



Friday, July 3, 2020

Hello GENESIS! It's hard to believe that it has been almost 4 months since we've gathered together as a church. We are so thankful for the technology that's allowed us to stay connected through the online streaming of services and video conferences, and it is an understatement to say that we've missed seeing you in person. Taking an extended break from gathering at the GENESIS building has been hard, but also super important as we sought to be an example of how to love and care for our neighbors as well as honor the local and state authorities during the COVID-19 pandemic. Considering the re-opening of the state, loosening social restrictions, a ton of prayer, and conversations with our community, we are insanely excited to announce that we will begin gathering again in person on Sunday, July 19th!

Our gatherings will look a little different than what we're used to. Here are a few changes you can expect:

GATHERING TIMES

Starting Sunday, July 19th we will gather for 1 service at 10:00AM. We will begin with a single service time and hope to work towards 2 services in the future. Don't worry if you are not able to attend, we will continue to live stream the service as well.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

We understand that not everyone is comfortable yet with attending group events. Please use wisdom and common sense when making your decision. We want to see you, but we also, more importantly, want you and all our community members to be safe.

Please exercise extra caution if you are in any of these categories:

- If you have any pre-existing conditions (i.e. - diabetes, cancer, respiratory or heart conditions, compromised immune system)
- If you are 60+ years of age
- If you live with people who have pre-existing conditions or are older than 60



- Do not attend if you are experiencing any symptoms of illness: fever, cough, cold-like symptoms or worse.

Note that GENESIS Kids will remain closed for the time being. Your children are welcome to attend with you and there will be activity bags available for them to enjoy during service time.

RESERVING YOUR SEAT

To adhere to the current state recommendations and to maintain social distancing, our seating capacity will be 90 guests. Because our community is much larger than 90 people, a reservation process is now necessary. To attend service, you must RSVP for yourself and any friends or family attending with you.

Reservations for both the July 19th and July 26th Sunday worship gatherings will begin on Monday, July 13th. In order to give as many people as possible an opportunity to attend service, we ask that you make a reservation for only ONE of these services – either July 19th or July 26th. Seats are available on a first come, first service basis. Due to the limited seating capacity, please understand that seats could potentially fill up quickly.

When you register, you will be asked to let us know the total number of adults and children in your party.

WHAT TO EXPECT WHEN YOU ARRIVE

- PARKING – You will be greeted by our parking volunteers who will guide you to the appropriate parking spots. There may be a line of people extending from the building into the parking lot. Please drive slowly and with care.
- CHECK IN – A friendly volunteer will greet you to say hello and check your reservation. We will do a quick temperature check with a touchless thermometer for all children under 10 years old. If your child has a temperature of 100.4 or over, we cannot permit them inside. This will be a common practice for GENESIS Kids moving forward.



- OPEN SPACE – Socially distanced connecting will be allowed in the open space, but we will not serve coffee or tea at this time. Seltzer and water will be available at the café.
- SANCTUARY – Before service begins you will be asked to line up in the open space (socially distanced, of course). Ushers will bring you to your seats in the sanctuary. You will be seated with the people specified in your reservation. Seats will be distanced 6 feet apart to the best of our ability. After service ends, you will be asked to exit into the open space where you can continue to hang out with family and friends.
- SOCIAL DISTANCING – We will practice social distancing during our gatherings. Please maintain a distance of 6 feet between each other at all times.
- MASKS – Children under 2 years of age should not wear a mask and masks for children ages 2-5 is up to the discretion of parents according to state guidelines. We are requiring that masks be worn during the following activities:
 - Standing in the check-in line.
 - Mingling in the open space.
 - During corporate singing. Masks can be removed while listening to the message.
- BATHROOMS – Only 2 people will be allowed in each bathroom at a time. A volunteer will monitor this restriction and direct traffic. We know it's not fun waiting for a bathroom, but please be kind and gracious to each other!

If you have any questions and/or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to our Executive Pastor, Jason Corbin at J.Corbin@genesiswoburn.com.

We realize that all these changes will make our gatherings look and feel different than what we're used to, but they will not change our heart to help ALL people walk with God. Thank you in advance for your patience and graciousness as we adapt to this new way of doing things. Looking forward to seeing many of you on July 19th!