



Dear Members and Friends of First Baptist Church,

We are delighted to announce that we will regather physically for our morning church services beginning **Sunday, June 21**. Here are some information items to consider as we prepare to meet.

YOUR SAFETY

We have established a rigorous program of cleaning and social distancing so you can feel safe as you join us again. However, if you feel you are not quite ready to return, we understand and will support you in your choices. We will continue to livestream our morning services so you can still participate from your home.

TWO SERVICES

In order to accommodate all of our congregation with safe social-distancing practices, we will schedule two morning services for the foreseeable future. Our service times will be **9:00 and 10:30**. We will have shortened services so we can clean our auditorium between the two services.

CHOOSE YOUR SERVICE TIME

We need to limit the number of people in each service to provide for proper social distancing. Therefore, we are asking you to tell us which service you prefer to attend and how many people will be in your group. You can tell us your preference in two ways:

1. Use the online Eventbrite program.

Click [here](#) to access the online Eventbrite program. You can also access it through our "Choose Your Service Time" button on our church [website](#) or through our church [Facebook page](#). Follow the steps to enter your preferred service and the number of people in your group. This program will actually generate tickets for you and your family, but you do not need tickets to attend our services. We use this program simply to let you choose your preference and tell us how many are coming.

2. Contact Don Anderson.

You may also contact Don Anderson, one of our deacons, to choose your service time. You can reach him by [email](#) or at 515.306.0095.

Please note these important matters about choosing your service time.

1. You can choose the service you prefer to attend, but we may need to ask some of you to attend the other service to balance out our numbers. If you are willing to attend either service, please indicate that when you choose your service time.

2. You need to choose your service preference only once, not every week. When you choose your service, we ask you to continue with that choice as long as we have two services. If, however, you find you need to change to a different service, please contact one of the deacons listed at the bottom of this letter.
3. If you have questions about choosing your service preference through Eventbrite, you may contact Don Anderson.

ILLNESS OR TEMPERATURE

If you or a member of your family feels ill or has an elevated temperature, we ask you to remain at home and worship with us online.

PARKING

If you attend the 9:00 service, we ask you to park in back of the church. Do not use the back entrance but rather walk to the front entrance to enter our building. If you attend the 10:30 service, we ask you to park to the side of our building and again enter through the front entrance. This arrangement will allow us to use the back door only for exiting and thereby avoid people coming and going through the back entrance.

FACE COVERINGS

We ask you to wear a face covering while entering and leaving our building. When everyone is seated in the auditorium and socially distanced from each other, you may remove your face covering if you are comfortable in doing so. We will have face masks for those who do not bring one.

ENTERING AND EXITING THE BUILDING

The front doors of the building will be open as you come up the steps so you can enter without touching the handles. A deacon will be at the front door to answer any questions. Hand sanitizer will be available in the foyer. Please do not congregate in the foyer but rather move right into the auditorium. A deacon will meet you and direct you to a socially-distanced seating area.

At the end of the service, a deacon will dismiss you by groups, so we do not have people backing up at the exit door. Exit through the door by the piano and then through the main back door.

If you need to use the chair lift, you will enter and exit by the east back door.

NURSERY AND CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Our nursery will be available for your use, but it will not be staffed. We will not have any children's programs during the morning services. This may mean that our services could be a little noisier, but we will enjoy all being together again.

OFFERING

We will not pass the offering plates. You can continue to give online, or you can put your offering in the offering plate on the communion table as you leave the service.

RESTROOMS

We are reserving the upper-level restrooms for those attending the 9:00 service and the lower-level restrooms for those attending the 10:30 service. In this way we do not need to clean the restrooms between services. For safety's sake, we desire to limit the use of our restrooms as much as possible.

1. Have your children use the restroom before leaving home.
2. Limit restroom use to one person at a time or a parent with a child.
3. Wash your hands thoroughly after using the restroom.
4. When you are finished, spray the handles and anything you touch, and use a disinfectant wipe to open the door to leave.

If you have any questions, please call one of the deacons below. We look forward to seeing you soon.

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