June 1, 2020

Dear Itawamba Christian Church Member/Participant,

Greetings in the Precious Name of Jesus, the King! **As you may or may not have heard, the Itawamba Christian Church is going to resume in-person worship starting Sunday, June 7. We will be starting back with 2 identical services at 8:30 am and 10:00 am**.

We wanted to make sure you are aware of this development and to provide you with instruction and information about what you can expect if you were to come. **If you do not feel that starting back up on June 7 is the best decision for you and your family**, please know that we will continue to provide an online experience similar to what you have come to expect over the past few weeks. If you are showing any symptoms or not feeling well, it would be better to stay away until you are feeling better. THE DECISION TO COME OR NOT TO COME IS YOURS AND ALL DECISIONS WILL BE RESPECTED. WE LOVE YOU AND WANT YOU TO FEEL COMFORTABLE.

- We will be asking everyone to **enter through the front sanctuary doors only**. Other entrances will not be available as entrance points. As you enter, you will be greeted by someone who will be taking your temperature. This will be done without making physical contact. Next, you will be offered a mask to use at your discretion. Wearing a mask or not is totally up to you.
- As you come into the sanctuary, you will be asked to **sit only in pews that are designated for the service you choose to attend**. Families may sit at a distance from each other that reflects their comfort level. We do ask, however, that you do not sit in the unused pews because in addition to them providing a level of social distancing, they will provide a way to distribute the communion emblems and collect the offering that will limit touching.
- We would like you also to limit your greeting of one another. This is going to be difficult but do your best.
- Please be aware that as we start out, we will not be offering nursery or other children's ministry programming during the worship services. I am hoping to possibly do a children's time in some of the services if I can do it in a way that assures safety.
- When you leave, especially after the 8:30 am service, please exit out of the sanctuary through the doors located by the piano or organ. This will allow a quick emptying of the sanctuary so that some quick cleaning can happen before the 10 am service attendees enter.

Those of you who indicated a few weeks ago what your service time preference was for when we started back up may come to the service you chose. As we prepare for Sunday, let us do so praising our God and in anticipation of gathering as His Body! I can't wait to see you!

If you have a pastoral need, please let me know so we may assist. If you have questions, please contact one of the elders or myself.

Until Sunday,

Bro. Tony Thornton,
Senior Minister