OUR PLAN TO REGATHER IN CHURCH BUILDING:

Grace Community Freemont, Ohio

**Thanks to Phil, Tom and Tim for their leadership.**

**BUDGET**: We put a spending freeze on our budget during the first week of March in case, but our income has been so good, Electronic giving, Lockbox, etc. So good we’ve been able to bless other ministries. But who knows what will happen in summer and fall. Opportunity: Call through… like Jeremy, refreshing our data.

**The Balance**: In Ohio most large churches closed after Sunday March 8, but although we encouraged people to watch Online, especially those at higher risk, but we allowed them to attend on the 15th + 22nd. Then closed on the 29th. But on the 15th when we encouraged people to watch Online, especially high risk, but still allowed people to come, one of our members attended. He was high risk but came anyway. 13 days later he was diagnosed w/ Covid19. Which meant he could have been infected when he attended on the 15th. He was never in good health + is just now recovering.

That taught me to not have as much confidence in allowing people to decide. For a large church, it only takes 1 high risk person to infect or come + be infected. We are trying to avoid our community hearing someone was infected at Grace.

**On the other hand**, churches have been meeting against government wishes for 2,000 years. We get our marching orders from Christ not our government. And there is a Biblical mandate to not forsake the meeting together… Rom.13… like Jeremy said.

So trying to balance our Biblical mandate w/ safety + our ability to effectively impact our community with the gospel here is **OUR PLAN**, which is in 4 stages… Slightly different for campuses…

**May 3 – Continue Outdoor Drive-In services and Live Online services. Call thru membership…**

**May 10 - Continue Outdoor Drive-In services and Live Online services, Announce next week.**

**May 17 – Outdoor Drive-In & Live Online services & Allow ppl to attend Live Taping**

**We feel this will start a trickle toward attending church. Camera’s will be front + center.**

**May 24 - Outdoor Drive-In & Live Online services & Allow ppl to attend Live Taping**

**May 31 – Stop Outdoor Drive-In service. Live Online services & Allow ppl to attend Live Taping**

**June 7 - Online & OPEN CHURCH & Family Church, Sat. evening 4 distancing? (No child care).**

Sanitize.

Family church = in addition to our open auditorium w/ spaced seating, we will encourage families to gather in several large rooms w/ chairs spaced for family units. No child care.

No offering, No greeting, Doors all open, Visible cleaners, Impact team in face coverings.

**June 14 - Live Online services & Open Church & Family Church, Sat. service? (no child care).**

**June 21 – Live Online services & Open Church & Family Church, Sat. & Child care for K-3/5.**

We will have children’s rooms disinfected + high speed video showing that.

**June 28 – Live Online services & Open Church & Family Church, Sat. & Child care for K-3/5.**

**July 5 – Live Online & Regular church & Full Children’s ministry & Adult Classes & Midweek.**

**Decide whether to continue Saturday evening services temporarily….**

**July 12 - Live Online & Regular church & Full Children’s ministry & Adult Classes & Midweek.**

**July 19 - Live Online & Regular church & Full Children’s ministry & Adult Classes & Midweek.**

**July 26 - Live Online & Regular church & Full Children’s ministry & Adult Classes & Midweek.**

**August 2 – Back to normal….**

**CURRENT OPPORTUNITIES: Engage Online viewers who normally do not come to Grace.**

**Continue to look at how we can improve our Online experience.**