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Hi Cornerstone Families!

The Children's Ministry Team has been working hard behind the scenes developing a plan to re-launch our in-person Children's Ministry programming at Cornerstone. Today, we're excited to finally announce what that will look like!

Beginning August 30, we will begin to offer a Family Worship Experience at the Rosser Campus during the 9:00am service each Sunday! This experience will be an experiment for us, as we continue to seek ways to re-engage children and support their families at the same time.

What is a Family Worship Experience/Experiment?

Think of it as a large watch party, complete with Children's Ministry! We will have the 9am service live-streamed from Yavapai College on the screens in the auditorium at Rosser Campus, like you might have the service on your TV or laptop computer at home.

Families will be encouraged to participate together during the initial singing portion of the service (about the first 10 minutes). This helps reinforce the importance of children actually *seeing* their parents and others worship.

After the worship music concludes, children will be escorted downstairs to their class for the remainder of the service. Parents and older siblings (6th grade and above) will stay upstairs and continue watching the live stream together.

We will have nursery and preschool classes available during the entirety of the experience, for children from 6 months to 3 years old. Nursery-age children will be able to be dropped off before the service begins in the upstairs classroom by the sanctuary.

As you might expect, we are implementing a number of safety protocols for the families. Everyone who attends (4 years old and up) will be required to wear a mask, unless a medical condition prohibits the use of a mask. We will encourage social distancing for everyone in attendance, though we do recognize that is much more difficult to maintain with children while they are together as a group.

Seating in the auditorium will be by family unit and will be social distance. Surfaces will be wiped down before, during, and after the Family Worship Experience. Children will have their temperatures taken before being admitted to their programming area. We encourage

anyone who is feeling sick to remain home and watch the worship service online. For a specific list of systems, consider the following:

- Any person exhibiting a fever of 100 degrees or higher
- We ask that everyone be free of a fever for 48 hours or longer before attending the family worship experience.
- Anyone with a high-frequency cough or runny nose

As space is limited and we do not have overflow seating, you will need to register your family each week if you plan on attending. You can do so by going to prescottcornerstone.com/register. (If you attended any services at Yavapai College this summer, the registration process will look very familiar.) Due to the size of the building and our commitment to safety via social distancing, we are limiting the number of people who can register each week to 50, so make sure to register early! (As soon as we reach 50 registrants, the registration software will close the portal.) Registration for our first Family Worship Experience on August 30 will open on Monday, August 17 at 12pm.

Thank you!

Thank you for your patience, grace, and understanding during this time. We've done all we can to stay in contact with your family and provide you with resources to lead your kids spiritually during this time. We are excited to take this step now and we are expecting God to use this Family Worship Experience in great ways over the coming weeks!

We know you may have questions we haven't addressed yet. To help with that, we've included a list of some frequently asked questions at the end of this letter. We hope those details help you gain a better understanding of what this "experiment" will look like. If we encounter more common questions, we will add to this document which will be available at prescottcornerstone.com/register.

If you have any additional questions not addressed below, please feel free to contact us by emailing jenn@prescottcornerstone.com or josh@prescottcornerstone.com. You can also reach us at the church office by calling 928-776-0121

Gratefully,

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FAQs (in no particular order)

Will masks be required?

Yes. We will be requiring anyone who comes to the Rosser Campus to wear masks during their entire time in the building (including volunteers). Children in the upstairs nursery (6 months-3 years) will not be required to wear masks. Children in the downstairs area (4 years-5th grade) will be required to wear masks.

Do my kids have to leave the room and attend the Children's Ministry?

No. Your kids are more than welcome to stay with you during the entire service in the auditorium if you prefer.

What if our family isn't ready to come to a physical gathering like this?

We support each family evaluating the opportunities and making a decision which is most appropriate for them. We will continue to offer worship guides for kids via the green mailbox and as a PDF download on our website. With our new curriculum, we will also begin loading a short video which families can watch together, along with resources to help you continue talking with your kids about what they learned about on Sunday throughout the week.

Will the Children's Ministry curriculum and experience look similar to what our kids experienced before COVID-19?

Here is a link to the new curriculum we will be using both in person and online www.pursueGODkids.org/now

Do I have to register? Yes. Due to the limited number of people we can have on campus, you will need to register your family each week. Once you are in our database, the next time you register, the process will move more quickly.

When should I arrive? We will open doors at 8:40a to allow time for check in. Please give yourself at least 5 minutes for checking in.

What will check-in look like? When you arrive, someone will greet you outside the main door and check your family in. Each child who gets checked into the children's ministry will need to have their temperature taken via our touchless thermometers. Upon check-in, they will receive a name tag and parents will receive a guardian tag.

What will check-out look like? After the service, **one parent** from each family will need to take the guardian tag to the class room where their child is for pick up.

Can you show us what the space and process will look like? Yes. Our team is preparing to film a walk-through video of the spaces we'll be using to help give you a feel of what to expect when you come. That video will be available on Sunday, August 23rd.

Will I be sitting with other people? No. We have arranged seating in the auditorium so that you will only be sitting with your immediate family. Families will be spaced out at least 6 feet apart from each other.

Will there be time for fellowship? Yes! After the service, we encourage everyone to go outside to fellowship and catch up with each other. We will be discouraging congregating in the lobby after the service, in an effort to maintain social distancing.

What is the process for cleaning toys, rooms, etc.? Toys, supplies, tables, chairs, etc. will be cleaned with a CDC approved disinfectant before and after the service. We will seek to create a touchless experience for those attending the watch party upstairs. Notes and pens will be available on each seat, doors will be propped open, and surfaces that are touched (like bathrooms) will be cleaned several times during the experience.

Can I drop my kid off and head to brunch with my spouse? Sadly, the answer is no. As this is a Family Worship Experience, children will only be allowed to participate if their parents remain at the Rosser Campus and participate in the worship experience.

Can I attend the Family Worship Experience if I don't have children who are attending with me? Unfortunately the answer is no. If you do not have children in the age range of 6 months-6th grade, we encourage you to attend or host a Watch Party with friends, family, or neighbors and watch the 9am or 11am service together.

Will you be offering a Family Worship Experience at 11am in the future?

Currently our plan is to only offer this opportunity at 9am. Before COVID-19, our 9am service had a higher participation rate for children's programming. We currently have the volunteer capacity to serve families well at a 9am experience. In the event that we have interest for and team capacity to provide the same quality of experience at another time slot, we will revisit offering a Family Worship Experience at 11am also.