



# SUNDAY GATHERING UPDATE

DECEMBER 1, 2020

## Outdoor worship service

We are currently gathering outdoors for our Lord's Day worship. We are blessed to have a grassy area with the comfort of many shade trees. The service begins at 10:00 am and lasts about an hour. Everyone attending brings their own seating (a lawn chair, beach chair, blanket, etc.). We recommend arriving a bit early so everyone can get setup before the service begins. We are also following the County health guidelines for worship gatherings (please read the details below).

## Visitors

We welcome visitors at our Lord's Day worship service. In order to help us plan, we ask that all visitors RSVP no later than the Friday prior to the service. Please [click here](#) to RSVP for the upcoming service.

If you have any questions, please call the office (760-747-9252) or send an email to [info@grcbible.org](mailto:info@grcbible.org).

## Attendance considerations

**Sick members:** We are asking that anyone who has exhibited any sign of illness, with or without fever, within the previous fourteen (14) days not to attend. Generally, if anyone is sick in the household, the whole household should plan to stay at home as well.

**High-risk members:** The State and County health authorities strongly recommend that those individuals who are highly vulnerable do not attend in-person services at this time. This includes those over 65 years old, persons with an underlying health condition (such as high blood pressure, chronic lung disease, diabetes, obesity, asthma), and those with a compromised immune system such as from disease, medication, or chemotherapy. Members of households with vulnerable residents are reminded that they could carry the virus back home.

If you are in this category and decide it is safe for you to gather in-person, please know that we will respect your decision. We also understand some members may choose to stay at home

longer out of a concern about the restrictions being imposed. We respect this decision if you believe it serves you or your family best.

## **What to Expect**

Our current plan is to follow the intent of the San Diego County health guidelines (much of which is outlined here). All material items, such as worship guides, are handled only by a person wearing gloves. We won't be providing shared items such as pew Bibles, hymnals, and songbooks.

### **Service time**

The worship service will start at 10:00 am to allow for warmer temperatures. Please arrive early to allow for the added time necessary to be seated.

### **Attire**

Feel free to dress more casual as is appropriate for being outdoors and the varying temperature. Our desire is that everyone has a shady place to sit, but you may want to bring a hat or sunscreen.

### **Seating and chairs**

Please bring a beach or camping type chair for each person in your party. Or you can bring a blanket for the children to sit on if you prefer. Please place your own chairs to sit with your household group and maintain at least six (6) feet from other members' chairs.

### **Facial coverings**

The outdoor guidelines require that a facial covering be worn when one is less than six feet from others who are not in their household. The easiest way to remember this is to wear a facial covering when standing or walking and remove your covering (if you choose to) when in your family's location for the service. We also ask that you wear a facial covering when walking from and to your vehicle which will reduce the possible fear or frustration of our neighbors.

The County guidelines state that facial coverings are not advised for children under two years of age. If you have a medical condition preventing the use of facial coverings, please feel free not to wear one; and know that you will not be questioned.

### **Social distancing**

Social distancing of six (6) feet is practiced (or we like to say, “We’re giving each other space”). This requires member households to maintain at least six feet between other households, and this also involves the placement of your chairs for the service. Unfortunately, this includes not greeting each other with handshakes and hugs, or other greetings that require physical contact, as impossible as that will seem.

## **Children**

Please ensure your children follow the health measures provided above and remain with you at all times. Unfortunately, children will temporarily not be able to run around and play with each other.

## **Worship service**

When you arrive, you may pick up your bulletin and elements for the Lord’s Supper near the front of the chapel.

The worship service will include singing, Scripture reading and prayer, preaching, and the Lord’s Supper. The elements for the Lord’s Supper (wafer and juice) will be provided in a pre-packaged container. The cup contains grape juice and the wafer is not gluten-free.

After the service concludes, please wear a facial covering and continue to give each other space.

## **Parking**

The parking lot is open. Street parking is also available in our neighborhood. We are all grateful to our neighbors for allowing our weekly parking in front of their homes. Please remember to give each other space while exiting and entering your vehicles.

## **Restrooms**

The building restrooms are all available, but we ask that only one person (or family) use a restroom at a time. There are products in place in each restroom for you to sanitize it following each use. The restrooms are cleaned before the service.

## **Food and beverages**

The fellowship and snack time will not be available for this phase of gathering. The water fountains will be turned off. You are welcome to bring water and/or a snack for yourself if you like.

# Sunday Mornings at Home

The worship service is livestreamed for those who continue to worship at home. It will be available when the service begins at 10:00 am. If you miss the livestream, you may view the recorded service later in the day when it is uploaded.

Both the livestream and the recording can be accessed at our [YouTube Channel](#). If you subscribe to the channel, you can receive notifications when the service goes live. Audio and video recordings of the service can also be accessed through [our website](#) or [SermonAudio.com page](#).

## Care and Help

The leadership is eager to continue providing pastoral care or diaconal help during this time. Please let us know if any new spiritual or material needs develop. Feel free to contact any elder, deacon, or Robin for administrative needs. We all will be more than happy to talk and pray with you as well as assist with your needs.

**Your servants,**

**The GBC elders and deacons**