**Beginning July 11, 2021, we will go back to having one congregational service in-doors at 10am with Sunday School at 9:15am.** However, please know there will be strict guidelines taken place and we ask that all commit to these guidelines as we give this trial run of being back into the space altogether, after 16-months.

***Mask are strongly encouraged for ALL, mandatory for those unvaccinated.***  As we faithfully serve our God by loving our neighbor, we are strongly encouraging the continuous of wearing masks for all. We recognize that this may be an inconvenience but it is out for consideration of all who we think with, serve alongside and live among day to day.

Please be aware, if at any time there is a large uptick in cases or becomes unsafe for us to meet inside again, precautions will be taken.

**The basics:**

* Worship at 10 a.m. in the Sanctuary.
* Sunday School for **adults** at 9:15 a.m.
* No registration or capacity limits.
* Services and Sunday School will last 45 minutes.
* Childcare is **NOT** available at this time.

**These principles will guide us as we regather this summer**

* We are entering a phase of the pandemic where we must emphasize personal responsibility and trust people to use their best judgment about their participation.
* While everyone can be glad about improved conditions with the virus and many are celebrating the lifting of protocols across society, we recognize that some among us feel things are moving too fast. That’s okay, even if it means some need to continue worshiping virtually for now.
* We will give grace to each other regarding our personal decisions
* We encourage all who are eligible to get vaccinated.

**Notes about worship**

* **Congregational singing** - Note that the amount of singing in the service will likely be less than normal due to the shorter service length.
* We will not pass the **offering plate**, mainly due to the shortened service length. Secure boxes will be available at exits to place your gifts.

**Online options**

* **The 10 a.m. service will be livestreamed** on the Emerywood Facebook Page and YouTube Page

##### Questions?

##### Watch for the *Ventures*, website and other church communications for updates. If you have questions or concerns, reach out to any minister/staffer or email [ebc@emerywoodbaptist.org](mailto:ebc@emerywoodbaptist.org)