



May 27,2020

Church Family,

The wait is over we at HBC are officially making plans to begin worshipping together in person on Sunday, June 7th and I am overjoyed. While the decision on a date to begin meeting was not easy, we believe June 7th is the right date for us. Along with this decision comes lots and lots of details. Please take time to read this entire update front and back and help us spread the word in an effort to keep everyone in the loop and on the same page. There is also an anonymous survey for you to complete and return if you choose; there is also a digital version of this survey available at hbcatoka.com

So Here are the details for reopening:

- Sunday, June 7th service will begin at 11 AM in the new Hope building.
- We will continue to provide the 10:45 AM service on our church's Facebook, website and YouTube link.
- We will be encouraging social distancing for our in-person gatherings. We will maintain 6 feet apart when finding seats and use non-touch greetings (no shaking hands, hugs, etc.). However, feel free to give all the air high-fives you want!
- We are encouraging families to sit together and for students to sit with their families.
- At this point, we will not offer childcare, but children are wanted and welcome in the worship service. We will be evaluating re-opening childcare in the coming weeks. The goal is to keep the worship services to exactly one hour or less, and there will be "Big Church" activity bags available for your preschool/elementary kids to take into the service and to take home.
- No small groups/ Sunday School will meet on the 7th. Many groups are continuing to meet online. We will reevaluate at the end of June to determine best time for groups to resume.
- We are encouraging the use of masks, but they are not required. We will also have them available as you come in for service or you may bring your own. We will have hand sanitizing stations at the entry.
- We will not be serving coffee, donuts or breakfast items.
- The offering will not be passed during the service, but there will be buckets set up and envelopes placed at the entry for giving. You can also continue to give online at www.harmonybaptistatoka.com/give, or mail your

offering in to HBC | 7012 E Harmony Rd | Atoka OK 74525, for your convenience we also have a drop box located by the exterior glass doors at the entrance to the church office.

- The only parts of the building that will be open during this time is the hope building. The Hope building restrooms will be available for use.
- We are asking those who are sick, or who have recently been around someone sick, to remain home: listen to the radio broadcast Sunday morning @ 8:30 on KHKC 102.1 or watch our Facebook/ YouTube service at 10:45 AM. If you are showing any symptoms, please help us protect others by staying home until you are completely well.
- As a safety precaution, we are asking that everyone take their temperature the day before the worship service and the morning of, as well. If it is 99.4Q or above, please stay home and join us on our Facebook/ YouTube or Radio.
- We are strongly encouraging our older adults and people who have underlying medical conditions (heart disease, lung disease, or diabetes) to stay home and watch our Facebook/ YouTube or Radio. We will continue to provide online ministry and are available to minister to you throughout the week as needed.

As you can *see*, there are many things that must be considered and implemented as we begin re-engaging in corporate worship together. This will require patience and flexibility from us all. Our hope and prayer is that in the near future, we are back up and running with our regular schedule, as we were previously. Be praying with us about these things. As always, if you have any questions, please call the church office or send an email to harmonybaptistatoka@hotmail.com.

Here are a few other updates:

- Our Refuge Youth Ministry (grades 7th-12th). We are in the planning stage of providing the best camp experience for our students this summer since falls creek has been cancelled for this year. More information will follow please check the HBC youth tab at hbcatoka.com. Tune in weekly online for Chris's Wednesday night messages.
- Our Hub Children's ministry is also in the planning stages for an action-packed abbreviated VBS/ Crosstimbers style of event coming this July. Please stay informed by checking our website at hbcatoka.com often. Our hope is to resume regular Wednesday evening activities in the near future.

We love each of you and cannot wait to see you again very soon!

Serving Together in Christ,

Jay Willoughby