



MYRTLE BEACH CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Safety Guidelines for Assembling at the Building

As we gather together physically, please observe our safety guidelines that everyone may be protected and feel safe in our midst.

Your elders have been meeting via zoom and have developed these guidelines. Guidelines have come from research, CDC, another congregation, and other resources. We know that all of you wish to immediately start worshipping just as we did in the past. Unfortunately, this is not possible as covid-19 is still circulating in our city. We will follow the government's suggestions and provide safety measures for our church family and visitors to worship safely.

The following guidelines must be taken seriously and practiced religiously, hopefully, for only a short time. We are planning a worship assembly on Sundays at 11:00am. Plan to arrive early to help avoid crowded conditions at the doors. Services will consist of worship only. Adult and children's classes will be offered on-line for the foreseeable future for Sundays and Wednesdays.

There will be a screen with live-streaming in the fellowship hall. There will be marked/spaced seating in both the auditorium and the fellowship hall. The kitchen, refrigerator, and coffee areas will be off-limits. Water fountains are turned off.

First, you need to judge whether it is in your best interest to attend the worship assembly at this time. Individuals who are over the age of 65 and/or with chronic illnesses have the highest risk and need to strongly consider staying home until the virus has been brought under further control. The entire worship service will continue to be live-streamed and archived on our website, on our You Tube channel, and on our Facebook page.

Second, those who come to the assembly should expect the following:

1. When you get out of your automobile, please remember to practice social distancing (6 feet from other people). Everyone must wear a mask. If you do not have a mask, contact Russ McLaughlin.
2. There will be hand sanitizer dispensers outside the foyer doors and inside the foyer. Please limit the items you bring into the building to prevent contamination (Bible, purse, diaper bag).
3. Greeters will open the front door for you. All inside doors will be left open so that you can enter without touching handles or door knobs.
4. There will be pre-packaged bread/juice on tables in the foyer for you to pick up on the way to your seat. (Parents, watch small children near tables). There will be a box near the tables for contribution.
5. Families will be escorted to marked/spaced pews. Family units will sit together. It is imperative that children stay with parents throughout their time in the building and parking lot.
6. We highly discourage any hand-shaking and physical contact. This may be the hardest obstacle for many. But this is to keep everyone safe.
7. Families will be escorted out in accordance with social distancing practice. Please continue the 6-foot apart rule in the parking lot.
8. As you exit the assembly, you may drop your empty communion containers in trash receptacles in the foyer.

If this seems like a lot of rules and changes to our assembling, you are correct. However, remember, we are thinking “safety first,” and we don’t want anyone contracting the virus while worshipping with us. If you feel sick, have a fever or cold, or are sneezing or coughing, please stay home. Again, all worship services will be live streamed and archived. We hope to see all of you in our services when you can attend. May God bless you and keep you. Your Shepherds