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Dear Western Mountains Baptist Church Family:

In order to begin meeting in person once again at the church building, we are targeting June 7. Based on current State policies, we would be allowed to have 50 people inside the building. This 50-person limit will require us to break things up into two services. One service will commence at 9 am (the same time as Sunday School used to meet), and the second service will commence at 10:30 am.

Please, if you, or someone in your family is sick, please stay home.

Hand Sanitizing stations will be placed at the entry doors and at the doors to the Sanctuary.

On June 7, the first Sunday of the month, we will be conducting the Lord's Supper. Juice and bread will be available on the table in the foyer. Please take one on your way into the Sanctuary (if they show up in the mail between now and then).

No coffee or snacks will be available, until we figure out how to do this safely. Feel free to bring your own coffee and snacks.

The church will be "wiped down" between the two services - door handles, faucet and toilet handles, and the like. In order to have time for a crew to do this, the sermon will be shorter, there will be no offering collection, and we will likely eliminate one song in the song service.

In order to eliminate the passing of a plate for the offering, we will place boxes at the doors, so people can offer their tithes and offerings on their way in or out of the service.

To reduce the amount of social contact, and to maintain the 6-foot distance suggestion, we will eliminate every other row of seating, and widen the aisles between the sections of seating.

We will also ask everyone, once the service has concluded, to leave by the two doors on either side of the front of the Sanctuary, helping to reduce bottlenecks at the double entrance doors. Please utilize the parking lot for any visiting with church family before or after each service, so that there is room to maintain 6 feet of distance.

We are asking for parents to keep their children in the service, and are eliminating, for now, both Junior Church, and Nursery, given the difficulty of keeping children 6 feet apart. Again, we will be shortening the overall length of the service and hoping this will help your children stay engaged. Annette plans to provide some activity sheets for the kiddos, so bring some crayons, if you have them.

We are asking (not requiring) that masks be worn. If you have a medical reason for NOT wearing a mask, then do not wear one. If you are not wearing a mask, we will assume it is for medical reasons. If you do not own a mask, we will make masks available to you, to take with you. Please do not return it but consider it our gift to you.

If you would like to volunteer to help clean between services, or at the end of the second service, please contact BJ Smith (using your new directory!)

The church is equipped with an air handling system, which will be set on Maximum output, to help change over the air in the building.

Now - please hear me on this. If you are not yet ready to come back to church, PLEASE let me know. And it is OKAY! Let me know, so we can know that you are safe, and so we can stay in touch.

We will continue with our online presence, even after we return on June 7. We are still working out how we will get this done, but we will still have a video of the sermon each week.

Please keep in mind that we are trying our best to do this well to keep everyone safe and healthy. If you have additional suggestions, or have any questions, comments, or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to me.

In His Service,

Thomas DuBois, Pastor