



**“Phased Re-Opening Plan”
PHASE II
Starting Sunday, September 20, 2020**

On Sunday, June 7, 2020 we were excited to start our phase 1 reopening plan by welcoming home our church family with two onsite worship options at 9:00 and 10:45 AM each Sunday. In addition, we have been able to continue offering our live stream service at 10:45 AM and our online bible studies for our children and adults each week. Our youth continue to have a weekly online gathering each Wednesday and are now meeting in person every other Friday for fellowship and bible study.

I am also thankful that the church body has been able to gather virtually each Wednesday at 5:30 PM for a time of corporate prayer. This is always a time of encouragement to me as we have an opportunity to pray for one another and to give praise to our Savior Jesus Christ for ALL Things. During the summer, our time of prayer has been followed by our mid-week Bible Studies “It’s Not Too Late” and “How Happiness Happens”.

In addition to worship and bible study, we have had some wonderful times of fellowship on Sunday evenings during our Summer Fun and Fellowship Nights. This coming Sunday we will transition to our Fall Concert Series with our first outdoor concert (weather permitting) happening from 5:30-7:00 PM and featuring the Itzels and their “Back to Church” Tour. We certainly praise God for His provision and safety as we continue to seek His will in all things! For a copy of our phased reopening plan, please check out the following link from our website:

<https://www.baysidebaptist.com/re-openingplan>

I say all of this to tell you that Bayside Baptist Church is open and unless you are sick or in a vulnerable health risk category, we would love to welcome you back onsite. With that said – I am pleased to announce that Bayside is now ready to move into Phase 2 of our reopening plan.

As most of you know, on September 1, 2020, Governor Hogan announced that Maryland would be moving to Phase 3 reopening effective September 4, 2020. This means that churches are now allowed to meet with 75% capacity. Through much prayer and planning, the elders, staff and myself will begin implementing Phase 2 on Sunday, September 20, 2020 with the addition of restarting a modified preschool, children and youth program during our 10:45 AM service.

While these plans are fluid and subject to change based on circumstances and the various needs as they arise, the details of our phase 2 changes/additions/etc. are as follows:

Preschool Ministry: Babies – Pre-K
Starts Sunday, September 20, 2020
During the 10:45 AM Service

During our home mission week in August, our preschool area was renovated and relocated to the southeast side of the main building. Starting Sunday, September 20, 2020 we will begin offering preschool care during our 10:45 AM service only. Please note that, in the future, we will also be offering this option during the 9:00 AM service as well.

If you have preschoolers, (Babies – Pre K), check-in will begin at 10:30 AM each Sunday. Please look for the preschool signs as you enter the Welcome Center and one of our volunteers will help direct and assist you for check in. As always, if your child and/or anyone in your family are feeling sick, has a temperature, etc. we ask that you please stay at home and join us for online worship at 10:45 AM.

Staff/Volunteers needed: We are looking for qualified volunteers who are willing to help serve on a rotating 6-month preschool staff. This term can be extended or shortened as desired/needed. Qualified volunteers must pass a background check and should be willing to attend the 9:00 AM worship service and serve during the 10:45 AM service. Tentative rotations for 10:45 AM service are as follows:

September 20 — March 28, 2021

April 4 – September 26, 2021

** Substitutes and shorter-term volunteers are also needed

Our preschool ministry is a huge blessing to the parents! This ministry gives parents the confidence that their children are being well taken care of, are in good hands and are being instructed in the Word of God. For more information about serving, please contact our staff coordinator, Joy Gaither at: joy.gaither@baysidebaptist.com and/or our Preschool Director Kristi Pauley at: pauleysgirl@comcast.net

Children's Worship: K – 5th Grade
Starts Sunday, October 4, 2020
During the 10:45 AM Service

Starting Sunday, October 4, 2020 we will begin offering children's worship during the 10:45 AM service only. Please note that, in the future, we will also be offering this option during the 9:00 AM service as well. If you have children, (Kindergarten – 5th grade), check in will begin at 10:30 AM each Sunday.

During this time, the children will be temporary meeting in the fellowship hall until the new Transformation Life Center (TLC) is completed. Please look for the Children's Worship signs as you enter the Welcome Center and one of our volunteers will help direct you to our new children's check in station in the Fellowship Hall for assistance.

For many, children's worship will look a lot like our Summer Vacation Bible School opening and closing celebrations. In most weeks, the elements of children's worship will include music, bible stories, offering, videos, crafts, snack, etc. The main purpose of Children's worship is to teach and instruct children in Word of God and to give them an opportunity to experience the importance of worship to our Savior.

There will be some Sundays throughout the year that the children will join their family in the main worship center for special music and to also to allow those who are Christ Followers to participate in the Lords Supper with their parents. As always, if your child and/or anyone in your family are feeling sick, has a temperature, etc. we ask that you please stay at home and join us for online worship at 10:45 AM. Starting October 4th, we will continue offering a children's bible study through the Right Now Media Platform only.

Staff/Volunteers needed: We are looking for qualified volunteers who are willing to help serve on a rotating 6-month children's worship staff. This term can be extended or shortened as desired/needed. Some of the areas of need include: Check-in, craft and snack coordinators. Bible story and Music/Drama leaders. Class guides, audio/visual helpers, etc. Qualified volunteers must pass a background check and should be willing to attend the 9:00 AM worship service and serve during the 10:45 AM service. Tentative rotations for 10:45 AM service are as follows:

October 4 – March 28, 2021
April 4 – September 26, 2021

For more information about serving, please contact our staff coordinator, Joy Gaither at: joy.gaither@baysidebaptist.com and/or our Children's Director, Kelly Swanson at: kls657@hotmail.com

Middle School Bible Study: 6th – 8th Grade
Starts Sunday, October 4, 2020
During the 10:45 AM Service

Starting Sunday, October 4, 2020 we will begin offering a middle school bible study during the 10:45 AM service only. If you are a middle school youth (6th – 8th grade) please consider worshipping at 9:00 AM and then joining us for Bible study at this time. In addition to this opportunity, all youth (Middle/High School) continue to meet online each Wednesday at 6:30 PM and also have a fellowship/bible study every other Friday. Please check out our website and social media pages for details.

Staff/Volunteers needed: We are looking for qualified volunteers who are willing to help serve on our youth ministry staff throughout the year. (September 2020 – August 2021). Qualified volunteers must pass a background check and should be willing to attend the 9:00 AM worship service and serve during the 10:45 AM service.

For more information about serving, please contact our staff coordinator, Joy Gaither at: joy.gaither@baysidebaptist.com and/or our Pastor (Elder) of Christian Education, Bob Lohr at: blohr@afba.com.

High School (YOUTH SERVE): 9th – 12th Grade
Starts Sunday, October 4, 2020
During the 10:45 AM Service

Starting Sunday, October 4, 2020, we will introduce a new ministry for High Schoolers called “*Youth Serve*”. There will be a separate email going out to high school students and their parents in the coming days about this great opportunity to serve Christ and His Church. The basic concept around “*Youth Serve*” is to give qualified High School Students the opportunity to learn how to serve Christ and His Church. (By the way, we have been blessed to have several of our HS students already serving in this capacity.)

High School students who are interested in “Youth Serve” will attend the 9:00 AM worship service and serve on one of our ministry teams during the 10:45 AM service. Each student will be paired with an adult volunteer who will help train them in their area(s) of interest. Some of the areas of service where there are openings are as follows:

- Media Team: Helps with the live stream service (Audio/Visual)
- Children’s Music Team: Helps with the music and hand motions during children’s worship.
- Children’s Drama team: Helps with skits, puppets, etc. during children’s worship.
- Welcome Center Check in Station. Helps with the registration for preschool and children’s check-in.
- Greeters and Ushers. To help make a great first impression and to assist attendees with questions they may have.
- Preschool Assistant. Helps with preschool care during worship. Students will be teamed with an adult who will assist them. (Must be 16 or older)
- Parking Team. Helps with parking, directions, entry/exit.
- Mission Café: Coming soon. Helps set up tent to serve coffee, tea, hot chocolate, etc.

In addition to this opportunity, all youth (Middle/High School) continue to meet online each Wednesday at 6:30 PM and also have a fellowship/bible study every other Friday. Please check out our website and social media pages for details. We are also looking to add a HS Sunday morning bible study option in the near future.

For more information about serving, please contact our staff coordinator, Joy Gaither at: joy.gaither@baysidebaptist.com and/or our Pastor (Elder) of Christian Education, Bob Lohr at: blohr@afba.com.

Wednesday prayer and bible study

Our Wednesday night prayer meeting will continue to be offered online from 5:30-6:15 PM each week. Starting Wednesday, September 23, 2020 you also have the option of joining us on site in the Sanctuary for prayer. This will be followed by the Bible Study, “Ordinary” which will be from 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM each Wednesday through November 18, 2020. For those who are not able to make it out on site, the bible study will also be live streamed this semester. For more information about the bible study and/or to register, please check out your planning center app and/or our church website at www.baysidebaptist.com.

AWANA Update: At this time, our Wednesday AWANA program for children is still closed. Please stay tuned for further updates as we continue through our Phase 2 reopening. Youth will continue to meet online at 6:30 PM through the ZOOM platform. If you have any questions about our Wednesday night services, please contact the church office.

Other information:

We realize that each individual and family situation is unique. Some families have children that span different age and program groups. While we may not be able to accommodate every situation at this time, we will continue to do our best to gradually reopen all of our ministries and programs (Lord willing), and to give each age group different options for studying Gods Word together.

In the near future, as space allows, we hope to offer an onsite bible study option for adults and we are also looking at “life groups” that will help accommodate home bible studies, etc. Please stay tuned to our website and social media pages for updates as they become available.

Thank you again for your faithfulness to the Lord, to prayer and to worship as we go through this season together. During this time, we have seen many of our church family and friends gradually coming back to worship onsite. We have also been blessed to have several new families join us at Bayside. For those that continue to be in a vulnerable health risk category, we encourage you to continue temporarily joining us each week online. However, if you are regularly out and about, going to work, school, stores, etc., I encourage you to prayerfully consider coming back on site as we worship our Savior Jesus Christ together.

Thank you again for being the hands and feet of Jesus in our community. I love each and every one of you and look forward to talking to and seeing you all soon. If you have any questions regarding our phased reopening plan, please do not hesitate to let me know.

In Christ and with Love!

Pastor Glenn