



River News

Our purpose is "to love people and lead them to follow Jesus."

July 2020

Hey River Church Family,

Well, here we are again. COVID, the 2nd round. I know if you're like me you have been swirling between the Kansas government, Sedgwick County mandates, political, medical and personal information about what is happening, and what you should be doing.

I'm not here to argue any point, nor do I want to. I just want to address what our Elders feel is a working plan and response for our church.

Due to Sedgwick County mandates, we feel that **we should go online online for the rest of July 12, 19 and 26**. We will revisit the KS guidelines in the next few weeks to determine our next step.

Our HOPE, not plan, is to reopen again on **Sunday, August 2**.

SUMMER CAMP

Also, due to COVID and the affect of travel ban to FL for our kids and leaders, we have decided to **cancel** Summer Camp. We are all disappointed, but believe it to be the best decision.

For this year only, we can give you a full refund (including deposit). We will also refund any scholarships donated. This is unique, because of COVID, the camp we have reserved is allowing us to get a refund to refund you. We are waiting on our refund from the camp.

We will issue refund checks the first week in August. If you need one earlier than August, please contact David Gerlach or Tina Brown.

WHAT VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED ON SUNDAY IN JULY?

We need these VOLUNTEERS **only** for all Sunday services in July...

Sound	Media (computer)	Livestream	Band
Emcee	1st-4th Kids Leader	Speaker	

With only these leaders we will be able to maintain below the 45 people limit on Sundays.

Of course, you can continue to watch us online as usual:

www.facebook.com/riverks/live

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If one link stops working, please remember to try the other. We had a few people last week saying FaceBook live wasn't working. **Remember, the website ALWAYS works: www.riverks.com/live**

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SIZEMORE FAMILY

We are traveling for the next few weeks. As many of you already know, we are on our annual July family rotation-vacation. We did have plans to go see Nate graduate Basic Training. However, due to COVID, the army has now shut down access to the base. We will not be able to visit Nate, but will be able to watch him graduate online. We will post the link to Nate's graduation for you to watch on social media.

We are making new plans to see friends in Atlanta, and really spend most of the time with Leigh's mom and family. If you don't know, Leigh's mom has dementia, 24-hour caretakers, so we will give her as much time possible with her mom.

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RIVER KIDS LEADERS

Please contact your River Kids Leader personally to find out what you need to do if you have been scheduled to lead.

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

Our Nursery Director will contact you to let you know future plans. HOPEFULLY, we will resume again on Sunday, August 2 (not a guarantee).

WHO DO I CONTACT IF I HAVE ANY QUESTIONS?

Please contact your direct report (leader of your area), or an elder.

WORSHIP PLANNING

Most of you are contacted weekly from www.worshipplanning.com about showing up, volunteering, etc. If that happens, ignore it, **unless** you are on **the list** above. I will try to delete the volunteers from the automatic emails WHO SHOULD NOT SHOW UP.

GIVING

I want to thank you for your faithfulness in supporting The River financially during these weird, impersonal, social-distancing COVID days. Your faithful giving has allowed us to do many updates, and provide our weekly services whether in person or LIVE online.

You can give by using the dropbox outside the office door. You can give online at this website link: <https://my.simplegive.com/app/giving/riverks>

REFUELING THE VISION

I look forward to getting back to normal one day. It's hard for me to disconnect from vision and leadership. For me the refueling time is also a time of prayer, reflection and remembrance of how great it is to serve and lead you wonderful people.

I have already begin to envision new ideas for groups, discipleship and continuing reaching people for Jesus in Clearwater.

I am excited to share these ideas and plans with you in August.
Love to all of you,

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