



Highland Baptist Church

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Dear Highland Church Family,

I've got great news! We are ready to begin meeting again for worship! Governor Edwards announced Monday that Louisiana will be entering Phase 1 of reopening beginning this Friday, May 15. The guidelines for Phase 1 permit social gathering with restrictions. Church leadership and staff have met and devised a plan that will allow us to worship together again through Phase 1 of reopening, however long it will last.

Worship will be offered at three times on Sunday mornings: 8 a.m., 9:15 a.m., and 10:30 a.m. Due to capacity restrictions it will be necessary for you to sign up for a worship time by calling the church office or emailing tina@hbcni.org. Doing so will help us ensure that space will be available for visitors. This information will be used only for planning worship and will not be shared outside the church office. While attending worship you may sit with your family unit or by yourself. Please help us provide a safe environment for everyone by maintaining social distance while seated or interacting with others. Be assured that between services we will be doing everything possible to provide a safe and clean environment for the next group to worship. Masks will be made available to those who would like to have one. If you are in an at-risk category you are encouraged to stay home until such a time that you feel comfortable returning. We will continue to live stream our services so you can view the service from home.

Unfortunately, we will not be able to offer Sunday School or small groups on campus during Phase 1. Nursery and childcare also will not be offered due to Phase 1 restrictions.

Like you, I am ready to get back to normal as quickly as possible. It is apparent, however, that reopening will be a process and will take place in stages. I am proud of our church family and the love and concern that you have demonstrated for one another and the community throughout this ordeal. God is at work and I look forward to celebrating that with you...together! See you soon!

In Him,

David Denton