

Hilton Baptist Church Reopening

Tentative opening date July 19, 2020

Below is a tentative plan for reopening Hilton Baptist Church developed by church staff and lay leaders in accordance with guidance provided by federal, state, and local government.

Our goal is to continue to point people to Jesus and share the message of the Gospel while keeping our church family's safety at the forefront of our minds.

Please keep in mind that this is an ever-changing situation, and we all have to be flexible and open to additional changes to the attached plan. We will share more specific details/dates as Governor Cuomo announces that we have entered a new phase.

We look forward to the day we can meet together again in person!

This is where we are now (June 10, 2020):

We have formed a task force, attended webinars and looked at several handouts with guidelines and information on precautions and procedures for reopening. We visited several church websites to review their procedures.

The task force is addressing the following 3 D's (Different, Distance, Disinfect)

Different – things will be different

- No fellowship hour (kitchen will be closed)
- No children's/youth activities including child care
- Receiving of offering will be different
- Procedures for entry and exit will be different
- Signs will be posted to maintain social distancing
- Communion will be different
- No bulletins, hymnals, bibles, tissues or pencils will be in the pews (hand sanitizers will remain in pews)
- No choir or singing of hymns
- Worship service in the sanctuary and live streaming
- Outside groups will adhere to HBC guidelines and procedures
- Face masks will be worn upon entering and exiting
- Do not attend church if you are vulnerable, sick or not feeling well
- Adhere to safe handwashing practice which will be posted in the bathrooms

Distance – adhere to social distancing of 6 feet apart

- Seating will be directed by ushers
- Entering and exiting will be by designated doors
- Flow of traffic will be marked
- Sanctuary and bathroom will be accessible and other areas closed

Disinfect – disinfect after every event/gathering

- Additional hand sanitizer stations will be available
- Cleaning company will disinfect the church between services as directed by Property

Currently the Official Board, committees and small groups of ten or less are meeting in the Lloyd room following CDC guidelines. We are reviewing reopening of the Clothing Closet.

We will continue to update this document so that you will be aware of our progress and plans to safely reopen worship in the sanctuary.