Greetings Redemption Hill Family—

***Come bless the Lord, all you servants of the Lord…* Psalm 134:1**

We are so grateful that we can begin to return to in-person ministry!

Recently we took a congregational survey about how ready people were to return to campus when government restrictions allowed this. The complete results are attached, but the key thing to know is that 39.8% of our members are ready to start gathering immediately, 37.8% are ready to start gathering immediately—but have concerns, and the remaining 22% is divided between those who are not certain what they will do and those who will continue waiting. Nearly 80% of our people want to re-gather right away. Yet 60% have concerns. We are excited to resume ministry on campus and are committed to doing this in a safe and measured way. Our process has many ‘moving parts.’ **This update offers the big picture. Future updates will offer more specifics.**

**In-Person Worship**

We will return to campus in two stages. To date, all of our services have been pre-recorded and assembled in editing before airing on Sunday mornings. We are transitioning to live-stream broadcast services with on-demand playback options. This will serve us better over the long term but changing platforms requires a short transition period, which is reflected below.

**Step 1: June 7 & 14 *On Campus Watch Parties***

Services will be held in the Worship Center, McClintock’s and the Hub at 10:00 a.m. A key leader will serve as live host as we worship together in the same room. The service will be the same video format we have had thus far, and will also be available from home. Following County Health Department parameters the service will be by reservation and will include physical distancing, face masks, etc. **Space will be very limited** at first because we are only allowed to fill the room to 25% total capacity and must maintain physical distancing. Complete details for sign-ups and health protocols will be published early next week.

**Step 2: June 21 and following *On Campus Live Worship Services***

Services will be live in the Worship Center with live stream to McClintock’s, the Hub and to devices anywhere at 10:00 a.m. Services will continue to be by reservation and follow Health Department parameters. Additional live services may be added as the need grows. We will continually monitor government guidelines so that we can maximize ministry effectiveness and maintain a safe setting for our family and our guests.

**In-Person Groups**

**We are free to meet in small groups** following social distancing guidelines and especially out of doors. In addition to meeting in homes, we are immediately able to meet on the church lawn, patios or parking lot. Within the next week we will offer a plan for those who want to meet in rooms on campus. Some groups may still prefer to meet electronically. Please take seriously all health guidelines and do whatever is most appropriate for your group.

**The Big Question: *When can we expect things to go back to ‘normal?’***

Nobody knows for certain when things will genuinely return to ‘normal’ or even exactly what ‘new normal’ will look like. We will continue prayerfully and creatively responding to this situation, seeking to strengthen the ministry of RHC throughout this season. **Online and phone ministry will continue to allow people the maximum flexibility for their personal situation.**

As always, we invite conversation. If you have any questions or comments, please speak to me or any of our overseers.

Grateful for new opportunities,

Pastor Robert