

Daily View

“But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called ‘today’” Hebrews 3:13

June 13, 2020

The Church is Meeting Tomorrow! At the Building!



Our lonely building at 900 E. Natoma in Folsom

After over three months of staying home, in the interest of our own and others' health, the church at Folsom is going to meet in person tomorrow at 900 E. Natoma. As one of our members said, when we announced that we would meet on May 31st, “Hallelujah!! That turned out to be a false start, but now all systems are go, we are prepared for takeoff.

This gathering will not be like our last gathering on March 8th. That was the last time we were all together. We won't be seeing everyone at the same time, but we'll see about 100 of us at a time (6 ft apart, of course). We'll take that for now.

We will be meeting in **four** services from 8:30 AM to 1 PM. Each service will be approximately 40 minutes in length (see order of service below). We are allowing 30 minutes between services to allow for exit, cleaning and entry. We are making the environment as safe as possible and (this is my personal opinion) you will be much safer in our building for 40 minutes than you are when you go to Safeway or Home Depot. We have an advanced HVAC system that recycles the air and we will be observing the social distancing and mask guidelines published by the California Department of Public Health as well as our own health and safety team.

Masks are **strongly recommended** for all services during entry, exit and during the singing. Masks are **required** for entry, exit and singing in the **first service at 8:30**. We will have masks available throughout the day, if you don't have your own. We want to emphasize, again, that if you are not feeling well or are not comfortable being in a large group at this time, please feel free to stay at home and use the live stream to

worship with us (see link below). *[For additional information, please read the announcement on page 2 by Terry Raposa, speaking as an elder and a doctor].*

The elders have been working on this for several weeks and we appreciate the patience, the feedback and the cooperation of our members. The old “juggling” analogy fits well: balancing the times and length of meetings with the needs and desires of our members; making certain that we have all our ducks in a row when it comes to sanitizing the building and assigning duties; balancing the “mask policy” with the needs and desires of the group; getting a live-stream service up and running (thanks Matt & Steve Dickey) and a number of other “little” things. The health of our members — both physical and spiritual — has been paramount in our minds as we've discussed our plans. The elders want you to know that we are looking forward to seeing all of you tomorrow, regardless of your personally-held view of the health — or any other social — issue. We share our faith in Christ and that is what counts.

YouTube Link: Folsom church of Christ

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Order of Service

Announcements
Prayer
Song
Lord's Supper
Song
Sermon: David Posey
Song
Prayer

Announcement: Returning to the Building for Worship

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Our goal is to be considerate of each other and have the best spiritual and physical interest of the congregation in mind as we worship and convene.

We fully realize there are wide and varying opinions regarding precautions that one should take when it comes to wearing face masks and social distancing. It is important to realize also that COVID-19 is different than other infections and poses a greater risk than what we are used to dealing with. It is a virus that can spread while people do not have symptoms. It has an average contagiousness factor where each one of those infected individuals infect on the average an additional 2 more individuals; so 2 becomes 4, 4 becomes 8, 8 becomes 16 very rapidly and many people can become very sick very fast with an infection that does not yet have a good treatment and although research and development laboratories are working around the clock on a vaccine presently there is not one available nor are there medications that are successful in reliably curing those who become seriously ill.

Our aim is to be prudent and apply guidelines that are in the best interest of all and not any one single individual. The criteria is based on official state and county health department recommendations as of May 27, 2020 and are applied with love and with the best interest of everyone in mind. This is a tremendous culture shift for everyone though we are all fortunate to be alive and well and able to have this discussion today. Many families and some even close to us have not been so fortunate.

Specific guidelines:

It is recommended we practice and observe social distancing. Social distancing requires 6 foot distance between one another.

Face coverings are advised when entering the building.

Masks will be provided for those arriving without one.

High touch areas will be sanitized between services.

Individuals teaching, delivering sermons, or song leading are not expected to wear a mask though others should maintain a 12 foot distance.

Gloves should be worn for those participating in necessary service activities related to serving the Lord supper. Hand washing protocols need to be followed.

Live streaming of services will be provided for those who should not come to the building. This would apply to anyone with a fever of 100.4 or higher within the previous two days. It applies for anyone who has a cough or shortness of breath, runny nose, sore throat, new loss of taste or sense of smell, or other symptoms typical of COVID-19. It also applies to anyone who knows they have come into contact with anyone known to be positive for COVID-19 or someone who is waiting for test results. Anyone who knows they are positive should let the elders know for the safety of all.

Those 65 years old or more with underlying health conditions including high blood pressure, chronic lung disease, diabetes, asthma, and compromising conditions remain at increased risk if COVID-19 is contracted and therefore all of us should follow recommended guidelines with this in mind. Live streaming is also provided for those who cannot assemble at the building due to health reasons. This would not be considered a "forsaking of the assembly."

Children two years old or younger should not wear a face mask. Individuals 10 years or older are encouraged to wear a face mask while in the building.

The elders are thankful to have the opportunity to serve you and we appreciate the understanding, patience, and brotherly love as we come together to worship God today in Christ our Lord.