

September 27, 2020

Brothers and Sisters,

We are excited about moving our times of worship indoors on October 4th. This, of course, is not without the sorrow that we will not be singing together in the building, yet, but we remain grateful that the Lord has granted us this building in which we can gather and pray fearlessly and boldly, proclaim the Word of God to one another, and be encouraged by it in a place protected from the elements. We do not, in the light of the tragic events of the last few weeks, take such a building for granted.

Please remember that we will be following the guidelines regarding masks and physical distancing of non-family members (6') while inside the building.

TWO SERVICES WILL BE AVAILABLE TO ATTEND: 9AM OR 10:45AM

I want to thank all of you who communicated your desires to us regarding this move indoors. We have received enough information to know that we need to schedule two services on Sunday mornings for the foreseeable future.

Therefore, we will be holding a 9:00am service and a 10:45am service. **The Children's Service will be held during the 10:45am service.** We are working on providing childcare for children under 5 years old, provided that we can find enough volunteers to do so. If you would need such childcare, please provide us with how many children in your family would need this service so that we can prepare as well as we are able.

As noted in the previous communication, each service will begin with announcements, call to worship, and worshipping the Lord in song while in our vehicles. We will be posting the FM station to which you can tune your car radio, so that you can hear and participate together. If the weather is amenable, roll those windows down and let's hear one another praise the Lord!

After that portion of our gathering, we will move into the building for some responsive reading together, prayer, and the preaching of the Word.

YOU WILL NEED TO RESERVE SEATS IN THE SERVICE YOU WANT TO ATTEND

We also need everyone to "reserve" places for you and your family at one of the two services, so that we can find places for everyone within the population limits of each gathering. **We are asking people to commit to attending one or the other service and not alternating your attendance between them from week to week.** This will allow us to have you sign up only one time to reserve your place for all future services, rather than having to sign up each week.

For example, if your family signs up for the 9am service, for 4 people, then those 4 places would be held for all the weeks following at the 9am hour. You would not need to contact us every week.

HOW TO SIGN UP TO ATTEND ONE OF THE GATHERINGS

Check the website, www.emeraldbible.com, to view the places available for a particular service. I will keep a running count of the spaces available for each gathering there.

I will be sending another, separate, email immediately following this one. It will contain a form for you use to reserve seats. You can “reply” back to this email and fill out the following form in the reply. Please note to hit “REPLY” and NOT “Reply ALL”. That will be the easiest way to immediately sign up for a gathering. Please be patient with me as I must collate all this data and update the website. I will do it as quickly as I am able.

If you are having trouble, or want to wait awhile before deciding what to do, you can also sign up the following way:

1. Email me, pastor-richard@emeraldbible.com, or call me, (541) 933-3886, if you want to reserve a spot(s) for a particular service. Please provide the following information.
 - a. Which service you desire to attend (9am or 10:45am)
 - b. Name and contact information (email and/or phone)
 - c. Number of seats you will need together.
 - d. If your children will be attending the children’s service, how many will be attending it and what are their ages?
 - e. If you need nursery care, how many children will be needing it and what are their ages?
2. Please also let me know if you would open to moving to the other gathering if your preferred gathering is filled (families with children will be given priority to attend the gathering with the children’s service)

LIVESTREAMING WILL BE AVAILABLE

We are also going to attempt to stream our gatherings online. These will be available to view at www.emeraldbible.com/streaming. If that viewing address changes, I will let you know. This service will replace the recorded sermons and song which we have been posting on YouTube for the past 6 months.

If you are late to view the livestream, or if there are technical difficulties in viewing them, there will be recordings of our gatherings posted later in the day on the front page of our website. You will be able to view them then.

It is our hope and our aim that we would know the Lord, and one of the primary ways by which God has ordained to reveal Himself is through the preaching of His Word and the prayers of His people. We, therefore, long to gather together for this purpose, that our God may be known rightly, worshipped truly, and loved more dearly. May the God who speaks bless our times together and fill each and every one of you with His Spirit so that you are filled with joy, hope, and peace as you entrust yourself to Him in all ways.

Your brother,

Richard Roberts