# **BACKYARD WORSHIP**

On the first and third Sunday of every month this summer we are gathering in our Backyard for Inperson/Online worship. We believe gathering outdoors is one of the BEST ways we can both protect and WELCOME more vulnerable people to join in worship. That's why no matter which "Phase" we are in this summer we plan to continue these gatherings.

The following are the precautions Pastor Todd and Bethel's Council Leaders have thought through diligently for this gathering. It is informed by feedback from our local health department, CDC guidelines, and the advice of faithful Christian leaders. They are intended to reduce risk and keep the door open as wide as possible to all kinds of people as they work to protect their health and the health of our neighbors in light of COVID-19.

I am well aware everyone will see these precautions and restrictions differently but as we listen to God and keep trying to be faithful in this time we hope that they will help us love others by decreasing risk and increase the comfort of the most vulnerable who might join us in person.

If you have thoughts, concerns, or questions please reach out!

In Christ,

Pastor Todd (719)963-1567 call anytime!

#### **Our Precautions**

- Our building will be closed except for the lower level **restrooms which are available for one individual** (or household) at a time.
- Greeters and ushers will welcome and guide households to set up and sit by in designated areas that have been marked to maintain physical distance.
- A fully touch-free outdoor service (no offering plates, mic passing, etc.)

## **Be Prepared To**

- **RSVP** via phone or online if you plan to attend.
- **Stay at home** if you have had any symptoms/fever in 72 hours prior to the worship service.
- Sit together with your whole household inside well spaced circles.
- Maintain a minimum physical distance of six feet between you and other households throughout your time at Bethel.
- Follow the requests of greeters and ushers.
- **Hold it ;)** bathrooms are open for emergencies but are only open for one individual or family at a time.
- Tithes and offerings can be left in marked offering box.

## **Bring**

- Bug spray, sunscreen, sun umbrellas, water, chairs, blankets, etc. to sit on.
- We are **encouraging but not requiring** the use of cloth facemasks as a way to honor the most vulnerable who may join us.

### **Risks**

• COVID-19 is in our community and even in light of our many precautions gatherings of any size come with risk and the safest way to worship with is still to participate online. Gatherings of any size come with risk. According to the CDC if you are over the age of 65 or have other serious medical conditions you are at high risk for this disease. Therefore, we encourage anyone in either of those categories to continue worshiping with us online/phone/cd at this time.

In case of rain service will be streamed online, and outdoor gathering postponed to a later date.