

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

On October 26th the Governor Brad Little reverted the state of Idaho to stage 3 of his re-opening Idaho plan. You can watch the Governor's press conference here <u>Press Conference</u>. Valley Life re-emerged in stage 1 of the re-open Idaho plan and has continued to hold in person services safely since May 3rd. It is important to remember that Ada County has remained in stage 3 of the reopening plan for several months. To date we have had no COVID-19 cases linked to our Sunday worship gatherings.

After consideration of the biblical call to not neglect the gathering together of the saints (Hebrews 10:24-25, ESV), the board of Valley Life is committed to continuing in person worship services. Our allegiance and obedience is to Christ and His Kingdom first. It is under His authority we remain obedient and steadfast. We are committed to providing a safe and sanitary place of worship. In order to do so;

We will be continuing our multi-pronged approach to help meet the needs of our congregation while seeking to provide a safe and sanitary place of worship:

- 1. We will continue to meet for in person Worship on Sundays:
  - a. We will continue to request and recommend that we observe physical distancing between households. To help achieve this we have added additional chairs in the sanctuary to help families spread out.
  - b. Out of Love for another (John 13:35, ESV), We are calling all who attend services in person to be sensitive to others distancing needs....be courteous and ask if it is ok to sit near another family....mask up if the other person is masked up...consider wearing a mask when not singing. All these are small, simple actions we can take to demonstrate our love of others in our midst.
  - c. During the greeting time, please feel free to move around to different seating to achieve better spacing.
  - d. During the service, online giving will be encouraged and a box in the back of the sanctuary will be made available for General Offerings and the Benevolence fund.
  - e. We will continue to have a sanitation team preparing the building prior to and after our service together.
  - f. We will have hand sanitizer readily available in the building.
  - g. If you are or feel sick, we suggest attending service in the parking lot via the radio broadcast or enjoying the recorded service on Sunday afternoon.
  - h. Please reach out to an elder or deacon if there is something the church can do to serve you. You can email either group: <u>elders@vlccidaho.org</u> and <u>deacons@vlccidaho.org</u>
- 2. We will continue to record the service and post it online Sunday afternoon for those who want to continue to or return to worshipping at home.
- 3. We will continue to provide an FM radio broadcast of our service at 88.5 FM to the parking lot at the building for those who want to experience a drive-in service and be present at the building but not in it.

We know this is a difficult season and we are trying to pursue the best way forward that may serve all the family of Valley Life and our neighbors in the Treasure Valley. If you have any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to reach out and contact either myself or one of the other board members. You can email us at pastorvinnie@vlccidaho.org or elders@vlccidaho.org

May Grace and Peace be multiplied to you,