



July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020

Dear family and friends of Ebenezer,

Now that church services are once more permitted to meet in accordance with B.C. Government health orders and guidelines, Ebenezer, like other churches, has had an important decision to make.

Over the past few weeks, our leadership team has considered the issues carefully and like a number of other prominent local churches, including First Baptist and Bethany Baptist, our decision is to delay public worship until September.

Especially given the proportion of our regular congregation which falls in “high risk” categories for COVID-19, we want to take further time to monitor the situation and to set up the best possible systems to ensure maximum health and safety. We are also mindful that until legal restrictions relax, the maximum number of those who could attend any service is 50 and there would be significant other constraints on how we conduct our worship.

With all that in mind, we have chosen a start date for reopening Sunday services of September 13. We will write with detailed information about necessary arrangements closer to that date.

In the meantime, the life of the church continues and we encourage everyone to stay as connected as possible. Online recordings of our services will continue to be available from 10:30 a.m. every Sunday. The weekly Bible study, women’s prayer meeting and youth and young adult games night will keep meeting on Zoom. We will also be adding exciting new children’s programming.

If you need any assistance accessing any of our online resources, please let us know. Likewise, if you have any questions or concerns about our plans, please do not hesitate to call one of our leadership.

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Thank you for your prayers and for your continued support of the ministry and mission of our church. As we continue our journey together, may we all be encouraged to “walk by faith” (2 Corinthians 5:7), to take heart, and to “trust in the Lord with all our hearts” (Proverbs 3:5).

With our prayerful best wishes for a blessed and happy Canada Day,

Yours in Christ,

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Senior Pastor,  
For and on behalf of the Boards of Elders and Deacons.

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