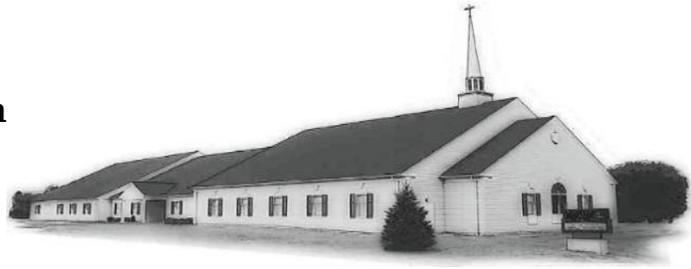


Trinity Bible Fellowship Church

Bringing God and People Together



COVID-19 REOPENING PLAN

June 5, 2020

INTRODUCTION

The following COVID-19 Reopening Plan is the fruit of numerous hours of prayer and discussion between the staff, elders, and deacons of Trinity Bible Fellowship Church (Blandon, PA). The formulation of this plan was dependent upon the grace and wisdom of the Lord and draws upon the “best practices” and counsel of many reputable resources (cf. Prov. 11:14; 15:22; 16:9). Input from our church body was also extremely helpful in determining both when and how to reopen (see addendum “Church Survey Results”). Finally, the spirit behind every decision, both pertaining to the stopping in-person gatherings after March 15, 2020, and in seeking to return to the church gathered at the earliest opportunity, has been one of love for God and love for neighbor (cf. Matt. 22:37ff). May the Lord Jesus Christ continue to care for His rescued people and may the Spirit of Christ preserve among us the unity of the bond of peace (cf. Eph. 4:3).

This plan was presented and adopted by a joint session of the leadership (both elders and deacons being present) on Thursday, June 4, 2020. It is subject to change and will be reevaluated, as necessary, upon reopening.

SCOPE OF PLAN

This Reopening Plan pertains, primarily, to the Sunday morning gatherings of Trinity Bible Fellowship Church. It is neither exhaustive nor comprehensive in the sense of covering every possible contingency and ministry need. What follows is, we hope, a faithful and responsible guide for returning to worship together.

ANTICIPATED DATE OF REOPENING

We expect to reopen under the following guidelines on Sunday, June 21, 2020. This decision is subject to change but has been reached on the basis of prayer, interaction with the church body, and careful consideration of both Federal and State guidance.

COMMUNICATION STRATEGY

Our COVID-19 Reopening Plan will be communicated to the church body via email and posted to the church website. The pastor will also address key points of our reopening in video format. Our desire is to give both our congregation and community ample notice of our intention to reopen and pertinent guidance.

POINTS OF CONTACT

General questions and media inquiries related to our reopening should be addressed to Pastor Dan Williams, Lead Pastor at Trinity. Email: danwilliams1717@gmail.com

In the event of a positive case of COVID-19 in our church community, you are instructed to call the church office immediately at 610-926-4594, or email at trinitybfc@gmail.com.

Pastor Jerry Brush will liaison with the deacons to coordinate and oversee cleaning of the church. Email: PastorBatTBFC@gmail.com

GENERAL GUIDANCE

Out of love and gracious consideration for others, those in our congregation and community who choose to attend services under the initial Reopening Plan are encouraged to adhere to the following:

- If you or someone in your immediate family is sick, please stay at home. Live Streaming will be available (see website for details)
 - Check the temperature of each family member planning to attend. If anyone is above 100.5 degrees F, please keep the entire family home for at least 14 days.
- Social distancing measures will be in place, including but not limited to:
 - Limiting the number of people in the sanctuary, Fellowship Hall, auxiliary rooms (where live streaming will be available)
 - Limiting the number of people per pew
 - Families are to be seated together
 - Physical contact (such as handshaking and hugging) is discouraged
- Masks are encouraged
- Those in attendance are encouraged to use hand sanitizer
 - Hand sanitizing stations will be made available throughout the building
- Ushers will attend the doors
 - Main church doors will be open
 - Side door to Fellowship Hall will be open for those using this room
 - Interior sanctuary doors will be open
 - Exterior sanctuary doors will be open following the service
- Restrooms will be open
 - You are welcome to use the church restrooms
 - Restrooms are considered “high risk” areas due to close quarters
 - Please wash your hands
 - Respect social distancing as much as possible in these areas
- Our children’s classes, nursery, Jr. Church are closed at this time
 - Children are expected to be attended by their parents at all times
 - The nursing mother’s room is available for changing needs, if necessary
- All handouts will be restricted under this reopening plan
 - No paper bulletins will be distributed (electronic bulletins will be posted to website)
 - Sermon notes and handouts will not be provided

- You may use your cellular device for use as a bulletin or print/ download on tablet before leaving your house

GENERAL GUIDANCE (CONTINUED)

- Offering
 - Members and guests are encouraged to continue utilizing the online giving feature on the church website
 - Physical checks or cash offerings may be placed in the white drop box located next to the front doors of the church
- Communion
 - Special precautions such as serving prepackaged communion elements or having elders/ deacons serve sections (i.e. not passing the trays) will be taken
- Refreshments
 - During the reopening, no coffee, tea, hot chocolate, food or other refreshments will be served
 - Kitchen will be closed
- Please follow all social distancing and health guidelines as posted on signs around the church
- There will be no in person Sunday school classes at this time
 - Summer Sunday school will be online (contact church office for information)
- Dismissal
 - At the conclusion of worship, those in attendance will be dismissed by rows and rooms
 - Please exit the building in a timely manner
 - Conversation is encouraged outdoors while maintaining proper social distancing
 - Please limit your movement around the church as much as possible for your safety and for cleaning purposes

WORSHIP SERVICE PLANS

- Indoor Worship Services
 - Members and guests are welcome to use any of the following locations:
 - Sanctuary (maximum 140 people)
 - Fellowship Hall (maximum 50 people)
 - Youth Room (along administrative hallway, max. 25 people)
 - In consideration of others, attendees are encouraged to rotate, as much as possible, where they are seated so as to allow for everyone to be in the Sanctuary on occasion
 - Live service will be broadcast in the Fellowship Hall and Youth Room for those in attendance there
 - Social distancing and other guidance will apply in all rooms
- Outdoor Worship Services
 - In the event that we hold an outdoor worship service, attendees are encouraged to practice social distancing and other guidelines that apply indoors
 - Please bring sufficient seats for your family (camping chairs, lawn chairs, etc.)
 - Please bring your Bible
 - Live Streaming of the service may be available in the Sanctuary

- In the event of rain, guidance for Indoor Worship Services will apply
- Families are expected to be seated together at all services
- Please show courtesy and understanding in the event that our maximum indoor capacity is exceeded
 - Our Reopening Plan will adapt, as needed

CLEANING POLICY

It is always our desire to maintain a clean and safe building and grounds. We are thankful for those who serve the Lord and the church by cleaning and maintaining the property. In addition to our normal, weekly cleaning, the following guidance will apply under our Reopening Plan:

- All “high touch” surfaces will be wiped down
- The sanctuary, Fellowship Hall, Youth Room, and restrooms will be disinfected
- Any unused rooms will be clearly marked off (please refrain from entering)
- The nursing mother’s room will be cleaned and disinfected
- Hand sanitizing stations will be restocked weekly
- All debris will be removed from rooms
- Volunteers who assist in cleaning should adhere to the following guidance:
 - Wear disposable gloves for all cleaning tasks
 - Wash your hands with soap and water
 - Communicate any questions or concerns to Pastor Jerry Brush

CONCLUSION

We eagerly await the day when these temporary restrictions can be removed. Until then, let us all remember that love and consideration of others is the truest mark of a Christian (cf. John 13:35; Rom. 13:8; Phil. 2:3-5). Our aim is to honor the Lord and show proper concern and respect for one another, as well as to maintain a godly testimony before the world as we reopen the church. If you have questions or suggestions for how to improve our Reopening Plan, please speak to a pastor or elder.

Additional guidance for Sunday school classes, Bible studies, or other meetings and ministries at the church will be forthcoming.

We look forward to worshipping the Lord again together with you!

TBFC Leadership Team

Pastors, Elders, & Deacons

RELATED MINISTRY INFO & TENTATIVE REOPENINGS

For more information about other TBFC ministry reopenings, please call the church office at (610) 926-4594.

Prime Time (ages 50+) will resume in September - Contact: Pastor Brush (610) 223-1435
Youth Ministry (grades 6-12) currently meeting online - Contact: Brad Kunkle (610) 413-3404
AWANA Ministry (ages 4-11) will resume in September - Contact: Cecil Sallee (610) 310-3478
Wednesday Night Prayer currently meeting online - Contact: Pastor Dan (856) 796-3076
Inquires about Sunday school, Bible studies, and Growth Groups - Call church office
3v3 Basketball Outreach (July 25, 2020) is still tentatively on
Light in the Park (August 30, 2020) at Fleetwood Park is tentatively on

ADDITIONAL GUIDANCE

TBFC Church Survey Results (see addendum)

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/organizations/index.html>

<https://www.governor.pa.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/03.23.20-Stay-At-Home-Order-Guidance.pdf>

<https://www.governor.pa.gov/process-to-reopen-pennsylvania/>