

May 25, 2020

MOUNT CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH

The following are MCBC guidelines and requirements as we start in-person worship services.

Cloth Face Covering or Masks: All parishioners aged 2 years and up will be required to wear cloth face covering/masks in order to enter the building.

Entry and Exits: All parishioners will enter through the covered entrance maintaining 6 feet of social distance. No physical embracing, shaking hands or bumping elbows with others. Waves are the new handshakes. Exiting the sanctuary will be done by rows starting at the rear as directed by the ushers. The Dandridge Ave. door closest to the sanctuary should be used as an exit for half of the sanctuary and the other half exit through the gathering area and out of the covered entrances to help maintain 6 feet of social distance.

Temperature Checks: Parishioners should take their temperature before leaving home and stay home if they have a temperature of 100.4 or higher. Also stay home if you feel sick or have been told to isolate/quarantine.

Hand Sanitizer: Stands with touch free hand sanitizers will be placed at various locations for parishioners to use upon entry.

Church Bulletins: No bulletins will be provided. Order of service and announcements will be shown on the screens. **Offering envelopes** will be picked up prior to entering the sanctuary.

Seating: Sanctuary will be marked to show designated seating that will provide 6 feet of separation/social distance between all households. Ushers will guide parishioners to seating that maintains the required 6 feet of social distances. Sanctuary entry will be along the outside walls. Seating will begin at the front of the sanctuary, completing the designated row before moving to the next row.

Fans: Only personal fans will be allowed.

Collection: Collection boxes will be established at various locations in the church for parishioners to use. Online giving, mailing and bringing offerings to the church remain options.

Communion: Method or mode to be determined.

General Information:

Water Fountains: Will be covered and not available for use during services.

Bathrooms: Only two people in restrooms at the same time.

Access to Administration and Fellowship area: During services entrances to all other areas of the building is prohibited.

Cleaning: The church will use the custodian staff or other designated persons to clean the sanctuary, entranceways and bathrooms between the services.

Communication with Members: All worship guidelines will be communicated to members using pastoral emphasis, announcements, email, social media, mail and phone calls to members.

Knox County/City of Knoxville Guidance: Information regarding high risk individuals was presented by the City and County and is designed to protect individuals in those categories. The guidelines define high risk as anyone age 65 or higher or have serious underlying health conditions such as high blood pressure, chronic lung disease, diabetes, obesity, asthma and those whose immune system is compromised. Individuals in these categories are strongly encouraged to remain home and join us thru our services online, YouTube, radio and Facebook.