



# 2020 Fall Ministry Plans

Hello church family,

We are excited to share with you our plans for fall reopening. We have spent a lot of time discussing and praying for the best ways we can continue ministry effectiveness in this unique season of time. Please take a few minutes to read through everything.

## **Maximum Sunday Impact + Family Focus + Mission/Group Effort**

*These three points help explain our plans and purpose for fall reopening.*

**1) Maximum Sunday Impact:** We will continue to place a high priority on gathering together as a community, and collectively sharing in the study of God's Word.

- We will return to two services (9:00 & 10:45 AM).
- 9:00 AM - Traditional worship.
- 10:45 AM - Contemporary worship and Live Stream service.
- We will not have adult Sunday school classes, so we encourage everyone to continue to participate with us in Sunday worship - whether that is in-person or online (10:45 only).
- September 20th, there will be nursery and toddler options for both 9:00 & 10:45 AM.
- **UPDATE as of 9/25:** *Due to a lack of volunteer support*, on September 27th, we will only have nursery and toddler care available.
- October 4th, we will have nursery and toddler care. There will be opportunities for pre-K thru 5th grade for the 9 & 10:45 AM services, ***depending on the level of volunteer support***. We encourage families to worship together in the service, with children (***Pre K – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade***) being dismissed after our singing.

**2) Family Focus:** Our primary interest as we resume this fall is to provide excellent opportunities for our family and children. We are focused *first* on making sure our children have all they need (or want) in order to have the best, and most safe experience in worship and learning.

- We are prioritizing our building space - both on Sunday mornings and Wednesday nights - for our children.
- Wednesday nights will be reserved for AWANA and Jr. High only. We will not have Wednesday Night Suppers, Choir, or other adult Bible Studies.
- We want to encourage families to bring their children to worship each Sunday, and then beginning October 4<sup>th</sup> (*depending on volunteer support*) children ***ages Pre K – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade*** will be dismissed for a time of extra learning (nursery and toddler care for ages 6 weeks to 3 years old begins September 20<sup>th</sup> for the entire service).
- Junior and Senior High students will be encouraged to attend the church service on Sunday mornings.

**3) Mission & Group Effort:** God has given us a unique opportunity to both reach out beyond our walls and to connect with one another in some different ways during this pandemic season. Rather than focusing on what we can't do, we're choosing to focus on what we can do or, better yet, what God can do in and through us. This fall we are embarking on an adventure that we're calling "Living



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"Sent" and everyone who attends GracePoint can be part of it. We'll provide lots more details in the coming days & weeks but here is a snapshot:

- Each of us has been "sent" to the place we live, the place we work, the place we retire, the community around us, etc. You are "living sent" in those places. That's where we are going to focus much of our ministry attention this fall. We will provide details, ideas, tools to assist you in this organic, Spirit-led adventure.
- While there is definitely an individual and personal aspect to Living Sent, it is not intended to be an exclusively solo endeavor. We'd like each person to be part of a Living Sent group which will serve as a kind of Living Sent support group. It will involve prayer, study, conversation and encouragement. This might be an existing GraceGroup, PointMen Triad or Bible study group. Other groups might be formed out of Sunday School classes or other larger groups and some groups might be formed through an online sign-up process. We will provide ideas, resources and ongoing support for these groups of 3-12 people.

We are excited and hopeful for all the things God will do through His church. We will continue to provide details and important updates throughout the fall.

Blessings,  
Pastor Jared