

CHAIR POLICY – AUDITORIUM – SUNDAY MORNINGS

Policy: Each Sunday morning, ² a long row of plastic chairs is to be placed behind the blue chairs. Stacks of extra plastic chairs are placed at the rear wall just to the right of the Hall Doors. These chairs are only put out once the front rows are filled up. Exceptions are made for those with prams and wheelchairs or other special needs or occasions.

Reasons: Unless we encourage people to move toward the front, we create congestion in the rear of the auditorium when the majority of people arrive for the 9am service.

Our objective is to be a grace-based church that welcomes everyone, especially those who are visitors. Yes, people arrive late. Yes, people are more comfortable sitting towards the back. But the reality is that people will be late and we can't change that. We should do everything we can to welcome people. If enough room is left in the rear of the auditorium, then when the wave of people arrive @ 9am and later, we can set out more chairs for them. We realize this disturbs those in the very back but they have chosen to sit there for their own reasons and this will have to be one factor they will have to contend with.

Implementation: The Deacons will encourage and maintain this policy by gently explaining the reasons and insuring that this policy is adhered to.