**GBC REVISED Covid-19 Safety Protocol**

*(Updated January 1st 2022)*

GBC seeks to balance health and safety of everyone involved, while also maintaining uninterrupted ministry to our congregation. Everyone is encouraged to practice regular sanitation and good hygiene habits throughout these unprecedented times.

Since we understand how important Church is in the life of a Christian, we want to balance safety and practically as it pertains to COVID-19 protocols. Now that vaccines are currently available for everyone over the age of 5, we encourage everyone to receive the vaccine since it has been proven effective in the fight against COVID-19. Above all else, we desire for everyone to pray and seek the Lord as to how you, individually and personally, navigate and make choices regarding the safety and health of your families.

We want to keep you informed as to how we, as a church, desire to move forward with safety guidelines and protocols regarding COVID-19. Even though we are not bound to adhere to the protocols of the government, we do consider all recommendations provided by governmental authority as to how we function as a church. Therefore, we at GBC, feel that our congregation can, *and should,* attend any/all church functions, regardless of any exposure to COVID-19…**if you have been vaccinated and/or NOT showing symptoms of COVID-19.** We certainly leave the choice up to you, as an individual, as to whether or not you, or your family member(s), should attend church activities.

If you or a family member has tested positive for COVID-19, we ask for ***that particular individual*** who has tested positive to refrain from church attendance/activities for 5 days from the date of the onset of symptoms, or the date the test was administered. That individual must be symptom and fever free for a minimum of 24 hours before returning to Church.