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A SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE PLAN FOR REOPENING SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH

Helping people worship safely by significantly increasing the number and nature of our worship services. Our goal is to minister effectively to each person's soul while carefully protecting each others well-being.

SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH
301 S. Hamilton Street - Ypsilanti, MI 48197
Rev. George W. Waddles, Jr., Pastor



OUR NEW SEASON

The COVID-19 pandemic has made life changes for the entire world. As followers of Jesus Christ, we must remember His promise, *"Keep your life free from the love of money. Be satisfied with what you have, for he himself has said, **I will never leave you or abandon you.**"* Hebrews 13:5 (CSB).

While living with COVID-19, a clear realization must be recognized that we cannot go back to the way we were before. Our changing public health landscape requires us to make significant changes in order to comply and heed healthcare leaders' instructions to keep it from entering our midst.

I am proud to say that SBC members, leaders, SecTech and staff have been faithful in doing our best to continue ministry using methods that protect the health and well-being of everyone in our church and the community. Please note that our guidelines may have to be amended as we open gradually for in-person events. Thank you for your continued patience and support. Second is currently operating with the following priorities in mind:

- Protect the health and safety of all in our church family and community,
- Err on the side of safety when making all decisions,
- Reopen our ministries slowly in a gradual manner, and
- Be flexible as conditions ebb and flow over the next several months.

On March 12, 2020 we started complying with Governor Whitmer's "Stay at Home" order. We canceled our public worship services, meetings, events, and fellowships. The governor's executive orders restricting gatherings have all been lifted. Out of an abundance of caution we have decided to open in-person worship with 50 persons per Sunday initially.

Based upon current vaccination data we plan to reopen on Sunday, July 25th with 50 pre-registered fully vaccinated persons.

IN-PERSON WORSHIP

We encourage unvaccinated individuals and those with health conditions that put them at higher risk for contracting COVID-19 to remain at home and continue worshipping with us online.

If you wish to join us for in-person worship, you can register by sending an email to info@sbcypsi.org or if you don't have email calling (734) 483-4342, extension 100. This will be first come, first served. If you do not get registered for your requested Sunday, your name will be added for the next available Sunday's list. Notifications will be sent by email or phone call. You can register for Sunday July 25th starting on Sunday, July 18th after 3:00 PM. Each Sunday in August will follow the same pattern of 50 pre-registered fully vaccinated persons. Registration will open each Sunday at 3:00 PM and will close on Thursdays at 12:00 PM. If you are not feeling well or are experiencing symptoms of illness, please remain at home and let the office know so someone else may attend in your place.

Some of the immediate changes that will be implemented upon our physical/onsite/in-person return will include:

- Those attending in-person worship **must** provide proof of vaccination upon entrance.
- Those entering SBC will be required to have their temperature taken before being seated and are required to provide and wear a mask or face covering throughout service.
- Those attending are asked to arrive 15 minutes prior to worship service (by 10:30 a.m.).
- Those attending in-person worship service will enter and exit Second Baptist through the Hamilton Street entrance only.
- Seating will be socially-distanced. Families living in the same home may sit together.
- No seating available in the balcony.

IN-PERSON WORSHIP

- The vestibule restrooms will be the only accessible restrooms.
- Please, no hugging, shaking hands or physical touch.
- There will be designated seating for 5 visitors, who may randomly stop by SBC for worship, provided they are fully vaccinated and have their cards.
- Bulletins and sermon handouts will be available online. Printed copies will be on a table in the vestibule.
- Please bring Your Own Personal Bible and Handheld Fan. If you use a fan from the Sanctuary, you should take it with you.
- We will not be serving refreshments or coffee.
- We will not pass items like offering plates, microphones or communion trays. In-person offering will take place at the end of service upon dismissal. Members may contribute online, by drop off or mail as well.
- New Members' Orientation Class, Church School, Ministry Meetings, Wednesday Night Live and Bible Study will meet online only for now.

Feel free to communicate if there are ways we can serve you and those you love more effectively. We look forward to the day when we can return to normal church life.

ONLINE WORSHIP

Starting at 10:45 AM on Sundays, worship service can be accessed live on our Facebook page, "Second Baptist Church of Ypsilanti" or on our YouTube channel "SBCYPSI".

Services can be accessed thereafter on our YouTube channel and Ann Arbor's local TV (local Comcast residents only), channel 17, on Thursdays at 5:00 p.m.



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- We will resume baptism of only fully vaccinated individuals.
- Occupancy signs will be posted in common areas/computer lab/ sanctuary/ entrances, etc.
- Social distancing will be practiced at all times.
- Care & Share distribution will be done in the parking lot until further notice.
- Those entering SBC throughout the week must provide and wear a mask; Team SBC will be wearing mask when conversing with or assisting membership and visitors onsite.
- Anyone with a temperature higher than 100 degrees, a persistent cough, or recent exposure to illness will not be allowed entrance and will be encouraged to seek medical treatment.



MINISTRY TO THE MOST VULNERABLE

Caring for those in vulnerable groups is one of our chief concerns. To serve those who may need special care we offer the following:



- Online worship services.
- Audio worship services by phone through our Prayer call line, dial (734) 483-4342 code #275, pin number 7335.
- Regular phone calls.
- Pastoral visits by request.
- Video conference counseling, mentoring, and consultation by request.

If you or someone you love is in need of these or other services, you can contact one of our deacons, call the church office or email info@sbcypsi.org.

DO wear a fabric mask safely.

- ✓ Always wash your hands before and after wearing a mask.
- ✓ Use the ties or loops to put your mask on and pull it off.
- ✓ Don't touch the front of the mask, especially when you take it off.
- ✓ Put on and remove your mask while inside your home. Public transportation, elevators and stairwells can be high-contamination areas.
- ✓ Wash and dry your cloth mask daily and keep it in a clean, dry place.
- ✓ Remember that masks offer only limited protection and work best in combination with hand washing and physical distancing.

DON'T: Wear the mask below your nose.

DON'T: Leave your chin exposed.

DON'T: Wear your mask loosely with gaps on the sides.

DON'T: Wear your mask so it covers just the tip of your nose.

DON'T: Push your mask under your chin to rest on your neck.



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We now text happenings through our SBC Mobile App. Many of you have already installed it and are using its many features including read-out-loud Daily Bible Readings, Prayer Request & Media OnDemand. To ensure you stay connected, install the App today. We are here to help. [You may contact Rev. Wardell Jones or Deacon Maurice Jordan for help.](#)