

Thoughts from Pastor Rodney

Procedures for Sunday, May 24, 2020

I am so excited that we can worship together on Sunday, May 24. As you return to Blackman's Grove, please know that we are doing many things to make this a safe and joyous day for all who come. However, we want to stress that each of us are personally responsible for keeping our church safe. Below are some differences you will see on Sunday.

General Procedures:

- 1. The door knobs, pews, bathrooms and other surfaces will be cleaned and wiped with disinfectant before the church is opened.*
- 2. Hand sanitizer will be available at the entrances. We encourage you to use it.*
- 3. The church will open at 10:50 a.m. A deacon will open the door for you, or the doors will be left open to lower the number of people who touch the door handles.*
- 4. Deacons will distribute bulletins and tithing envelopes as you enter.*
- 5. Hymnals and Pew Bibles have been removed from the sanctuary. Words to the songs will be printed in the bulletin.*
- 6. Everyone should use practical distancing when being seated. We ask families to consider sitting in groups instead of rows. Overflow seating will be available. Deacons will help with seating if needed.*
- 7. Offering will be collected as you exit. Plates, buckets or barrels will be in the vestibule.*
- 8. Water fountains will not be available for use.*
- 9. Restrooms will be available.*
- 10. The Nursery will be closed. Changing stations are in the restrooms.*
- 11. There will be no Children's Church. Children will be asked to remain in their seats during Children's Sermon time.*
- 12. At the end of service, deacons will help you depart by groups to keep from having a traffic jam in the aisle.*

We ask you to:

- 1. Only come to church if you are well and feel safe in doing so. If you are susceptible to respiratory infections or other illnesses, if you have been sick or around anyone who has recently been sick, please stay home and watch our live stream service.*
- 2. Wear a mask and/or gloves at your own discretion. Please respect other people's choices in personal protective equipment.*
- 3. Please refrain from hand shaking, hugging, etc. and remind your children to do the same.*
- 4. Please come in a spirit of worship. Pray for God to bless our time together.*

*I cannot stress enough that **we want you to feel safe** in coming to church. If you have any reservations, please stay home and watch the live stream service.*

We are doing everything, within reason to make this a positive experience. These procedures are in place for everyone's benefit.

*May God Bless Blackman's Grove Baptist Church,
Pastor Rodney*