SUNDAY, JULY 5TH** and we trust that many of you will be able to attend.

GENERAL ITEMS:

- Service start time will be **9:30AM** and there will be no nursery or Sunday School.
- As expected, we will have limited seating capacity; about **35, (possibly 40 people)** in the auditorium, depending on the size of family units (people living in the same home who can sit next to each other).
- We will have one service only on Sundays - a unified service that will include the Breaking of Bread service with a sermon following. Time of service will run about 1 hour and 15 minutes.
- Many of the benches will be closed to use and the remaining benches will have limited seating. We will try to creatively seat family units who can sit next to each other and we will mark open seats with blue tape which will keep you at least six feet from the next open seat.
- For the first Sunday, we will not have congregational singing. Instead, we will have instrumental songs during the time that we partake of the elements for Communion.
- The only person not wearing a face covering during the service will be the speaker while he is preaching. Because of this, we are providing extra space between him and the first row of people in the auditorium.
- The entire congregation is always thankful for the opportunity to give tithes and offerings and thankful also for each person who has continued to give regularly while we have been away from the building. Please know that you can continue to give through the mail or online as you have been doing, but you will also have the option to give at the chapel by placing your gift in a box in the auditorium.
- We will experiment with a new type of bread / juice serving - a juice cup and wafer combination package. Please pick one up upon entering the auditorium. This package will be in a plastic baggie where you can place your used cup and wrapping when finished. You will be able to throw that baggie into the trash after the service ends. After we give thanks for the bread, you can peel back a layer exposing the wafer and the juice will remain sealed. After someone gives thanks for the cup, you can open the cup portion to drink.
- In the event that our auditorium reaches it's capacity and the overflow rooms also fill to capacity, some of us should volunteer to stand outside and possibly tune in on our phones to take part in the service. If capacity becomes an issue, we could consider adding a second service at 11am which would go until about 12:15.

SAFETY PRECAUTIONS:

- Masks are required for everyone entering the building. If you do not have a mask, please ask for one. If you have strong feelings against wearing a mask, please do not attend our in-person services, but take part in the on-line experience that will be available. We trust that the day is coming soon when we will not have to wear masks.
- Please maintain 6 feet social distancing while in the building and while gathering outside.

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- If you are feeling sick or if you have a fever, please stay home and join us online.
- We will have sanitizing stations placed throughout the auditorium and building for your use.
- Our bathrooms will be open and well stocked, but please adhere to only one person at a time in the restrooms. Obviously more than one family member can enter at the same time.
- We will only allow handicapped parking in the lot closest to the chapel. We anticipate that, weather permitting, many attenders will want to talk and catch-up with one another after the service; that will have to take place outside as we cannot congregate in small groups in the building. So, we do not want vehicles backing in or out of the spaces near the building.
- We are planning to live stream our service each Sunday morning so that those who choose to not come to the building can experience the same service as those who choose to come. The live streaming will also allow small numbers of people to “attend” the service by using various rooms around the building that are equipped with a smart TV. These rooms will be open to use once the auditorium is full; however, masks and social distancing must be in effect in those rooms unless there is only one family unit in the closed-door room. However, even if that is the case, you will need to put your face covering back on before opening the door to exit at the end of the service.
- Parents, as usual, make sure that your children are supervised at all times. They will not be allowed to run around or hang out in the building during or after the service. They will require your supervision while outside.
- Parents, please be aware that because our services will be streaming live, there may be times when you or your children will be within the view of the camera. Please be aware of where the camera points if you would like to try to keep your child(ren) out of the camera’s view.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS:

- The only weekly meeting at the chapel will be our Sunday Morning Worship Service. We understand that the singing aspect of our service will be greatly missed. However, as we get more information as to the safety of congregational singing, our music people stand ready to move the singing experience ahead in a manner that emphasizes safety and comfort for everyone in attendance.
- Our other weekly services and meeting will continue as they have been since March. It is encouraging to see many of you taking part in these on-line opportunities. We look forward to having many more opportunities to gather at the chapel as the virus, by God’s grace, becomes less and less a threat to group gatherings.