

November/December 2021 Survey at RRCC

[filled out at church; mailed to church]

1. Every Sunday beginning March 22, 2020 RRCC has offered online Sunday worship opportunities through zoom. Have you taken advantage of our online worship? **Yes 43 13 No 4 1**

If not, why not?

- a. I have no internet access. **1**
- b. I have internet, but couldn't get zoom to work on my device(s).
- c. I could use zoom if I wanted to, but don't like worshipping that way. **4**

2. In your opinion, how important will it be for RRCC to continue offering online worship and online meeting options after the health crisis has ended?

- a. extremely important **27 7**
- b. somewhat important **15 6**
- c. not necessary at all **3**

3. How might RRCC use our improved online capabilities to do more to fulfill our mission of "embracing our neighbors with Christ-like love"?

- Difficult
- Advertise in a local paper and on the church sign
- Maybe more commentary on facebook
- Provide streaming option on website for anyone that wants to attend, not necessarily zoom
- Access to more people
- Perhaps advertise our online services
- Offer this survey to online people through a "google Forms" document
- Have online events
- Need to think on this more
- Advertise, social media
- I don't know where or how it could be promoted, but would be nice if there was an avenue to do so.
- Advertise it
- Experiment with new camera angles and other enhancements in worship; offer frequent small group study, fellowship, and worship opportunities
- Keep your website up to date
- Online should continue forever

- Offer to neighbors
- Open online to all. Have neighborhood outside worship and luncheon.
- By being available to help people who have trouble with their computers. Please make it where we can understand it.
- Make option known outside congregation to encouraged potential members sampling service
- Reaching out to others with plenty of notices
- Capabilities to show friends online services in hopes they might be interested in attending RRCC
- No idea
- Perhaps through flyers let our neighborhood know of our dual worship opportunities. Our neighborhood needs to hear from us. Cleaning up the yard and adding to our sign that we are open would put us back on their radar.
- Communicate with neighbors—invite participation in worship and online classes/events; consider offering a technical support/training class; highlight our online activities on our website
- Advertise more
- We do need to encourage families, youth, and those struggling; include myself in doing more
- Better “advertise” RRCC’s opportunities online; contact RR Leader re: possible article or buy block in paper to “advertise” services offered; explore contacting nearby businesses/medical caregiver resources to share RRCC offerings that they might share with their patients/customers, clients, etc

4. If you have worshiped with us via zoom, circle all statements that are true for you:

- a. Zoom was relatively easy to learn how to use. **37 13**
- b. Zoom has been a big challenge to try to use. **1**
- c. Zoom is pretty easy to use, but I don’t really like it. **5**
- d. Worshiping via zoom has become less and less satisfying in recent months. **10 2**
- e. I find that worshiping via zoom can be very relaxing & enjoyable. **23 10**
Compared to not coming in person due to caregiver responsibilities and concerns; I am thankful for the added option of zoom
- f. I think zoom worship is as satisfying or even more satisfying than in-person worship. **5 3** due to distance

5. How much did RRCC leadership, statements, and practices influence your decision whether or not to receive the COVID-19 vaccine?

- a. no influence **31 10**
- b. some influence **7 2**
- c. great influence **5**

6. Which of the following statements best reflects your perspective?

- a. The decisions of our church leadership regarding safety measures and procedures have been appropriate. **32 10**
- b. Safety measures and procedures at RRCC have been too restrictive. **9 2***
*[one said] If they are still what is shown online.
- c. Safety measures and procedures at RRCC have been too relaxed.

7. Regarding the previous question, has your perspective changed over time? In other words, would your answer to the previous question depend, for example, upon whether you were thinking about July of 2020 or July of 2021? If so, please explain.

- No
- In July I would have been an a.; now it's b.
- No
- I think the safety measures have adapted appropriately through time
- A week ago I would have said we're too restrictive, but with waves of increased infections, I feel we have been appropriate
- Became way way outdated
- Got tired of mask restrictions
- Perspective has only become more informed with science and data—the church's response has been appropriate considering our congregation
- The church was somewhat slow to react to the Delta variant, but has been excellent since
- At first, I thought we were too restricted. However, if I thought about the makeup of our congregation, I came to the conclusion that best be safe than sorry. I preferred the highest of restriction.
- No
- Yes, as shots have been made available, I feel the need for fellowship and gathering together is more important
- Somewhat. We should have come back sooner.
- No

- No change at present
- No. The same over time.
- Perspective has changed, but so has guidance along with mine
- Restrictions have been somewhat extreme, but given our population, understandable
- My perspective has changed, but the safety measures have changed with it
- No. I think it was handled well.
- No, I felt it was always appropriate to the time
- No change in perspective
- Perspective remains the same
- [answered a. to previous question, thinking of July 2020] But now December 2021 seems too restrictive; I thought getting the vaccine allowed each of us to be with each other and without masks
- No
- I have been so focused on school and helping my mother (who has now passed away) that I am not sure if I know the safety measures. I was hoping to attend tomorrow, 12/5 but online shows that I must register first, somewhere; I guess I cannot attend even though I want to
- Yes; in 2020, the decisions were most appropriate; in 2021 they were perhaps a little restrictive though did not impact my ability to return to the building; rather my reasons to worship from home were due to other situations with family
- It has not changed
- No
- Most all have been vaccinated and if not have a reason to just wear a mask or watch online [thinking of July of 2021]
- A little—I wish we could have used the building classrooms sooner

8. How did the health crisis impact your participation in RRCC worship and other congregational activities?

- None or very little, since the leadership made appropriate adjustment along the way
- Made me miss Sunday School
- No impact
- It has impacted my participation with in-person activities for fear that I could spread COVID through my job to church
- We were glad to use zoom

- Felt isolated
- Wearing masks took some time to get comfortable with
- Mask policy limited involvement
- Less interaction. Less enjoyment.
- I kept participating as best I could
- It was very different going to zoom, but I felt zoom was also very intimate
- Limited choir activity, but with Randy and Jimmy's assist, we came through with creativeness and actually provided some new experiences for people, ie., recording in a studio
- It didn't
- I missed being together
- Missed some in person activities. I think we should relax some small group restrictions.
- Mainly no. In person, worship, and meetings.
- None, but glad to be back in church
- Participated in all worship offered
- Kept me away, as it did for all of us for a year, except zoom
- Very little
- Very depressing. Divided the country.
- I continued to participate in all activities that were offered via zoom. I missed the eating and fellowship opportunities that we could offer.
- Curtailed some. Fortunately some could be worked around.
- Didn't
- It put limits
- Less
- I missed the worship with other people
- It slowed everything
- Not at all
- The same as everyone's
- Made it more difficult, but difficulties were dealt with and overcome
- Restrictive
- No significant impact
- Missed being with others. Fellowship. Missed music.
- It was disappointing to take so long to return
- The world health crisis—I participated in whatever method was available. Family health crises have restricted us to online worship
- Very little impact

- I flowed with the process. Actually liked not having to drive—could just click in at 11 a.m.
- It allowed me to start attending; before zoom, we were too far away to attend
- Great impact
- I attended online some times that I might not have been able to attend in person
- It didn't
- In 2020, the new worship thru zoom was a little different and I missed seeing everyone in person and participating in choir; in 2021, it's not been the health crisis impacting me; it's been other situations impacting my participation
- Was not comfortable around others. Zoom only! Was wonderful!
- None

9. How did the health crisis impact your spiritual, mental, and physical health?

- I practiced resiliency
- It made me just feel isolated.
- Exceptionally draining and frustrating
- We are all spiritually, mentally, and physically drained, but participating in church helps
- Felt lonely at times, but zoom worship and meeting were a good substitute
- Some impact. Missed my church family.
- Stress
- Spiritual—definitely relied more on God. Physical—no change. Mental—exhausting (too many unknowns and variables).
- It has been stressful, especially for my sponsor
- Mentally tough on me. Physically tough, with weight gain and lack of exercise at a gym.
- It's been stressful mentally and physically; if anything, it has helped my spiritual health
- Was lacking
- I missed being together, but would have been lost without any worship at all
- Not much change
- Mentally challenging. Online opportunities have been a blessing.
- Most affected was physical

- Spent more time in prayer
- Yes, less connection with other worshipper and the work of the church
- More time to spend on spiritual. However, mental anguish, depression, were experienced. Less exercise has yielded weak muscles.
- More stress
- Feeling more anxious about my health and what is going on in the world
- None
- Somewhat
- It made me do some extra spiritual work
- Didn't
- Facilitated introspection
- Increased anxiety, frustration, anger, and disappointment
- Very depressing. Divided the country.
- It was tough in some ways, but I think I handled it reasonably well
- Mentally and spiritually, it was tough to be separated from the support of real people
- No problems at all
- Mainly spiritually and mentally because of no in-person worship and meetings
- It has been draining emotionally, especially separation from family. the availability of vaccines lifted much of the anxiety, but the first year was extremely anxious; being together (virtually) with church family was a vital lifeline
- No effect
- It slowed down the pace of life which was good; life was not the rat race on a daily basis
- Impacted me spiritually and mentally
- My nephew committed suicide in April of 2020. My mom delayed medical care due to COVID; she did not have her needed follow up scans and has now died of metastatic breast cancer
- My spiritual life increased—increased prayer time; mental health was taxing only because of so many unknowns and constantly changing info; was hard not being in touch with family and friends in person for over a year; physically, no real change due to health crisis
- Lack of fellowship and keeping in touch with others
- It has been difficult
- It frustrates me greatly to have such difficulty making social contacts

10. If you have any other comments, please share them here.

- Thank for you flexibility with everything. Keep GB meetings virtual.
- More outside opportunities. Trunk or Treat was a missed opportunity.
- I think it's time to bring small groups and luncheons back. We know how to be safe and mitigate health protocols. We need some fellowship activities—Trunk n Treat, Breakfast with Santa, etc.
- I think this church has done an excellent job meshing the two worlds of in-person/online together
- Thanks for the opportunity to offer comments
- Glad to have such dedicated leadership
- Love this place
- I think this church should take a more conservative stand and move far from the left view
- Thank you Gary Collier for all your hard work. You are appreciated.
- Thanks to all who pivoted with the crisis to keep RRCC together and moving forward! --Susan Kessler
- I would like for our congregation to have their own choice to wear or not wear a mask. I prefer not to wear one. That's what the vaccine was all about. I want the choice. I use no mask since April 2021 --Susan Putnam
- Made communication more important
- I've been well impressed with the church's continuity in all areas
- My mother was at home until she passed away on 11-22-2021. After my second to last stretch of being with her and helping, I drove back to Georgetown Sunday, November 14. It was comforting to be "with" my church family while heading back, knowing that my mom would die soon
- I am so glad to have zoom available—it has been a real blessing and to see how hard the team has worked to make improvement has been rewarding