

Covid 19 Update #14
Woodstock Baptist Church
June 30, 2020

The Psalmist very powerfully said: "O God, you are my God, earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you, my body longs for you, in a dry and weary land where there is no water" (Psalm 63:1). The times we are living in are challenging—the land has become dry and weary—may we like the Psalmist long for God! May our desire to know the Lord be deepened. As our understanding of God is strengthened we come to rest in His sovereign love and care for us!

I am sure many of you have been wondering what our plan for holding public worship services in the church is. Our ministry team and Board of Deacons met and discussed plans for reopening for in person public Sunday Worship Services. At that time, we had a plan in place for summer ministry and a Covid 19 letter containing the details, ready to be sent on June 19. However, after the news conference by Premier Higgs and Dr. Jennifer Russell on June 19th announcing the removal of some restrictions, our plans required a rework. Thus, I have consulted other Pastors and our leadership and ministry team. The new plan is to take a methodical, slower, cautious, and guarded approach to reopening. Our denominational leaders recommend this same approach, staying a step behind government in reopening. For us, it is not a race to reopen and be first out of the gate to hold public worship services. The health and safety of our church and community is of utmost importance. Hence, Sunday, July 19th at 10:00 AM is the target date for reopening. In preparation, the trustees have been working diligently on a safety plan and procedures. Due diligence is of the essence. Regulations require that limited capacity, sanitization procedures and physical distancing measures be followed. Therefore, to attend the in person service on July 19th registering online or by phoning the church office will be necessary and will commence on Monday, July 13th at 10:00 AM. As well, Ministry and Sunday Mornings will have a different look. Please be patient with us as we navigate this new reality. I will send further details and instructions as we near the reopening date. In addition, please note, that should there be another virus outbreak, our plans could change quickly.

Even though we are soon reopening for one public worship service each Sunday with limited capacity, our plan in the short term is to continue to produce a quality on-line Sunday Morning Worship Service. This aspect of our ministry has grown and blossomed in ways we could never have anticipated.

If you haven't subscribed to our YouTube Channel you can do so by clicking on the following link: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCXk1rUQ89Jz7DCAX3xaSHsg> Once on the site just click subscribe!

Here is a look ahead:

Please Note: all new information is *italicized* below:

- We will continue to live stream our ***10:00 AM Sunday Worship Service*** for you to watch from home. You can do this by clicking the following link: <https://woodstockbaptist.ca/watch-live/> You can also watch our service on Facebook. *This Sunday we will continue our series: God Revealed. We will look at the fact that God is Holy. We will also celebrate the Lord's table. Make sure you prepare your bread and cup at home to partake with us.* So please be sure to join us! Please send us your photos of worshipping from home: #worshipwithWBC
- If you are unable to join us live, please remember that you can still watch our service at your convenience by clicking on the following link: <https://woodstockbaptist.ca/previous-recorded-services/>
- If you or someone you know does not have a computer or device to view the live stream or the pre-recorded service and you would like a DVD to watch, please let us know and we will deliver one to you.

- Below is a summary of online ministries:

- ❖ **Adult Sunday School:**

- Pastor Nick's Sunday School Class via Zoom at 9:00 AM. Please contact Pastor Nick at: nicholas.devine29@gmail.com
- Ladies Sunday School Class via Zoom at 9:00 AM. Please contact Beth Derrah or the church office to be a part of this class.

- ❖ **Kids Program:** Tiffany will continue to post a Bible story video which will be posted on the WBC Kids Facebook page!

- ❖ **Youth:** *Middle Ground and Higher Ground have finished meeting formally until fall.*

- ❖ **Young Adults:** Will meet via Zoom on Monday Night at 6:30 PM. Contact Pastor Nick for details at: nicholas.devine29@gmail.com

- ❖ **Prayer Gathering:** *There will be no prayer gathering on Canada Day--July 1. We will resume July 8th at 6:30 PM.*

- ❖ **Ladies Bible Study:** Thursday at 10:00 AM on Zoom 7-week study on the book of 1 Peter. We are going to be doing self study using the All method as well as the video series by Kyle Idleman. Please contact Corinne at: jeffcor.gray@gmail.com.

- If you have a prayer request or praise item, please share it with us. We would love to pray for you and your requests and celebrate your praise items! God is good; all the time God is good!
- "Rocky Railway VBS—Jesus Pulls Us Through" started yesterday, Monday June 29! Details can be found on our WBC Webpage. *In order to help us properly prepare and plan, it is really important for you to register online ASAP! It is not too late. If you are interested please contact Tiffany. Be sure to pick up your stay on track packs with all the Bible buddies and gizmos to go along with the weekly lessons.*
- Please know, we love you and miss you! We continue to monitor all of the Government of New Brunswick and Public Health updates and we will do our best to adapt. Pray for our Leadership Team at WBC.
- *The Board of Trustees in an effort to be a good neighbor have granted the Court of Queens Bench access to our gymnasium which is of sufficient size, to enable them to properly adhere to the required social distancing regulations.*

Pray for one another! Give someone a call—check in on someone and let them know they are loved and cared for.

In Christ's Strength,

Rev. Craig Woodcock on behalf of the WBC Ministry Team and the Board of Deacons