

HIGH CALLING MINISTRIES

# Reopening Plan



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# From The Desk Of

Pastor George W. Hawkins, Jr.

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

So much of our lives have changed over the last 6 months and over the past few weeks I've thought about how much I took for granted before COVID-19. Before March 15th on Sundays around 5:00 a.m., I got up like clockwork, looked over notes and prepared to share the Word of GOD with you and pray that GOD would have His way in our corporate worship experience. I love Sundays. I remember being super excited about being able to see all of you as came through the doors of the sanctuary. As an extrovert by day's end I would have soaked up hundreds of hugs, kisses, handshakes, and warm greetings. I would be joyfully tired at every aspect of what God does when His children assemble in His name.

But things have changed, and like you we have been made to adjust. However, through it all I don't believe that allowed us to be a blessed ministry for 20 years without enabling us to move by His Spirit and follow our assignment despite obstacles. With that said, you should be proud of your church, and I want to thank all of our leadership, staff and our Re-Entry Task Force for hearing GOD's voice and walking faithfully in this unusual season. I also hope that you and yours are safe and doing well.

I shared with you at the beginning of this year Isaiah 43:19 – "See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland". This was GOD's promise to us to not only protect us in a famine (COVID-19), but that we could in fact thrive where there seemed to be nothing obvious that is fertile around us.

We are now embarking on how we can safely come back together for in person worship and this document outlines our tentative plan. Because of the nature of this virus, we fully understand that this plan won't satisfy everyone and yet it will be our goal to remain ONE and supportive of each other no matter whether you feel comfortable in returning to in person worship or if you are led to continue to connect with us virtually. We honor your decision.

Together, we will continue to remain focused on our mission to Help Those Who Are Not There Get There and submit to GOD's Spirit in everything. I'm looking forward to the day when we see each other again, but until then please don't hesitate to pray for one another as we "See Clearly Where God Wants Us To Go".

Sincerely,

*Pastor George W. Hawkins, Jr.*



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## OUR AT-RISK GROUPS

COVID-19 has reminded us of the vulnerability of our health.

While we seek to find responsible ways for us to meet and gather together again, it is important to remember our At-Risk Groups.

These are defined by the CDC as follows:

- :: Pregnancy
- :: People 65 years and older
- :: People of all ages with underlying medical conditions particularly if not well controlled including:
  - people with chronic lung disease or moderate to severe asthma
  - people who have serious heart conditions
  - people who are immunocompromised
    - \* many conditions can cause a person to be immunocompromised, including cancer treatment, smoking, bone marrow or organ transplantation, immune deficiencies, poorly controlled HIV or AIDS, and prolonged use of corticosteroids and other immune weakening medications
  - people with diabetes
  - people with chronic kidney disease undergoing dialysis
  - people with liver disease

Your health and safety are our top priority in and around our church property. Though we will not turn anyone away, we sincerely are concerned for everyone's health and safety, and would not want to put you in danger.

**We respectfully request {for everyone's protection}, that our At-Risk church family members worship with us virtually during Phase 1 & 2 of our re-entry process.**



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## PREPARING TO WELCOME YOU BACK

### FACILITIES

We have made much careful preparation to ensure our re-entry to HCM is done in a safe and responsible way. In order to safely re-enter, we have taken many precautions.

Here are a few:

- :: Thorough cleaning of our church building including the changing of all air filters
- :: Infrared contactless thermometers at the entrance
- :: Masks available to those who did not bring one
- :: Hand sanitizing stations positioned throughout the church
- :: Restrooms will be cleaned and disinfected after each service
- :: The main church entrance will serve as the main entrance; the side door on the stage right will serve as the exit. Our greeters will assist in facilitating the entrance and exit flow.
- :: Water fountain covered and will not be in use.

### RE-ENTRY SUPPORT TEAMS

Our Re-Entry Support Team will be thoroughly prepared in HCM's re-entry protocol. They will be wearing masks and gloves and maintaining proper social distancing.

You will be able to spot a member of our Re-Entry Support Team by their blue lanyard. Please ask if there is anything we can do to assist you.



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## BASIC PROTOCOL

While the three phases outlined will contain various details, please note that the following protocol will be implemented in all three phases.

**This protocol may not be mentioned in an itemized fashion specifically in each phase, but instead will be listed as “basic protocol will be in place”.**

This basic protocol includes:

:: Please wear a mask in order to enter our building {ages 2 and up}. The mask must remain on at all times while in our building.

:: Please maintain a social distance of 6 feet

:: Please do not come to church if you are sick or have been around others that have been sick recently. Symptoms that prohibit you from re-entry include but are not limited to:

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

:: Please consider the risk if you fit into one of the 'At-Risk' groups

:: Please sit together in the service as a family. For the safety and respect of others, **please keep your children with you at all times.**



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## BASIC PROTOCOL

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- :: Please sanitize your hands often. Touchless hand sanitizing stations will be available throughout the building.
- :: Upon arriving to the church, you will have your temperature checked via an infrared contact-less thermometer. Should your temperature exceed 100.4, a member of our Re-Entry Support Team will discuss next steps with you.
- :: All the church doors that will be used will remain open {or be opened for you} so that you do not have to touch the door handles. We will have designated entry and exit doors to ensure social distancing.
- :: There will be a donation box at the entrance and exit of the sanctuary instead of a passed offering basket.
- :: Communion vestments will be pre-packaged in a Ziplock bag and available in the lobby before entry to the sanctuary. Trash cans will be placed at the entrance and exits of the sanctuary for all trash.
- :: For those who desire prayer at the close of the Spoken Word, we ask that you remain at your seat and a member of our ministerial staff will assist you.
- :: In an effort to maintain social distancing, we ask that everyone remain seated at the close of the service and a member of the Re-Entry Support Team will dismiss your section through the proper designated exit.

**Disclaimer: This Re-Entry Plan is based on the current state of the COVID-19 pandemic. Our Re-Entry Task Force reserves the right to adjust this plan as appropriate based on recommendations from our State and Local officials. Please be sure to check your email or our mobile app for re-entry updates.**



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## PHASE ONE

**DATE: JULY 2020**  
**LOCATION: VIRTUAL**

### **SERVICE INFORMATION**

All Sunday Worship services are exclusively online for Phase One. Members can join us virtually via Facebook Live, YouTube and on our website at [highcalling.org/watch](https://highcalling.org/watch)

### **BIBLE STUDY**

Tuesday Night Bible Study with Pastor Marlon will meet on Facebook Live.

### **CHILDREN'S MINISTRY/YSF**

During Phases One and Two, our Children's Church and YSF Ministry will be online only. Please be sure to note their weekly service times that are sent via email.



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## PHASE TWO

**DATE: SEPTEMBER 20, 2020**

**TIME: 11:00A**

**LOCATION: MAIN**

**SANCTUARY AND ONLINE**

NOTE: OUR BASIC PROTOCOL WILL BE IN PLACE.

### SERVICE INFORMATION

Due to limited seating capacity in our sanctuary, pre-registration to attend our in-person worship service is required. Details on how to register to attend a service will be sent via email, posted in the private Facebook group and via our HCM Mobile app.

**Please be sure you are checking your email for updates from [admin@highcalling.org](mailto:admin@highcalling.org). To download our mobile app, search for High Calling Ministries in the App Store or on Google Play OR text 'highcalling app' to 77977. Be sure notifications are turned ON so that you are alerted to all updates.**

**When registering, please remember the following:**

- review our Basic Protocol to ensure you understand what to expect when you arrive
- please register your family at one time. Everyone in your family should arrive together.
- **During Phase Two, services at HCM will be held twice a month on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month at 11:00a.** We ask that you register to attend one in person service a month to allow an opportunity for all members to participate.

For our At-Risk group and those who choose to worship with us virtually, our Sunday Worship services are streamed via Facebook Live, YouTube and on our website at [highcalling.org/watch](http://highcalling.org/watch)

Everyone will enter the church through the main entrance and exit through the side door on the stage right {past Pastor Hawkins' office}. Our Re-Entry Support Team will assist in facilitating the entry and exit process at the close of the service.



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## PHASE TWO

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Everyone will be seated 6 feet apart, assisted by our Re-Entry Support Team.

Our Restrooms will have a limit of 2 people at a time. Parents, please accompany children to the Restroom at all times.

### **BIBLE STUDY**

Tuesday Night Bible Study with Pastor Marlon will remain virtual and will meet via Zoom AND on Facebook Live. Zoom details are shared weekly via email. Please be sure to check your email for Zoom meeting details.

### **CHILDREN'S MINISTRY/YSF**

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## PHASE THREE

**DATE: TBD**

**TIME: 11:00A**

**LOCATION: MAIN**

**SANCTUARY AND ONLINE**

**NOTE: OUR BASIC PROTOCOL WILL BE IN PLACE.**

### **SERVICE INFORMATION**

Our basic protocol will remain in place, however, changes may be implemented depending on State/County ordinances {ie, wearing of masks, temperature checks, social distancing, etc}. We will ensure to comply with all government regulations in order to ensure your health and safety during this phase.

### **BIBLE STUDY**

Tuesday Night Bible Study with Pastor Marlon will remain virtual and will meet via Zoom and on Facebook Live. Zoom details are shared weekly via email.

### **CHILDREN'S MINISTRY/YSF**

Children's Church and YSF will return to in person gathering with the maintaining of social distancing as best as possible. Details on how our children and youth ministries will regather will be shared via email.



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