

# Jonestown Bible Church

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**Genesis 8:16-20** “Come out of the ark, you and your wife and your sons and their wives. Bring out every kind of living creature that is with you—the birds, the animals, and all the creatures that move along the ground—so they can multiply on the earth and be fruitful and increase in number on it.” So Noah came out, together with his sons and his wife and his sons’ wives. All the animals and all the creatures that move along the ground and all the birds—everything that moves on land—came out of the ark, one kind after another. Then Noah built an altar to the LORD and, taking some of all the clean animals and clean birds, he sacrificed burnt offerings on it.”

September 10, 2020

My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We are all familiar with the story of Noah’s Ark. A worldwide flood destroyed the world, but Noah and his family escaped. God delivered them from judgment and protected them in the ark of safety. (It is a picture of our salvation – Christ is our deliverance). But finally after a year the time came for Noah to leave the ark. What a time of new beginnings. As he and his family exited the ark so many things would change. They would start their life anew. Noah and his family had received a second chance. This is so applicable to us at this time. With the Covid-19 coming in like a flood we now are much like Noah and his family. We must begin again. As restrictions are lessening we have been able to start up our other ministries that were closed down because of the virus flood. We are excited as they begin this coming Sunday and Wednesday night. But as we look at our Scripture reading we notice that the first thing he did when he stepped out of the ark was to build an altar unto the Lord. An altar of thanks. Dear friend this is exactly what we need to do as we open the ministries of JBC again. Let each one of us build an altar of thanks to the Lord in our hearts. God’s work is not dead. It has a new beginning here in our community. The Lord has been merciful to us. He has opened the door of “Our ark,” Jonestown Bible Church. Let us give thanks to Him and give Him the glory during this new beginning. May His blessing continue to rest upon our church family as we walk in obedience to His Word.

We are glad to announce the following ministries will begin again on Sunday, September 13 and Wednesday, September 16:

## **Sunday Services beginning September 13**

- Sunday School Classes at 9:30 a.m. for all ages which includes nursery care, preschool, kindergarten, elementary, middle school and high school, couples class and a combined men’s and women’s adult class taught by James May on Revelation.
- Worship Service at 10:30 a.m. with a supervised nursery, 2/3 year old children’s church and Children’s church for ages K-4 through 2nd grade. Children ages K4 to 2nd grade will sit with their parents for a portion of the worship service until they are dismissed before the Pastor’s sermon for their children’s church.
- Choir Practice 5 p.m.
- Evening Service at 6 p.m. No children’s programs will be held at this time.

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### **Wednesday Night Activities beginning September 16 at 7 p.m.**

- Word of Life Youth and Teen Clubs, Preschool (ages 3-5), Olympians (1st through 6th grade), Middle School and Senior High (7th through 12th )
- Women's Bible Study and Men's Bible Study
- Nursery care available for children infant to three years of age

Below are the Covid-19 Guidelines for this coming Sunday:

## **Phase 2 Re-Opening Guidelines For Congregation**

- All our ministries will follow the sanitizing guidelines given by the CDC.
- Restrooms will be available. Hand sanitizer stations will be at the doors.
- We will have two locations for worship which will have 6 ft. social distancing spacing. At this time we will continue our seating protocol which leaves every other pew unused. The service will be held in our Sanctuary with the overflow directed to our gymnasium where the service in the sanctuary will be live-streamed.
- We invite those who do not wish to enter the buildings but would like listen to the service to stay in your car where you will be able to listen to the service live on the radio on channel 105.9 FM on the church property.
- No drinks or snacks of any kind will be provided.
- Masks will be provided upon request.
- Upon dismissal, please exit the building immediately and socialize on the parking lot.
- A container will be stationed at exit points to collect tithes and offerings.
- Please stay home if you or any household members have any signs of illness or underlining health issues of concern. Please be wise and hold to your convictions in these matters. For those who remain at home a video of the service will be available to watch on our church website, Facebook page and on YouTube once it is uploaded later that day. It will not be live-streamed on the internet.
- Please be wise and considerate of others. A cleaning team will be disinfecting high-touch surfaces after the service.

Please pray for our teachers and helpers as our ministries begin. Pray that we all may continue to grow in the nurture and admonition of the Lord as we study His living Word together. Please remember to pray for our staff and students at BMCS. Pray for our Country, our President, our leaders, military, law enforcement, health workers, and the salvation of souls in our nation. Pray for one another and those who are hurting in our church through the loss of loved ones. Pray for those who still cannot come to church out of concern for getting the virus. Pray for our missionaries on the field.

Should you want to be part of a ministry at JBC please speak to me or one of the elders. God has a place for you in His service!

"Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made know to God" Philippians 4:6

In Our Savior's Love,



Pastor Larry