



Immanuel Bible Church

Where Bible is Our Middle Name

Immanuel Bible Church's Health and Safety Plan for Pierce Lake Elementary School

The School has allowed us to resume worshipping at Pierce. To protect the health and well-being of ourselves and our community, we will be making some changes in accordance with local, state and federal guidelines. Our compliance with these guidelines is an opportunity to display our Christian character. Our sacrificial and unconditional love for others will be known by the effort that we make to follow these changes.

You are encouraged to stay at home if you are sick or have had close contact with a person with COVID-19. Please cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue or use the inside of your elbow. Always maintain good hygiene. Wash hands with soap and water for 20 seconds.

Everyone is a vital part of our Church body whether you are able to continue worshipping in person or not. No one should feel that they must be physically present. We are working to get internet at Pierce so we can "live stream" every service. In the meantime, you can watch each service by Monday evening on our website.

The Head Deacon or his designee will be responsible for responding to COVID-19 concerns. He will be responsible for notifying local health officials if a person diagnosed with COVID-19 has been in the building.

Please exercise patience during this unprecedented time. Our return will be implemented in three phases. Phase One will begin on June 21st.

PHASE ONE

Main Corridor

- Front entry doors will be propped open at 10:00 a.m. until the service starts at 10:30.
- Greeters will stand by the Welcome Table. They will not make physical contact with people entering (no handshakes, no hugs etc.).
- You are encouraged to use the hand sanitizing products near the Welcome Table and those located by the entrance to the Worship Center.
- The bathrooms will be cleaned and sanitized before each service.
- The drinking fountains will be shutoff.
- The doors leading to Unit 300 will be locked.
- A sign(s) will be posted designating the following:
 - Please stay at home if you are sick or have come into close contact with a person with COVID-19.
 - Please wear a face covering while entering, leaving and moving around in the building.
 - Please practice social distancing.
 - Please cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue or use the inside of your elbow.
- Face coverings will be provided for anyone who needs one.

Prayer Room

- We will meet for prayer at 9:30 a.m. in the west end of the Main Corridor. The chairs will be spaced to promote social distancing.

Worship Center

- Entry doors and the south wall doors will remain propped open during the service and fans will be used to increase circulation.
- Bulletins will no longer be distributed by the ushers. They will be emailed by 5:00 p.m. on Fridays.
- The space allows for 275 of our chairs. Average attendance prior to the shutdown was 127. Plenty of room is available to space out the chairs and rows to comply with social distancing. Should we be blessed with a significant increase in attendance, we can always implement a second service.
- The Worship Center will be cleaned and sanitized before each service.
- Specific equipment (microphones, sound and video controls, etc.) will be sanitized before and after by the person utilizing it. Sanitizing supplies will be kept on the stage and on the sound/video platform.
- After the service, you are encouraged to exit thru the south wall doors.
- Hymnals and bibles will be removed from underneath the chairs.

Offering

- Offering plates will not be passed down the aisles. Two offering boxes will be conveniently located in the Worship Center. Online giving remains encouraged through our website.

Communion

- We will be using pre-filled communion cups. They are an easy-open, no-spill juice and wafer cup combination. They will be situated at the back of the Worship Center. Each person will pick up their own communion cup as they enter and hold onto it until the communion portion of the service. Each person will hold their used cup and dispose of it in the trash after the service.

Evening Bible Study

- We will continue having Evening Bible Study on Sundays at 5:45 p.m. but we will now meet in the Worship Center. The chairs will be spaced to promote social distancing. The outside door(s) will be propped open and fan(s) will be utilized to increase the circulation of outside air.

PHASE TWO

On July 19th, we anticipate making the Nursery and Second Cup of Coffee available. The people working the Second Cup of Coffee may access the galley kitchen (Work Room 318) in Unit 300. The specific health and safety steps that will be followed are attached hereto as Addendum A and Addendum B, respectively.

PHASE THREE

On September 13th, we anticipate using Unit 300 for Sunday School, Youth Group and AWANA as we always have. Junior Church will also resume as before in the Media Center. Hopefully, we will also be able to return the hymnals and Bibles to underneath the Worship Center chairs.