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Worshiping in Spirit and in Truth

CHURCH RE-OPENING PLAN

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Happy Camp Christian Fellowship will begin to unfold its strategic plan for reopening of the church and services in phases. Support from our communities has been essential and many are calling for the church to engage the plan. We have obtained permissions from the Siskiyou County Sheriff, Jon Lopey, and as one of our requirements. We have notified all congregants that during this time, personal responsibility is crucial for the success of this plan.

Happy Camp Christian Fellowship understands that our spiritual health is extremely important and is a constitutional right in America. That said, we also believe that all government is established by God as shown in Romans 13. We also believe that if we love God, we are to obey Him first and to obey our government as it complies with the scriptures. We also believe that the safety and health of our congregation and our community is essential and all of the above will guide our response and decision- making during the COVID-19 pandemic. In an effort to comply with Governor Newsom's guidelines and the authorization of Siskiyou County Sheriff, Happy Camp Christian Fellowship will implement the following guidelines in steps to begin the process of reopening our church.

As there has only been a total of 5 cases of Covid-19 in our county, and none in Happy Camp as of 5/1/2020, and no positive tests for the past 24 days, Happy Camp Christian Fellowship will begin to unfold this plan immediately.

PLAN

Standard Guidelines - To be followed in Phase 1 and Phase 2 All residents and visitors must adhere to these guidelines:

- Proper social distancing with 6 feet of space between one another unless living in same household.
- Washing hands frequently and thoroughly (use soap and water performing the task for 20 seconds)
- Staying home if sick and especially if you have a fever.
- Building sanitation practices must be followed.
- Residents 65 or older and/or having underlying health conditions are strongly encouraged to use Facebook live at KIRK EADIE to watch services or go to the church website and choose teaching tab at top of the page.
- Face masks or covering are recommended as documented by the Centers of Disease Control (CDC)

Phase 1 - Safety and Preparedness

- Follow Standard Guidelines
- Anyone who is feeling ill should stay home.
- Continue social distancing when in public (at least six feet).
- Wash hands, use hand sanitizer (provided outside and if you must access the building, use wall mounted units)
- Clean frequently of all touched surfaces
- Cover coughs and sneezes, consider wearing facial coverings when in public.
- At risk individuals are strongly encouraged to take in the services from home and are available online.
- Households with at risk family members should be aware that contact with other members of the church or community might increase risk of transmission. Precautions should be taken.

Phase 2 – Church Meetings Outdoors Only

- Follow County and State Guidelines as they are compatible with the scriptures.
- Anyone who is feeling ill should stay home.
- Continue social distancing when in public (at least six feet).
- Wash hands, use hand sanitizer, clean frequently, cover coughs and sneezes, consider wearing facial coverings.
- At risk individuals are strongly encouraged to stay home and take in the services online.
- Households with vulnerable members should be aware that other members of the household might increase risk of transmission. Precautions should be taken to protect the vulnerable household members.
- This written plan will be kept on file as required by the governor
- This written plan will show how the church will execute the guidelines for re-opening.
- Cancel all other weekly services and remain outdoors only until the state is fully open.
- Group activities such as youth groups will be limited to a maximum of 10 persons and many only be attended by those individuals who can understand what it means to “social distance.”
- All visitors from outside of county must follow the state guideline of quarantine for 14 days upon arrival.
- The CDC and Siskiyou County Public health is recommending that residents wear facial coverings while in public in an effort to prevent transmission of COVID-19.
- Wearing a facial covering does not reduce your risk of exposure to the virus; however, it reduces transmission of COVID-19.

Phase 3 – Opening of Indoor Services

- Opening of the building for regular church services will start somewhat limited or with adaptations and limits on size of gatherings if it becomes necessary.
- Opening of the building will be contingent upon the approval of the building use by the Happy Camp Community Center Administrator.
- Seating will be placed for social distancing (6 feet apart) unless you live in the same household.
- Cleaning and sanitation will take place following all services. This will be done with approved cleaning agents that are known to destroy the Coronavirus.
- This plan will be available to all governing authorities upon request.

Phase 4 – Full Opening of All Services

When the governor lifts all STAY AT HOME ORDERS, Happy Camp Christian Fellowship will continue services as held prior to the pandemic. As we move through phase of re-opening, we will stand ready to reinstate previous closure measures.

Romans 13:1-7

¹Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God. ²Consequently, whoever rebels against the authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and those who do so will bring judgment on themselves. ³For rulers hold no terror for those who do right, but for those who do wrong. Do you want to be free from fear of the one in authority? Then do what is right and you will be commended. ⁴For the one in authority is God’s servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for rulers do not bear the sword for no reason. They are God’s servants, agents of wrath to bring punishment on the wrongdoer. ⁵Therefore, it is necessary to submit to the authorities, not only because of possible punishment but also as a matter of conscience.

⁶This is also why you pay taxes, for the authorities are God’s servants, who give their full time to governing. ⁷Give to everyone what you owe them: If you owe taxes, pay taxes; if revenue, then revenue; if respect, then respect; if honor, then honor.

We are not to live in fear of our government but in respect. We are to love each other as God has instructed. We understand that no laws supersede the Constitution of the United States of America other than the laws of God. What is God’s law? Verses 8-10 ⁸Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for whoever loves others has fulfilled the law. ⁹The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery,” “You shall not murder,” “You shall not steal,” “You shall not covet,” and whatever other command there may be, are summed up in this one command: “Love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁰Love does no harm to a neighbor. Therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.

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