



May 5, 2020

*"Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old.
I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?"
(Isaiah 43:18-19)*

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

Many are aware that on Friday, May 1, 2020 Governor Holcomb revealed our state's plan ("*Back on Track Indiana*") to begin the process of "re-opening" our state. *Back on Track Indiana* is thorough and affects nearly every aspect of life, including our life as the Church. On Monday, May 4, 2020 our Council met via Zoom to discuss what this means & looks like for us here at Calvary, and the steps we will take to begin living into our new "normal" & gathering together in-person.

We will continue to worship and hold all church-related gatherings/meetings online for the month of May and the first week of June. Our target date to gather again in-person is Sunday, June 14, barring no major setbacks for the *Back on Track Indiana* plan.

We realize that other churches might choose to gather sooner, but please know that this decision is made: 1) Continuing to hold the Greatest Commandment in Matthew 22, "Love your neighbor," in the forefront of our minds, and 2) Keeping in mind what's best for our community and congregation. There certainly is not a one-size-fits-all plan, and we think this is what will be best for the safety and wellness of Calvary! During the time between now and June 14 we will be assembling a Safety & Wellness Team that will be organizing and implementing protocols & practices that will help keep our community safe. If you are interested in being a part of this team, please contact Pastor TJ or Bruce Stinson (*Council President*) and let us know.

We continue to marvel at the many ways Calvary continues to step up in such times of uncertainty. The Church has never been a building, it's always been the people. While our building may be closed (temporarily), we are still the Church. Love & life are still happening all around us. May we continue dreaming and living into who God is calling us to be as we continue on this journey *together!*

God loves each of you, and we do too!

Pastor TJ Lynch

Council President — Bruce Stinson