



THE COMEBACK

P H A S E F O U R

Church, we are excited to announce that on **Sunday, August 2 we will resume Sunday small groups and will go back to our regular Sunday morning worship gatherings!**

As we all have learned during the COVID-19 crisis, flexibility is key, especially when it comes to planning events. We asked that you stay tuned with us the weeks leading up to August 2 for further information or any changes of dates. We are expectant and prayerful for August 2. We ask that you join with us in continuing to pray for the community as we navigate together in the "new normal".

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From the Shepherd's Heart

With Pastor Garth Forster

A university student was seen with a large "K" printed on his T-shirt. When someone asked him what the "K" stood for, he said, **"Confused."** **"But,"** the questioner replied, **"you don't spell 'confused' with a 'K'."** The student answered, **"You don't know how confused I am."** We probably all feel like we're wearing a "K" during these difficult days.

We are working our way through the strangest times in which we have ever lived! When we shut down "regular church" on March 31st due to COVID-19 and started live-streaming our worship services and posting other ministry videos, we all hoped that the crisis would be over quickly. As we began to plan a comeback, we initiated **PHASE TWO** as **"Drive-in Services"** from May 31st through June 14th.

Finally, on Father's Day, June 21st, we got back inside our church facilities in a **PHASE THREE "Soft Re-opening."** The **CLASSIC SERVICE** is at 9:00a in both the Sanctuary and the gym, with Greg and his team leading music in the sanctuary and the Thrive young adult worship team in the gym. The **CONTEMPORARY SERVICE** is at 11:00a in both the Sanctuary and the gym, with the different worship teams in each location. My sermon and prayer is live-streamed into the gym at 9:00 and 11:00. **Reservations for seating are needed for all services** and can be made through our website or by calling the church office. Social distancing requirements will also continue to be observed.

Now, here's some more good news! **PHASE FOUR**, the final phase of our comeback, in which we will resume on location all of the services, studies and activities that were a part of our church life before COVID-19, is scheduled to begin on **Sunday, August 2nd**. The public schools in Lamar County are presently planning to open on July 31st. On August 2nd, we are planning on having a full Sunday morning schedule of services plus Sunday School for all ages. Of course, these plans are subject to change if there is a significant spike in the number of Corona Virus cases in our area.

The COVID-19 shut down has changed life-long Sunday morning habits for most of us. Some churches will have a hard time getting their congregations to come back to church! If you have grown comfortable in your Sunday morning pajamas, let me share with you **Hebrews 10:24-25** which says, **"let us consider how we may encourage one another to love and to do good deeds, not forsaking our meeting together as some have gotten in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another; and all the more as you see the day of Christ's return approaching."**

We look forward to our **MISSION TRIP** to Cowley, Wyoming, scheduled for July 18th - 24th with Pastor Johannes Slabbert and Water of Life Church. **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** is also scheduled to happen virtually that same week of July 19th-23rd. Parents are asked to stop by our Christian Family Life Center under the west-side portico on Sunday, July 19th, from 3:00 to 5:00 P.M. to pick up their child's "tool box" for the week. Please make sure to register online each child in your family so that we will have enough tool boxes for all of our participants.

Thank you for continuing to give most generously to both our budget and to our Generations Following Student/Young Adult Building Campaign. We have now passed the \$1,050,000 mark needed to break ground in our fund-raising campaign! Presently, we have received over **\$1,070,000!**

July will be a month of PHASE THREE SERVICES! You can look forward to a return "toward" normality on August 2nd!

I Love You, Garth



MINISTER ON CALL FOR JULY 2020

JENNIFER (JULY 3-5)	JASON (JULY 24-26)
GARTH (JULY 10-12)	RUSS (JULY 31- AUGUST 2)
GREG (JULY 17-19)	

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JULY 18-24

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