



GAME PLAN

FOR REGATHERING

Fall Update: October-December 2020





Happy Fall, Friends!

It's been wonderful to see so many of your smiling faces in-person (albeit behind masks!) over the past two months as our church began regathering outdoors in August and September. This has been a **SUCCESSFUL SEASON OF TRANSITION** –in August you turned out for our Outdoor Worship Nights, Drive-In Movie Experience, Campus Blockbuster Weekend, and Summer Pack-Out where you prepped school backpacks and hygiene kits for those in need. That was **Phase 1** of our regathering - coming together for smaller scale outdoor events. In September, we launched **Phase 2** - we reopened our Liquid offices and launched Liquid Live - our Outdoor Worship Services hosted in Parsippany and Mountainside. It's been so successful - we're going to bundle up and continue meeting outdoors through October 18th!

On **Sunday, October 25th**, we're making another exciting transition to **Phase 3** - when we begin **REGATHERING INDOORS AT THREE LIQUID LOCATIONS** - in Morris County, Union County Mountainside, and Monmouth County for Worship Services. Notice, we've strategically selected a North, Central, and South location to give all Liquid attendees the opportunity to visit a location that's within a 20-25 minute drive. Services will be hosted Sundays at 9 & 11am in all locations.

This decision by Liquid's Senior Leadership to physically reopen select Liquid campuses for indoor worship services is made with great care. We based this decision on several factors, including:

- **Public School Reopening:** Reopening of NJ schools has been successful so far.
- **Government Restrictions:** Governor Murphy raised the indoor gathering limits to 150 people or 25% capacity for religious services.
- **NJ Covid Transmission Rates:** The physical health & safety of Liquid families remains our #1 priority. Currently, Covid transmission rates (hospitalizations & infections) remain stable in NJ.
- **Spiritual Well-Being:** We believe in-person worship can help combat the isolation, loneliness, and disconnection so many are feeling in this season.
- **Success Of Outdoor Events:** We've been monitoring our outdoor events, and

the successful implementation and compliance with our safety protocols is encouraging.

- **Facility Availability:** We aren't meeting at all 7 Liquid Campuses for good reason. As you know, four of our locations are portable, and we are unable to regather inside all schools at this time. As for Garwood - the facility is simply too small to ensure proper social distancing. Note that our Monmouth County Campus will be relocated to the Ocean Grove Youth Temple when we regather in October, instead of their former home at the Ocean Township High School.
- **Your Input:** We're grateful for the thousands of survey responses we received in June & September. More than 70% of respondents told us they are ready to return to church for indoor services in the weeks to come.

While we are thrilled to begin regathering for indoor services this Fall, we know these will look different from what we're used to. For one thing - we have a capacity limitation of 150 people (or less) per service. Attendees will notice there is no coffee served, no programs handed out, or offering buckets passed. These are all changes we're making to keep you safe. **The biggest adjustment is that LIQUID FAMILY WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE in-person for the rest of 2020.**

Can I be honest with you? The decision not to have Liquid Family in-person breaks our heart. We agonized over this. But, the truth is, toddlers are not built for social distancing! We can't envision a set-up that keeps both your children and our volunteers safe. Again, that is our #1 priority!

But - and this is a big BUT - I want you to know that our Liquid Family program is THRIVING! I'm so proud of our Liquid Family and Special Needs staff teams. We have amazing digital offerings for KIDS & PARENTS. And, we do have some IN-PERSON opportunities outside of Sunday planned for families. Turn to page 12 to get all the details on Liquid Family programming!

Now, to help us transition to this season of indoor gatherings, I want to share two important things with you. Keep reading to find our **CALENDAR OF EVENTS** for the rest of 2020 - we have several exciting opportunities for you to engage with us - digitally, outdoors, and indoors!

We also ask that you read our **SAFETY PROTOCOLS FOR REGATHERING**. We want your family to be able to make an informed decision about whether you're comfortable joining us in-person. If not - no worries - all our digital offerings via

Church Online continue full throttle and we'd be happy to have you join us online!

I'm so thankful for the time and energy invested by our Regathering Task Force and Leadership Team in prayerfully crafting these plans. But here's a caveat that I've shared before: I'm not an architect with a blueprint; rather, I'm a coach with a **GAME PLAN**. That means we have to remain flexible and willing to call different plays as the gametime conditions shift. We know the landscape of the COVID-19 pandemic is always changing and we'll adjust as needed to prioritize your health and safety.

That said, I'm optimistic we'll have some wonderful worship experiences together this Fall - and I know that each and every reunion will be sweet in the sight of Jesus!

See You Soon,

Pastor Tim





CALENDAR OF EVENTS

OCTOBER 2020

SAT,
OCTOBER 3

LIQUID FAMILY GO & GROW PICK-UP EVENT

Registered parents pickup your free "Go & Grow Box" for Toddlers to Middle Schoolers in Monmouth, Morris, or Union County from 9 - 11am. Kiddos can participate in touch-free "car wash" activities!

Learn More & Sign-up: LiquidChurch.com/GoGrowBox

SUN,
OCTOBER 4, 11, 18

LIQUID LIVE

Our Live Outdoor Worship Services have been extended for three weeks in October! Join us in Parsippany or Mountainside for live worship, live preaching, and amazing community.

Learn More & RSVP: LiquidChurch.com/LiquidLive

SAT,
OCTOBER 10

TEACHER APPRECIATION PACK-OUT

Assemble Teacher Appreciate Kits to help us honor NJ educators. Serve in Monmouth, Morris, and Union County. Sessions are just 45-minutes each and begin at 9, 10, & 11am.

Learn More & Sign-up: LiquidChurch.com/FallOutreachLineup

THU,
OCTOBER 22

THURSDAY NIGHT LIVE LAUNCH

For the first time, we're inviting the public to attend production of our Church Online service. Enjoy live worship, hosting, and the message, plus fun surprises. Hosted weekly on Thursdays at 7:30pm throughout 2020. Stay tuned for details.

SAT,
OCTOBER 24

TEACHER APPRECIATION DELIVERIES

It's time to make doorstep deliveries of our Teacher Appreciation Kits! Become a Mobile Missionary and help us honor NJ educators by surprising them with this gift from Liquid Church!

Registration Opens Oct. 11: LiquidChurch.com/FallOutreachLineup



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

OCTOBER 2020 (CONT'D)

**SAT-SUN,
OCTOBER 24-25**

THE CHOSEN LAUNCH

For 5 weeks, our church will watch *The Chosen*, the first-ever multi-season TV show about the life of Christ. Small Groups will pair the series with in-depth Bible study through the Gospel of Mark.

Join a Group: LiquidChurch.com/TheChosen

**SUN,
OCTOBER 25**

INDOOR WORSHIP SERVICES LAUNCH

Attend indoor services at three Liquid locations in Monmouth, Morris, & Union Counties. Enjoy live worship, preaching, and community in our traditional church setting. Sunday services at 9 & 11am in all locations throughout 2020.

**FRI, OCT 30
& NOV 6, 13, 20**

THE CHOSEN WATCH PARTIES

Before the message each Sunday, let's watch an episode of *The Chosen* together on Fridays at 7pm! After each digital Watch Party, we'll host a live chat where you can break into groups for a discussion.

Join The Watch Party: LiquidChurch.com/ChosenWatchParty

**SAT,
OCTOBER 31**

LIQUID FAMILY GO & GROW PICK-UP EVENT

Registered parents pickup your Liquid Family "Go & Grow Box" for Toddlers to Middle Schoolers in Monmouth, Morris, or Union County from 9 - 11am. Kiddos can come in costume for a Halloween Trunk-or-Treat! **Learn More & Sign-up:** LiquidChurch.com/GoGrowBox

ONGOING

MID-WEEK VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Opportunities to serve in Parsippany are available every Tuesday and Thursday in October. Assemble hygiene kits, prep supplies for Liquid Family, and more.

Sign-Up: LiquidChurch.com/FallOutreachLineup



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NOVEMBER 2020

**SAT,
NOVEMBER 14**

COAT DRIVE OUTREACH

Ensure the homeless and working poor have the warmth of a new coat this winter. Participate in a touchless coat drive (pop the trunk, we'll grab the coats). Stick around to socialize or receive prayer. Pumpkin painting activity available for kiddos. Stay tuned for additional details.

**SAT-SUN,
NOVEMBER 28, 29**

VISION WEEKEND

Join Liquid Church services either in-person or online for our annual Vision Weekend. Learn about our plans for 2021 and God's vision for our church. This is always an epic experience for our church family!

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DECEMBER 2020

**SAT,
DECEMBER 5**

LIQUID FAMILY GO & GROW PICK-UP EVENT

Registered parents pickup your "Go & Grow Box" for Toddlers to Middle Schoolers in Monmouth, Morris, or Union County from 9 - 11am. Kiddos can participate in Christmas activities.

Learn More & Sign-up: LiquidChurch.com/GoGrowBox

**DECEMBER
DATES COMING
SOON!**

CHRISTMAS OUTREACH

Look forward to an all-church outreach experience! Stay tuned for details.

**THU,
DECEMBER 24**

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

Join Liquid Church services in-person or online for our Christmas Eve experience. Stay tuned for details.



**All our digital events - from Church Online Services to Family Groups and Facebook Live Events will continue full throttle. If you're most comfortable joining us online, we'll be happy to host you!*



SAFETY PROTOCOLS FOR REGATHERING

PRIORITIZING THE HEALTH & SAFETY OF LIQUID FAMILIES:

We believe that one of the best ways to “love your neighbor” is to not get them sick. That means, we will always put the health and safety of the vulnerable ahead of benefits to the healthy. That is why we’ve created these safety protocols for all Liquid Church gatherings. Please read through them so you know what you can expect from us, and what we are asking of you.

WHAT TO EXPECT

FALL INDOOR SERVICES + OUTDOOR EVENTS:

Think of other people as more important than yourself. - Philippians 2:3

SELF-CHECK HEALTH ASSESSMENT



We’re asking YOU to self-check for COVID-19 symptoms (cough, fever, chills, muscle pain, difficulty breathing, sore throat, loss of taste or smell) and risk factors before attending any Liquid events. Please stay home if you are feeling unwell or if you’ve been in contact with anyone with COVID-19 in the last 14 days before attending any indoor services or Liquid events.

TEMPERATURE CHECKS



To keep you safe, all staff and volunteers are required to receive temperature checks upon arrival, and we reserve the right to temperature check all guests. Anyone registering 100.4 or higher will be asked to leave.

MASKS



It is required that all attendees (2 and older per CDC guidelines) bring and wear a mask for both indoor services and outdoor events. Masks must be worn throughout each event or service. Remember: Wearing a mask is not a political statement-- we wear masks as a way to demonstrate Christ's love, respect, and care for our most vulnerable neighbors.

SOCIAL DISTANCING



We will work to create environments conducive to social distancing and we ask that all individuals / families remain at least 6-feet apart from others during any indoor services or Liquid events. We're trading-in hugs, handshakes, and high-fives for exuberant waves to old friends!

HAND SANITIZER STATIONS



Hand sanitizer stations will be provided at indoor services and Liquid Church events.

FOOD & DRINK



We won't be serving any coffee at our indoor services or providing food at Liquid events, and we ask that you don't bring any outside food or drink with you. Since you can't eat or drink with a mask on, we believe this is best for everyone's safety and comfort levels. Bottled water is an exception - stay hydrated!



Liquid Church is committed to following all state and local authorities' directives and CDC guidelines. Our Liquid guidelines will be continually modified to follow any new directives.



LIQUID FAMILY PROGRAMMING

Liquid Family may not be regathering in-person for weekly worship services in 2020, but our Liquid Family program is thriving! We have amazing digital offerings for KIDS & PARENTS. And, we do have some IN-PERSON opportunities outside of Sunday planned for families. Here are a few options for you to get involved:

WEEKLY CURRICULUM



Every week you can find video Bible lessons for your child online at LiquidChurch.com/Kids. We have lessons for every age and stage, plus extra videos, resources, and guides to help your children grow in relationship with Jesus.

FAMILY ONLINE GROUPS



We want to see your child's smiling face, continue building relationships with them, and teach them about Jesus! That's why we have Online Groups every Sunday at 9 & 11am for Toddlers - Middle Schoolers. Sign-up and we'll see you on Zoom! LiquidChurch.com/Kids

"GO & GROW BOXES" + PICK-UP EVENTS



This Fall we're providing FREE "Go & Grow Boxes" to families with kids from Toddlers to Middle School. Register to get your box at LiquidChurch.com/GoGrowBox. Each box contains all the supplies needed to enjoy BONUS content that complements our weekly Liquid Family programming. Plus - each month we're hosting themed Pick-Up Events with activities designed for your kids!

- Saturday, October 3 - Theme: Touch-Free "Car Wash"
- Saturday, October 31 - Theme: Trunk-Or-Treat (wear a costume!)
- Saturday, December 5 - Theme: Christmas Countdown

PARENT DEVOTIONAL



Text “liquidparents” to 94090 to get our Parent Devotional sent to you each weekday morning. Enjoy powerful, original content written by our staff parents. Start your day with a word of encouragement!

SPECIAL NEEDS PARENT RESPITE



For families of children with special needs, we’re hosting very small respite groups on Sunday afternoons in Morris & Union Counties. Our Special Needs Coordinators are connecting with families personally so that these parents may receive some time to rest, rejuvenate, or run errands this Fall.

Plus, we have much more in production! Our team is passionate about partnering with parents - we want to support YOU and YOUR CHILDREN in this unprecedented season. Find real community, powerful curriculum, and exciting events with Liquid Family!



