



## *Milan Baptist Church*

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### **Our Vision ...**

To passionately affect our world with the life-changing Gospel of Jesus Christ by worshipping God, proclaiming His Word, and equipping and deploying into the ministry fully surrendered followers of Jesus Christ.

August 3, 2020

Subject: Milan Baptist Church - Returning To In-Person Worship Services

Dear Milan Baptist Church Congregation,

The Deacons and Pastors are excited to announce that we will resume worship services on **Sunday, August 16, 2020**. We all have been praying for this moment for many months and feel so blessed that the opportunity has finally come when we can worship God together again.

There will be two services: the first one will run 9:30-10:30 and the second 11:00-noon. Given our ability to better support social distancing, these will be held in the Ministry Activity Center (MAC). For those with children, no nursery or children's ministries will be available at this time. **In addition, we will continue to provide livestreaming of the services via Facebook Live.**

In order to support the safest of conditions and individual needs, we ask that you follow the rules listed below for your safety, the safety of others, and out of respect for each in our church family:

- Being aware of the controversy associated with the wearing of masks, the Deacons have decided to respect the recommendations of our health and government officials and **require** the wearing of masks by our congregation when in our facilities. Though there are varying quality of masks, we minimally require that your mask cover both your nose and mouth. If you are unable to provide your own mask, the church will have masks available at the door.
- Social distancing (6 feet, no hugging or handshaking) with those outside of your immediate household is **required** within the facilities. Households should sit together during the service.
- Who **should** consider staying home?
  - Children 4 years of age and under if their parents feel the children will struggle with social distancing
  - Adults 65 or older, given their statistical vulnerabilities to this virus
  - Anyone with compromised health/immune systems

- Who **must** stay home?
  - Anyone not feeling well or having health issues
  - Anyone experiencing typical cold/flu symptoms such as coughing, shortness of breath, elevated temperature, body ache, etc. If you are concerned you have a fever, please check it before coming to church.
  - Anyone concerned they have been exposed to COVID-19 within 14 days of the service
  - Anyone unable or unwilling to wear a mask
- When entering the MAC, use the doors on the east end (closest to the church) of the facility
- Please do not congregate in the entrance hallway
- Handouts and the offering drop box will be available by the kitchen wall near the serving window
- Alternate rows will be used for each service. Please adhere to the guidance of the signs at the end of each row.
- At the end of your service, please exit through the north doors promptly to limit interaction with attendees from the other service
- No more than two (2) adults should use a restroom at the same time

Meanwhile, all other ministries (Deeper, Prayer Meeting, Real Life) will continue in the format they are currently being conducted (outdoors/social distancing and online). Plans for other ministries (Sunday School, Kids Worship, Bible Adventurers, Awana, First Fridays, Guess Who's Coming To Dinner, etc.) are pending at this time.

We realize this is not church as we knew it just a few short months ago, but what a blessing to finally be back together. Remember that circumstances can change quickly regarding COVID-19; such changes could affect how we conduct our services/ministries. Please be diligent in staying in touch with changes by listening carefully when announcements are made during ministries, by reading surface mailings or emails from the church, and by visiting our website ([www.milanbaptist.org](http://www.milanbaptist.org)) regularly; especially before leaving for church each Sunday morning. Examples of impacting changes:

- If someone attends a service and is diagnosed with COVID-19 within 14 days of the service, we may choose to suspend services for two Sundays
- If guidelines/mandates change from our health and government officials

Please continue to pray earnestly for God's hand in the pandemic as He uses it to draw us to Him. Pray for the families impacted by the loss of loved ones and those who have experienced severe symptoms from this virus. May we all continue in obedience as we each negotiate through this situation; that we be used of God to affect the people around us and allow God to mold and shape us into the vessel He has chosen each of us to be.

With God's Blessings,  
Milan Baptist Church, Board of Deacons