



REOPENING GUIDE (UPDATED 7/5/20 - Updates in RED)

This document is here to provide you with the most up to date information Genesis Boyne has for reopening. We will update the document as soon as new information arrives, is prayed through, and decided upon.

Who:

Whoever wants to show up. You are highly encouraged to invite a friend or twenty. At this point we have no intention of limiting the amount of people who want to come be part of our church family and worship God. If we begin to grow so rapidly that it threatens our ability to do worship to our fullest extent, we will both praise God for his generous blessing and move to two worship times.

When:

The current reopening date is going to be July 12.

Where:

July 12

Old City Park - 223 River St, Boyne City, MI 49712

July 19 & 26

Veteran's Park - 207 N Lake St, Boyne City, MI 49712

Please continue to check genesisboyne.com and our Facebook page for updated locations.

If you have a location that you think would be suitable for our church as an affordable indoor long term option, please email genesisboyne@gmail.com.

How:

- 1) Social Distancing - We will begin with outdoor worship. This allows us the option but not the requirement to social distance, wear masks, etc. Our church is a very warm and friendly church and many people have strong, and wide ranging, opinions on what safety means. To help with communication and choice we will have our church meeting area separated. For those who want to maintain peak social distancing, they will be encouraged to sit on one side. For those who feel comfortable

- interacting, they will be encouraged to sit on the other side. Both sides will be discouraged from interacting with the other side in order to respect their choices.
- 2) Children's - Genesis Boyne believes in the importance of continuing to feed our next generation of leaders just as much as we believe in feeding our current generation of leaders. Therefore, each worship time will have a specific time devoted to helping children know and love God. We will begin with a time of music, which the children will stay with their parents. Then we will have a time of children's worship where we will tell a Bible story specifically geared towards children. For parents who are comfortable with it, the children will then be dismissed to go and play with a supervisor while the adults have sermon geared towards them. Parents are also welcome to keep their children with them, but would be encouraged to bring something for the children to do during the sermon, as it will most likely be quite boring for them.

What About:

- 1) Weather - The Elders will determine the viability of meeting outdoors by 11am on Saturday. If we are cancelling in person service we will post the update on genesisboyne.com and on our Facebook. In case of a weather cancellation we will move to online worship via our YouTube channel.
- 2) Online - While our leadership believe that an in person experience is the what God intended for us to have as a church family, Genesis Boyne will continue to do online worship for the immediate future. As things progress over the next few months we will update the viability of long term online worship.
- 3) What To Bring - Outdoor allows you to bring what you need and not touch anyone else's things unless you so choose. There will be no doors, bulletins, children's materials, gift boxes, coffee, donuts, etc. to touch. We would encourage you to bring:
 - A blanket
 - A chair
 - Your own coffee or water
 - Your own sanitizer or cleaning supplies
 - Activities for your child (if you choose to keep them with you)
- 4) Bulletins - GenesisBoyne.com will have a button on the front page that will have the contents of a bulletin needed for your Sunday morning worship experience. The button will include the lyrics for the worship, sermon title and notes (when applicable), and any other pertinent information for the week. This will keep us paper free and allow everyone to easily access the information on their own volition.
- 5) Communication - We will use our website, genesisboyne.com, and our Facebook as our means of communicating changes. If you have a prayer request please let us know at genesisboyne@gmail.com and we will pass it along to our Prayer Team.
- 6) A Long Range Plan - Much like the rest of the world, we are developing our plan as quickly as we can with the understanding that much in the world is changing. This makes long range planning unfeasible at this moment. We trust that God will take care of us in this time and that know he has everything under control.

Why:

35 One of them, an expert in religious law, tried to trap him with this question:
36 “Teacher, which is the most important commandment in the law of Moses?”
37 Jesus replied, ““You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul,
and all your mind.’ 38 This is the first and greatest commandment. 39 A second is
equally important: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ 40 The entire law and all the
demands of the prophets are based on these two commandments.”

Matthew 22:35-40

The final, and most important, question is why. Why do we do church? The Church (global and historical) has always existed to love God, to love others, and to help others love God. No matter what the circumstances and situations this should never change.

Closer to home, Genesis Boyne specifically exists in this community to, “be a contemporary church, engaging families through fellowship, discipleship, and outreach.” That is our specific niche in the community, and why Genesis Boyne is here. We are here to be the contemporary church in town. We seek to engage this community around us with the love of God. Our heart is to target families, specifically young families, with the opportunity to hear the gospel both corporately and personally. The way we engage others, specifically families, is through fellowship, discipleship, and outreach. First and foremost is fellowship because we are a family. We care for people and get to know them by being a home for them, a community they can depend on. That’s why people come and that’s why people stay. We then begin a discipleship process through Small Groups. Close knit families that can do life together, study the Bible, pray and care, have meals, and do outreach as one family unit. Finally is outreach, that we continue to reach out to this community and show them that we care, bringing them into fellowship, which starts the process anew.

That is who we are and that is why we do church. If we feel like anything impedes that then we have to reevaluate our viability as a congregation. Our church aims to do everything we can to keep the mission of The Church and the vision of Genesis Boyne alive in Boyne City. There is a lost and dying community here and Genesis Boyne has the opportunity bring hope into an otherwise hopeless situation. Therefore, it is our plan to continue to go and engage Boyne City with the gospel of Jesus Christ.

If you have any questions please email us at genesisboyne@gmail.com

Sincerely,

The Leadership of
Genesis Boyne