

REOPENING FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH KIDS MINISTRY

- The goal is to open Wednesday **TeamKIDS** and **Preteen Power** on September 9 from 6-7 p.m. as planned. We are still looking for Preteen Power Leaders.
- The goal is to resume **Sunday School** September 20, 2020 from 9:30-10:30. This will be the first Sunday that all workers will be available. A minimum of two additional workers are needed for us to abide by our own two worker per room rule.
- **Kids Worship** is scheduled to begin September 20, 2020 at 8:15 and 10:45 a.m. After a month, we will evaluate and decide whether to go to one service. As of September 2nd, we have enough Lead Teachers to begin, but we need four Adults to simply be in the room on a rotating basis.
- **Bible Battle** leaders have asked not to begin until we see how the opening of Sunday School goes. One additional Adult is needed for us to use separate rooms for each age group. Distancing as required by COVID-19 requires us to use more rooms than we did last Spring.

To be considerate of both workers and kids and keep everyone as safe as possible, we will have some new guidelines as we reopen Kids Ministry at First Baptist.

THE FACILITIES:

1. Tables and chairs will be sanitized between sessions.

ARRIVAL & DROP-OFF

1. All Kids Leaders and Volunteers will be required to wear face masks/covering while serving in the Kids ministry area. They will answer questions and have their temperature taken upon arrival.
2. Grades 1-6 Kids will also wear face masks/covering in the halls and when in close contact with other kids in the room.
3. We ask that only one parent accompany their child to the Kids Ministry area for drop-off, where they will be taken to their room. We are asking parents to also wear a mask/covering in the stairway and halls when dropping off their kids.
4. **KIDS WORSHIP** - If your children are coming to Kids Worship during the first service, they will be taken to their Sunday School rooms after it ends. If they are attending the second service Kids Worship, they will be taken to Kids Worship after Sunday School.

5. Please come to the second floor using the stairway located in the first floor Welcome Center - next to the Worship Center. Social distancing will be encouraged as families arrive to the Kids Ministry area.
6. When you arrive at the Second Floor “Kids Welcome Center,” the parent will need to answer a few questions for each child (below), have the child’s temperature taken with a touchless thermometer and have them use hand sanitizer before they will be taken to their room by a volunteer.
 - *Has your child shown any symptoms of COVID-19 in the past 14 days?*
 - *In the last 48 hours, has there been any ...
Fever greater than 100? Chest Congestion? Shortness of Breath? Diarrhea?*
 - *Has your child been exposed to anyone who has been diagnosed with or tested for COVID-19 within the last 14 days?*
 - *Will your child have a problem self-regulating (follow the policies and procedures as related to COVID-19)*
7. Kids will not be allowed to bring personal items (handbags, backpacks, tote bags, toys, blankets, etc.) into the area. They are encouraged to bring their Bibles to church, but to remove covers/totes before arrival.

DURING THE SESSION:

1. To reduce handling of classroom doorknobs, doors will be left open.
2. Social distancing recommendations (6’ distancing) will be encouraged both outside and inside the classrooms.
3. Hand sanitizing will be used upon arrival and encouraged several times during the session. Anyone leaving the room will be required to use hand sanitizer immediately upon return.
4. Session plans and teaching practices will be used that meet COVID-19 precautionary practices (no food related activities, encouraged social distancing, reduce the use of multiple touched resources).
5. Anyone who exhibits COVID-19 like symptoms or has other issues during the session will be isolated and a parent called.

PICK-UP:

1. Only one parent should return to the Kids Ministry for pick-up and do so at the designated pick up area – the Kids Ministry Welcome Center, with social distancing encouraged. A volunteer will bring your child to the Welcome Center.
2. Please pick up your 1st-3rd Graders immediately after the end of Sunday School or Worship. 4th-6th graders will be allowed to meet their parents.
3. Everyone should use the stairs leading to the Worship Center.

FOLLOWING THE SESSION:

If there is evidence that a child or adult leader could have been exposed to the COVID virus while part of our Sunday programming, we will contact parents in that ministry by email as soon as possible. Please make sure that the church has your most current email by contacting your child's ministry leader.

Remember: Everything is subject to adjustments or change.