



# REGATHERING PHASE 1

At Lake Murray Baptist Church our desire is for the people of God to connect, commit, and then be commissioned to take the Gospel to the ends of the earth. An essential part of this vision is the weekly gathering of the body to worship through singing, preaching, and fellowship.

## THE PLAN

The regathering plan for Lake Murray Baptist Church will be a phased approach. As we evaluated this first phase, we considered three important elements:

1. The command of the Scriptures that the church not forsake the gathering together.
2. The health and safety of our members and community.
3. The recommendations of our Governor and health officials

Beginning May 31st, we will regather as a congregation on our campus. We will offer three identical worship services. A 9:00 AM service in the Student Building, and an 11:00 AM, & 6:00 PM services in the Worship Center. Having three services across two buildings will allow us to properly clean, sanitize, and prepare each facility between services while also appropriately managing each service's capacity.

## PARTICIPATION LIMITATION

In the first phase of our regathering, we will be limiting the attendance to 20% of each facility's capacity. Chairs will be arranged according to social distancing guidelines in groups of 2-6 seats. During this first phase of re-gathering, we ask that only families and those sharing a household plan to sit together. All congregants will be asked to enter the building through the front doors and exit through rear/side doors thereby limiting shared space.

## KIDS, STUDENTS, AND CONNECT GROUPS

We will not be offering next-generation programming or childcare on Sunday's during the first phase of re-gatherings. This is to protect the health and safety of both children and volunteers. Likewise, during this first phase, our Connect Groups will continue to meet virtually or in homes, and not on campus.

# ONLINE WORSHIP EXPERIENCE

We will continue to offer an online worship experience, Sunday mornings on our website, YouTube, and Facebook page. These are meant to serve those in our congregation who are most vulnerable to the virus or are perhaps uncomfortable with re-gathering during this first phase.

## What Should I Do To Attend A Service?

1. Pre-Register – We ask that you sign up ahead of time for the service time you plan to attend at our church website. By registering, you help us to safely manage each service's attendance capacity. If a service you attempt to pre-register for is at capacity, please select and register for another service time. You can pre-register for any of our worship services by going to [lakemurraybc.org/regathering](http://lakemurraybc.org/regathering) and following the registration instructions.
2. Be Respectful – Please make sure that you help us care for one another by adhering to recommended social distancing practices. If you feel more comfortable wearing a mask, we encourage you to do so. Help us to keep each other healthy by staying home if you're sick.
3. Be Flexible – Be prepared for these initial re-gatherings to be a bit different than what we are regularly accustomed to. We ask you to be patient and gracious with our pastors, staff and volunteers as they seek to address the unique challenges re-gathering presents. You can help us by being flexible with what service you plan to attend and by abiding by the recommendations that have been offered.

## OTHER

- Cleaning – Facilities will be cleaned between services by our janitorial service and volunteers. All surfaces will be cleaned and sanitized before and after each service. Our facility will be cleaned and sanitized according to the CDC guidelines established in response to COVID-19 Coronavirus. Masks and sanitizer will be made available in the building lobbies.
- Service Elements - Each service would be approximately 45-60 minutes in length and include worship, teaching, prayer, and announcements.
- Offering – We will not be passing the offering plate during Phase One of re-gathering. The offering will be collected by ushers at the exits of each building at the end of each service.
- Check-In – When you and your family arrive on campus, you will be asked to check-in at the entrance in order to help us manage attendance and capacity.

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