

July 1, 2020

Dear Crossroads Community Church,

We are so thankful for so many of you who took the time to respond to our Reopening the Building Survey. As we've said many times, we aren't saying that this is a "church" reopening because that would insinuate that the church has been closed. The church isn't the building, it's the people and so the church has been alive and well through all the COVID challenges. I'll share some of the AMAZING things God is doing through Crossroads Community Church, during our online devotion on July 7 at 6:00pm.

The results of the survey were encouraging and the comments very helpful. Here are some of the highlights:

- There were 120 responses.
- 49% of the people who responded indicated that they are ready to return on the first opportunity.
- 16% indicated that they would return but with concerns.
- 35% indicated that they aren't ready yet or are unsure.
- Only 8% say they wouldn't attend this summer without KidMin.
- Almost 100% say that they are willing to move service times if needed.
- There was a great spread of people who responded. It ranged from those who are new to Crossroads in 2020, all the way to others being here 10 plus years.

The comments also ranged from people who are just ready to go inside to those who are very concerned about returning. We read every comment. Thank you!

We also realize that this survey was a snapshot in time. We may feel one way while answering the question a couple weeks ago and another way now. COVID is a moving target and honestly, it feels like things change daily.

As I said in my online devotion on June 30, which I'd love for you to watch here: <https://youtu.be/OuoArsYom-A>, God has called me to be a Pastor/Elder/Shepherd. All three of those words are the descriptions of the role God has called me to in this season at Crossroads Community Church. I'm also very grateful to have an amazing Elder Leadership Team and Rocking Staff Team who are full of wisdom and discernment.

Right now, as the Shepherd, I want to protect the flock. I personally am feeling very protective over those who call Crossroads Community Church their home. The Elder Leadership Team feels the same way. So, we've come to the following decision after praying and seeking the Lord.

- We will continue outside services on July 12, 19, and 26. (Remember July 5 is online only at 9:30 and 11:00am with a picnic from 6:00pm-8:00pm)
- There have been some adjustments to the schedule on July 12, 19, and 26.
- As always, we will be online every Sunday morning at 9:30am and 11:00am for those who aren't comfortable meeting together yet, as well as those who are now a part of our online community all around the state, country and world.
- We will meet on July 12, 19, and 26, on the lawn at 6:30pm, for our in person service rather than Sunday morning.
- The service will start at 6:30pm and last for 35-45 minutes just like it has been.
- Sunday night services may be more conducive to families with little ones, college students, young adults as well as the rest of us who have more flexibility with our schedules.
- Sunday evening services also gives us the opportunity to do things like picnic together, play some games, eat an ice cream sandwich or other ways to safely connect with each other after service until 8:00pm, if you'd like to stay after service.

We will continue to monitor and pray and do our best to make the right decisions for Crossroads Community Church as we approach August. We will communicate the plan as we get closer to August. Thank you for your prayers and patience during this time. I love my church!!!

Seeking Him,

Pastor Aaron