

May 7, 2020

Since March 13, when Indiana Governor Eric Holcomb requested gatherings be limited to no more than 10 people, Redemption has been gathering in homes via our digital gatherings. During this time, we have continued to see Jesus' church be the church, despite not being able to gather in person at our facilities. While not ideal, it has been encouraging to see Jesus' kingdom march forward, people be baptized, and His gospel proclaimed to the world via the common grace of technology.

While Redemption's leadership decided to love our neighbors, by striving for public safety through closing our facilities during this unique time in our nation, we have also badly missed the in-person gatherings. Now, with further guidance — and a roadmap — from our state government, we have set a timeline to return to our in-person gatherings.

From May 10 through June 13, we will continue to utilize digital gatherings — with the addition of encouraging safe gatherings of no more than 25 people — in homes. We encourage Community Groups to gather as each person deems appropriate for themselves and their families. Additionally, we encourage those 65 and older and those with high-risk health conditions to remain at home whenever possible, per state guidelines.

Our goal, as it stands today, is to return to in-person worship gatherings on Sunday, June 14 at our Jasper and Loogootee locations. To ensure safety of all people, we will implement changes from our normal in-person gatherings:

- We will continue to offer digital gatherings for those most at-risk and those who feel uneasy gathering in person for the time being.
- There will be no children's programming at any of our in-person gatherings for the foreseeable future. However, we hope to include elements to help families with children get the most from each gathering.
- We will be implementing social distancing protocols at all facilities.
- A registration system will be implemented to ensure rooms don't exceed standards set by the state and health officials.
- We will also, where and when necessary, utilize more than one room at our locations.
- To assist in sanitation procedures, all Redemption facilities will remain closed to all but our Sunday worship gatherings for the foreseeable future.

On May 4, Indiana state officials gave additional clarification and approval for churches to resume in-person gatherings as early as May 8. However, we believe giving an extra month is a prudent and wise decision — allowing time for all of our systems and people to be ready to do all things properly.

While we are striving to return on June 14, all things are subject to change as circumstances around us change.



In-Person Gatherings

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More details, including registration links, will be available in the coming weeks. Keep tabs of all changes and announcements via RedemptionIN.com as well as Redemption social media outlets, Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.