



Dear Flock,

I trust this letter finds you well and growing robustly in the Savior. Faith sees best when things grow dark. While there is much room for encouragement, the challenge of COVID-19 persists like a shadow that follows us everywhere. With this in mind, I wanted to write, emphasizing how we are still working to do church life together. Today, as we walk this thin line, “together” is our best and only way forward (Eph 4:3).

HHBC Service COVID Measures

We have opened all regular services though there are some elements that are being done in a different way so that we can safely worship together as described below.

1. We provide hand sanitizer and temporary masks at our entries though we do not require either for attendance. Wearing masks however is encouraged.
2. For the Sunday Morning Service, masked ushers will seat you in the Sanctuary. Every other pew is open, and ushers will seat you so that your family is social distanced from other family groups. Seating in the Youth Room is self-serve in the provided social distanced rows.
3. For the Sunday Evening Service and Prayer Meeting, our Sanctuary is the only space open for service and seating is self-serve in the open pews.
4. Bulletins are provided at the end of every pew or row of chairs so that contact is limited. If you would like to receive the bulletin by email or have a printed copy mailed to you contact the church office at office@hhills.org.
5. We provide a livestream for both Sunday Services through our weekly update emails. If you would like to subscribe please visit our church website www.hhills.org and click on the **Subscribe** button at the bottom of the home page. Once the service concludes we post the sermon on the sermon page of our website for later viewings.
6. We dismiss from the Sunday Morning service by masked usher from back to front so that gathering in groups is limited. We also encourage fellowship between services to be done outside weather permitting. We recommend as well, that people not congregate in the hallways and proceed as conveniently as possible to their FLOCK classrooms.
7. Deacons wear both a mask and gloves to serve the monthly communion.

8. All other refreshment is provided in the FLOCK classrooms instead of the Family Center. All drinking fountains are closed for use except for their bottle refill option.
9. You can give your offering by dropping it in one of the lockboxes placed in our entryway's during service times, sign up to give online or by text through our website www.hhills.org, or mail it in to the church.
10. Weekly Prayer Emails are sent on Wednesday's through the church update emails. You can subscribe to receive them on the church website at www.hhills.org by clicking on the **Subscribe** button at the bottom of the home page.
11. Members can use the church for personal events as long as they are able to adhere to safe guidelines required by the church and arranged through the church office.

If you have other concerns or recommendations please let us know. Though we try, we simply cannot please everybody. Be that as it may, I'd rather be overprotective than unprepared. The danger of COVID is real but it's also been hyped. We shouldn't ignore the danger because some have overstated their case. Let us be mindful of others (Phil 2:1-16) and truly care for the most vulnerable among us (Rom 15:1). We can't turn the clock back, but we can embrace the future trusting God and living out Christ-centered Spirit-empowered truth. We are "created for good works" (Eph 2:10); so in fearless fashion let's get after them! God is **still** sovereign and life doesn't wait.

Still in the Grip of His Grace,

James Wells