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Dear church family,

Jesus says, "I will build my church" (Matthew 16:18) and He will use living stones (1 Peter 2:5), you and I, in doing so. Jesus gave himself up for her (the church) (Eph. 5:25). We are told to come together and worship (Heb. 10:25, 1 Tim. 4:13).

We are sharing with you the plan we've outlined for the purpose of our return to church so that we may have corporate worship at MFBC. While this isn't a perfect plan and we don't take pleasure in some of the restrictions, we believe glorifying God in worship by gathering is what we need to do. While we were developing this plan we wanted to focus on **glorifying God** and **loving one another**. Some of the necessary conditions we are implementing are for the purpose of **loving each other**. We are asking for your support, your understanding, and your complying during this transition period. We are also open to learning - we don't think we've thought of everything and we want to hear from you.

We want you to know that we are blessed with a facility that allows us to create **3 zones that meet social distance guidelines** (6 feet separation between families). These zones will have separate parking, enter/exit, restrooms, seating facilities, and HVAC air distribution systems. We will be under the same roof but essentially in 3 totally separate zones. Given this facility, we will be able to accommodate our whole congregation plus some room for visitors by moving to **2 Sunday services** (9:30 am and 1:00 pm). We have a sterilization team that will clean the zones and facilities between services. We will be assigning each of our families to a zone as well as service time. Unfortunately, we can't offer to swap or mix/match times/zones and people during this time of transition. We will continue to offer [live stream](#) of our services for those we can't accommodate.

Our **security** and **usher teams** will be available for both services and will be guiding us all through this transition. We are encouraging loving them as they help us with these new necessary conditions.

Some of the conditions we are promoting are:

- Security /usher team will help direct you to a **parking zone** when you pull in
- The security team will be monitoring zone security (everyone stays in their zones)
- We are discouraging people who are **sick** from attending. We ask you to stay home, and to view via [live stream](#) - if we see signs of persons being sick, the security team will ask you to leave the facility
- Those that are in **at-risk categories** are encouraged to stay home and view via [live stream](#)
- We will mail you a card that will have your **designated zone (A, B, or C) and service time (1 or 2)**.
- Please bring this card with you and place it on your **dashboard** so we can guide you to the appropriate parking area; and then the enter/exit for your zone – (If you come to an unassigned service, the security team will not allow you to enter)

- We are encouraging **minimum movement** once inside your zone and seated
- We are encouraging using **masks** - we ask that you BYOM (bring your own mask) but will have some available for those who can't get them and for visitors
- We are encouraging a service that reduces cross-traffic and reduces touches - please be aware of 6' spacing at entering the facilities (these will be marked), 6' spacing at entering the seating zone, 6' spacing at the restrooms, and please move FORWARD in the seating zone to the farthest forward available seating area
- We will not have hymnals, will not have an offering plate passed, and will not have greeting time so as to reduce touch - we will display lyrics to songs on monitors, we will have an offering plate at each exit (however, we still encourage you to mail in or give online your worship in offering)
- We will not have nursery service. Parents, your children will need to stay with you inside the zone/seating area set up for you. If they can't stay inside that area, we recommend staying home and watching [live stream](#) for this period.
- **Bathrooms** are per each zone - please try to minimize using bathrooms if possible (Use your home bathrooms before you come)

Thank you for your patience and understanding. It is our hope that the challenge of a new way to gather may be a demonstration of our love for the Lord and for one another.

Sincerely yours,

Elders of MFBC