

Anthem Camarillo Location Update

We are really excited to share that after a lot of waiting, prayer, discussion and counsel we will be moving forward into the Boys and Girls Club on June 6th!!!

You may notice that we are using the phrase move forward, rather than move back. That is intentional. No matter what we do, we cannot “*go back* to the way things were”. Our church has changed: folks have moved, new families have joined us, and we’ve created some new habits we are excited about. So we are moving forward as a church. You may remember that earlier this year we shared the vision that we were entering into a rebuilding season as a church. That is going to be important for us as we move forward into the Boys and Girls Club on June 6th .

Moving indoors will help us push our vision forward in three areas:

- It will give us an opportunity to grow in stability, consistency and reliability all of which has been difficult for the past 15 months.
- It will allow us to be a visible presence in our community.
- It will allow us the ability to begin Anthem Kids where our kids can learn about Jesus with their peers together.

With these exciting opportunities, come what may feel like inconveniences or costs of the change. We are coming into the Boys and Girls Club as renters, which has required us to work with the city and club to come up with appropriate guidelines which have been submitted and approved.

We understand that within our church there are those who have been vaccinated, and those who have not or will not. We know there are those that are against masking and those that are for it. We are glad that God has brought all different types of people to call Anthem home. As we strive to be a church that honors, loves, and glorifies Jesus, one of the ways we are trying to do this is by being considerate of those who have different opinions from us.

When we consider welcoming new people into our gatherings, we want to make sure that we are a considerate room, treating others more significant than ourselves. This will not be easy, and we need the Lord’s help to eagerly maintain unity and the bond of peace.

We are excited for what the Lord has in store for us, and we hope to see you on June 6th at 10am at the Boys and Girls Club!

Details/Expectations Starting June 6th

How many gatherings? For the duration of the Summer we are planning on one gathering with hopes of multiplying to two gatherings in the Fall.

Where? The gathering will be in the main room, and kids will break out into the classrooms.

Livestream will Continue

Students: Will have breakouts the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month as they have been for our students.

Worship, Prayer and Testimony Nights

We have loved our worship prayer and testimony nights, and will be incorporating significant portions into our gathering on Sundays. We will be employing a greater emphasis on corporate prayer on the 2nd Sunday of the month, and giving a significant portion of our gathering to testimonies on the last Sunday of the month.

Additionally, we will do a **Family Style Sunday** on the last Sunday of the month, where Elementary and up will stay in the gathering with us. We realize the importance and challenge of having kids in the gathering with us, but believe this is instrumental in helping train our kids that they are a part of this church and that they belong.

Masks

Renting space from the Boys and Girls Club comes with these guideline ... That masks are worn coming, going, and while singing *if* distancing isn't possible. We do not see this as a substantive change from what we are currently doing, as there will be ample space in the main room for proper distancing.

Kindergarten - 5th grade,, as is the case in schools, and other activities indoors right now, will be asked to wear a mask, as social distancing is not realistic.(If this is something you are uncomfortable with, you are welcome to keep your kids in the main gathering with you.)

Bathrooms

Bathrooms will be available but will ask that we try and keep it to one family at a time.

Needs

Anthem Kids

Our hope is that we would be able to offer Anthem Kids in full with modifications.

We need nine volunteers per Sunday to effectively lead Anthem Kids each week. Since we are only doing one gathering throughout the Summer our hopes is that we would have approximately 30 volunteers so that people might serve 1x a month.

Currently we only have 8 committed volunteers, so if we have hopes of being fully operational on June 6th we need to see that number increase dramatically.

If you are excited about Anthem Kids, would you please consider volunteering 1x a month.

Reach out to Nicole.raden@anthemchurch.org

Setup

Carlos Amaro has graciously and faithfully headed up our setup team. As we move forward to the Boys and Girls Club we are going to continue to need volunteers in the space so that we do not burn out our current volunteers. These volunteers play a really important role in helping create a hospitable atmosphere where folks can come worship and grow in their relationship with Jesus. Please consider volunteering to serve at least 1x a month. Reach out to Carlos Amaro here carlosamaro001@gmail.com