Hello again, HCC family and friends! I am here today to share some wonderful news. Ever since that fateful day back in March when we suspended all in-person meetings at HCC, I have looked forward to making this announcement. On behalf of our Elders and Deacon Ministry Leaders, I am thrilled to inform you today that we will re-launch in-person worship gatherings on June 7, the first Sunday of June.

That proclamation is simple enough, right? We will be back to worshipping together live and in person beginning Sunday, June 7, at 11:00 AM. The execution of that great news is not so simple. Let me explain.

1. What You Should Expect:

🡪 Expect God to meet with us as we worship Him together again.

🡪 Expect everything to be familiar and yet different at the same time. These are still strange days we are navigating.

🡪 Expect everyone to focus on two BIG objectives: to love God by loving one another. Our Elders and Deacon ministry leaders will be doing everything we can to model being considerate and encouraging to everyone present.

🡪 Expect the main entry doors to be opened 15 minutes before our service begins at 11:00.

🡪 Expect our greeters to welcome you outside the building.

🡪 Expect someone to be waiting for you inside with hand sanitizer and a mask, in case you don’t have your own mask.

🡪 Yes, that’s right, expect everyone to be wearing a mask. We are asking

everybody who comes and who can to wear a mask for the safety and well-being of everyone else attending.

🡪 Expect our building to be clean and safe thanks to our team of volunteers who clean and sanitize the building each week. If you are comfortable doing so, we would be happy to add you to our rotation of cleaning crews along with our servant leaders.

🡪 Expect everyone to maintain a safe distance from one another.

🡪 Expect to sit together only with your family in the worship service. Our chairs will be arranged in groups appropriately spaced apart from other groups.

🡪 Expect to put tithes and offerings in the baskets positioned at the doors as you leave the worship area.

🡪 Expect us to continue to provide a live stream on Facebook of our worship service for anyone who either does not feel well enough or does not feel safe enough yet to attend.

1. What You Should Not Expect:

🡪 Do not expect it to be easy to come back to in-person worship services. We will have had 11 Sundays to have mastered new habits of worshipping … online … from our living room … in our pajamas … without having to brush our hair or our teeth or get the kids ready.

🡪 Do not expect everyone to be back with us in person on June 7. If you or someone in your family is not feeling well, please stay home and watch us online. If you are in an at-risk group, please stay home and worship with us online. If you are not yet confident or comfortable with crowds, please check in and join us online.

🡪 Do not expect to touch any door handles on your way in or out from our worship area or our building.

🡪 Do not expect handshakes or hugs … yet.

🡪 Do not expect preschool, children, or youth classes … yet.

🡪 Do not expect our adult connect group to begin again … yet.

🡪 Do not expect our weekly fellowship meal … yet.

🡪 Do not expect coffee or other refreshments to be available again … yet. Of course, you can still bring your own.

🡪 Do not expect bulletins or children’s worship bags to be handed out … yet.

🡪 Do not expect the offering baskets to be passed … yet. We will have baskets at the door where you can deposit your gifts as you leave.

🡪 Do not expect any judgment … ever … if you are not yet ready to return to in-service gatherings. We will still be streaming our services live on Facebook.

🡪 Do not expect any judgment … ever … if you need to take your mask off for a bit when you are seated with your family in worship.

So, there you have it. Save the date: Sunday June 7, and synchronize your watches: 11:00 AM, for the re-launch of our in-service public worship together at HCC. If you have any concerns or any questions, please feel free to call or text me anytime. My phone number is 810-623-3129. If I cannot answer right away, please leave a message, and I will respond as soon as I possibly can.

Until Sunday, June 7, at 11:00 AM, remember: God is God; God is good; God is great; and God’s got this! See you soon!