

Dear Hazlet Bible Church Family,

We want to share some good news with you!

On Sunday, June 21, we are going to reopen our church! The renovations are complete and we have set up the new chairs.

However, since we are still under restrictions in the state of NJ, our first few Sundays back will be a bit different from what we remember so we need your help.

Over the past month, several ministry leaders have met to discuss and outline some basic protocols for us to follow so we can be sensitive to the health concerns of our members and guests.

From those conversations we have listed below what we believe is keeping within the CDC guidelines and the Governor's orders.

To limit our contact, we have [postponed the following areas of ministry](#):

- Kids' Church & nursery
- coffee table ministry *no food or drinks (except water) are to be brought into the Worship Center*
- literature table, bulletins, handouts

To make sure we maintain the required social distancing, this is...

What we Ask of You

As you arrive...

- [Please arrive early \(before 9:45\)](#) to help us with the seating process
- [Ushers/Greeters will meet you as you arrive at the church building near the parking lot side doors.](#) They will escort you and your family to the designated seating areas to maintain a six-foot distance between family groups.
- according to Executive Order #152, [every person attending must wear a mask while in the building.](#)
- *Masks will be available if you do not have one*
- *Exceptions are allowed for some to remove their masks [while seated](#) (such as for anxiety or other conditions where a mask would inhibit a person's health). However, [for the sake of others, they need to be worn when moving around the building.](#)*
- *[There will be a designated section](#) of the Worship Center for those who are at higher risk, more vulnerable, and must wear masks the entire time for their safety. In order to look out for the interests of others, we ask that you honor the purpose of this designated area.*

As you worship...

- [Seating is limited to only 45 people](#) – we may not have room for all who hope to attend
- [Please refrain from direct contact outside your family group.](#) *handshakes, hi-fives, etc.*
- [Use the restrooms only if you must](#) – we are trying to limit movement in the building

- An offering box will be available at the back table instead of taking an offering during the service.

As you leave...

- Face coverings should be in place
- Please exit the building and enjoy the opportunity to reconnect with one another outside

Focus for June 21

We know the conditions are not ideal, but we are so excited to begin coming back together.

And as we open up again after 3 months being apart, the theme for June 21 will be:
gratitude for God's work during the Corona virus.

So many of you have been able to see God open doors to ministry and watch others wrestle with questions of faith in ways we have not seen before now. Well, we would like to hear those stories. It will be more like our November Thanksgiving service.

With that in mind, please consider coming up to the microphone this Sunday to share what you have witnessed over these many weeks. Let us remind one another of the ways God works – doing great things in spite of the uncertainty, worry, and limitations we have experienced. *Microphones will be disinfected between speakers.*

If you are more reserved or shy, please write out a couple of paragraphs and we will have someone read it for you. Since we are now streaming our services, being able to be heard is even more critical.

Now, we realize that – even with protocols in place – some of you may not be able to return for a while due to health concerns. So we have worked hard to provide our worship services “live” each Sunday morning from this point forward. This way you can join us as we stream our time of worship on YouTube channel.

Here is the link to “Hazlet Bible Church” on YouTube.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCpnRlcCqM9bwyJMkn5IPaJA/videos?>

Please let us know if you have any questions leading up to this week's service and we hope to see many of you there.

God bless,

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Frank Perkins

Elders