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THE WAIT IS OVER!

On **Sunday, September 19, 2021, at 9:30 am**, Watts Chapel Missionary Baptist Church will relaunch weekly “in-person” worship services for our **145th Church Anniversary**.

We want to reopen in a responsible way that demonstrates our love and care for one another. We have made efforts to reduce the risk of infection as much as we can; and we are especially mindful of those in our fellowship who are most susceptible to severe complications related to COVID-19.

We will be implementing practices that are designed to help everyone in attendance manage their own risk of infection, while at the same time allowing us to worship “in-person” together. We approach this gathering with a commitment to the Great Commandment (Ephesians 4:2) and the discernment to listen to both scripture and science (2 Timothy 3:15). We encourage each of you to extend grace to one another as we seek to navigate these times together (Hebrews 4:16).

Our plan to reopen has **five parts**, each of which will require your help and attention:

These guidelines are temporary and will be eased as circumstances allow. While these measures represent an abundance of wisdom and caution, we do not function in a spirit of fear (2 Timothy 1:7). Instead, we are motivated by love and concern for one another and the desire to protect those among us who are most vulnerable. Here is what you need to know:

HOW YOU CAN ATTEND

- **PROTOCOL:** As of **September 19, 2021**, all persons regardless of age may attend in-person worship. However, age two (2) and older must register **and** complete the COVID screening form in order to attend the In-person Worship Service.
- **REGISTRATION:** During the week leading up to the In-person Worship Service, we will ask worshippers who desire to be physically present in church to register online or call in between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday, and register for his or her seat(s). The call-in option is available only to persons who have no internet access. When calling in to reserve your seat, you will be asked how many are in your party and for their names. Every person age 2 and older must register and complete the COVID screening form in order to attend in-person worship. At this time, we are limiting registration so as not to exceed 200, which is 25% capacity of the sanctuary.
 - All CDC Health and Safety protocols will be observed while on campus including, but not limited to wearing a mask at all times (even if you have tested negative for COVID or have been fully vaccinated). If you test positive for COVID, feel sick or have been exposed to anyone who has been in the last 10 days, please join us virtually at www.wattschapel.org, Livestream, YouTube or Facebook Live.

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- **MASKS:** Everyone will be required to wear a mask that is comfortable, appropriate and covers both your nose and mouth at all times (even if you have tested negative for COVID or have been fully vaccinated). Face shields can be worn in addition to masks but will not be considered a substitute for masks.
- **TEMPERATURE CHECKS:** We will be checking the temperatures of every person before entering the sanctuary for in-person worship. Your temperature must be lower than 100.4 to enter the sanctuary.
- **PHYSICAL SOCIAL DISTANCING:** According to the CDC, a person is more likely to get or spread COVID-19 when they are in close contact with people who do not live with them in the same household. We are asking everyone to maintain at least 6 feet between themselves and those who do not live with them before, during and after in-person worship.
- **HAND WASHING:** To prevent the spread of germs, please wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or use a hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol to clean hands **BEFORE** and **AFTER**:
 - Entering and leaving the campus
 - Touching your eyes, nose or mouth
 - Touching your mask
 - Touching an item or surface frequently touched by other people
 - Hand sanitizer will be available throughout the building.
- **WAVES AND BUMPS:** We are encouraging waves instead of hugs and forearm bumps instead of handshakes. If you test positive for COVID, feel sick or have been exposed to anyone who has been in the last 10 days, please join us virtually at www.wattschapel.org, Livestream, You Tube or Facebook Live.

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW

- **CLEANING AND DISINFECTING:** The CDC has published a document titled "[Cleaning and Disinfecting Your Facility](#)." We will follow their guidance in cleaning and disinfecting the building prior to and after we have reopened. An EPA-registered disinfectant will be used on high-touch surfaces, including but not limited to tables, doorknobs, light switches, countertops, handles, desks, phones, keyboards, toilets, faucets, sinks, etc.
- **RESTROOMS:** Restrooms will be sanitized before and after worship.

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WHAT YOU SHOULD EXPECT

- OFFERING: Our offering will be digital. You may give online anytime [HERE](#) or text **WCMBC to 73256**. Cash and checks in envelopes may be dropped in the boxes located in the vestibule by the sanctuary doors.
- HANDOUTS: We will not distribute handouts of any sort. Bulletins and other pertinent information will continue to be available digitally on Watts Chapel's website.
- INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP: The invitation will be given, and persons will be instructed to respond digitally until further notice.
- COMMUNION: We will not pass trays during communion. All persons attending Worship Service will receive communion upon entry into the sanctuary.
- BAPTISM: There will be no baptisms at this time. It is to be determined when baptisms will resume.
- VOLUNTEERS: We will be asking volunteers to serve to fulfill ministry needs. More information will be provided as needs arise.

IN CASE YOU'RE WONDERING

- WCMBC GROUPS: Our small groups and most other meetings will continue to meet virtually until further notice. Our virtual platform for group meetings is Zoom. If you are a group leader and need assistance getting your meeting set up, please email ministryprogramming@wattschapel.org.
- DISCIPLESHIP: Word on Wednesday, AWANA, Men's and Women's TNT and all discipleship ministries will continue online.
- FUNERALS: We will begin to host funeral services in the sanctuary effective **September 20, 2021**, with a limited number of people, observing all appropriate protocols. We will not be offering repasts or food service at this time.
- WEDDINGS: We will begin to schedule and host weddings at Watts Chapel effective **September 20, 2021**, observing all appropriate protocols. Attendance will be limited to satisfy social distancing requirements.
- NOTIFICATIONS: If you or someone you know attends a service, then later tests positive for COVID-19, please notify the church immediately by emailing. If we are made aware, then we will notify those in direct contact with the infected person.
- JOIN US IN PRAYER! Please be in prayer with us as we reopen after 18 months for God's protection (2 Thessalonians 3:3). Please pray for the following: that those in attendance would "hear and see" the presence of God as God moves in our midst and hearts (Psalm 143:10), for our joyful gathering as a body of believers in Jesus Christ (1 Corinthians 5:4) and that the infection and hospitalization rates decrease, sparing lives and preventing anguish for thousands of people every day.

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PARTICIPATION ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

For the safety of all joining us, we ask that you review, acknowledge, and abide by this participation agreement when attending a Watts Chapel service or event:

- There are inherent risks with any gathering, especially if I am considered to be in a high-risk category or live with or have daily contact with anyone that is considered to be in a high-risk category. I understand these risks and fully assume all responsibility. I understand that safety precautions are in place, and I agree to abide by all guidelines communicated verbally or in writing.
- I agree to follow COVID-19 prevention guidelines from the CDC, including, but not limited to, frequent hand washing or use of hand sanitizer.
- I agree to wear a mask at all times while indoors at any church campus and/or activity.
- I agree to maintain proper social distancing while indoors or outdoors at any church campus and/or activity.
- I agree not to congregate inside the building. I will go directly to my seat and leave the building immediately after dismissal.
- I agree that I will not visit the church or participate in any church activities if any of the following statements are true:
 - I or anyone in my household have any underlying health conditions that increase our health risk for COVID-19;
 - I or anyone in my household are awaiting COVID-19 test results due to concerns of being infected;
 - I or anyone in my household have had any cold or flu-like symptoms, such as fever, cough or shortness of breath, within the last 10 days;
 - I or anyone in my household have been in contact* with anyone diagnosed with COVID-19 within the last 10 days;
 - I or anyone in my household have traveled internationally in the last 14 days to countries identified by the CDC as Level 2 (Moderate), 3 (High) or 4 (Very High) for COVID-19 risk.
- I agree that if I become symptomatic or COVID-19 positive within 10 days after attending a service, I will notify the church. You may email memberservices@wattschapel.org or call (919) 828-7348, extension 107.

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