

**UPDATED REGATHERING GUIDELINES for GROUPS**  
**February 23, 2021**

Over the past year, our rhythms of small group connections have been put on pause, have restarted with new meeting times and places, and have adjusted to space and guideline limitations within our facility. As we have made these adjustments, we are now able to move to a twice-a-month Sunday morning on-campus rotation for those groups that desire this schedule. Several groups are still making the valid decision to meet virtually or at times other than Sunday morning.

Regardless of the size of your group, the number of times you meet each month, the day you meet, or whether you meet on-campus or off-campus, please know that all of our groups are very important to our church and crucial to our mission of “making disciples for the glory of God!”

*\*Please note that these plans are subject to further development.*

- **Sunday Morning Rotations: Beginning March 7** (1<sup>st</sup> Sunday), the new schedule given below will begin. The assigned Sundays consider the current average attendance to balance the number of people in rooms, hallways, and children’s ministry availability. The assigned room will provide opportunity for social distancing based on these same averages. *Keep the following info in mind as you plan your gathering:*
  - **Groups may meet at any time from 9 a.m. to noon on their assigned Sunday.**
  - **Children’s ministry/childcare is only available from 10:45 to noon.**
  - **Various restrooms may be closed between 10:10 and 10:30 for sanitizing.** (*Worship Center will also be closed from 10:10 to 10:45 for sanitizing.*)
  - **FBC will not provide any food/beverages or serving equipment/supplies.**
- **Rotation Schedule:** Dates are provided for the month of March. Until further notice, the schedule will continue on the same Sunday each month.

**TWICE-A-MONTH GROUPS**

**1<sup>ST</sup> & 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAYS (March 7 and 21)**

- Dunn/Walton – Room 105/107 (Choir Rm)
- Warren – Room 124/125
- Samuel – Room 126
- Blevins (ladies) – Room 182
- Mitchell (ladies) – Room 184
- Cleghorn – Room 185
- S. Trammell – Room 187
- Wright – Faith Hall B (stage side)

**2<sup>ND</sup> & 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAYS (March 14 and 28)**

- Clark/Oliver – Room 105/107 (Choir Rm)
- A. Trammell – Room 184
- Hispanic Ladies #1 – Room 182
- Hispanic Ladies #2 – Room 186
- Hispanic Men #1 – Room 185
- Hispanic Men #2 – Room 187
- Shaw/Adair – Faith Hall B (stage side)

**ONCE-A-MONTH GROUPS**

**2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAYS (March 14)**

- Moore – Room 124/125

**4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAYS (March 28)**

- Smith – Room 124/125

**OTHER GROUPS**

- Groups not listed are meeting on a regular schedule at various other times either on-campus, off-campus at various homes, or via Zoom.

## ADDITIONAL GROUP MEETINGS

- **Scheduling Other Group Meeting Times:** We encourage groups to **continue meeting at other times** in-person or through platforms such as Zoom. One or two meetings a month may not provide the study and connection time needed for discipleship growth. **Groups may still meet on campus at other times during the week.** It will be the responsibility of the Small Group Leader(s) to schedule a space, day, and time for their group to meet.
- **Space Utilization:** Choosing to follow social distancing recommendations limits the number of our rooms available for use. Rooms will be sanitized and setup to meet distancing recommendations. Each scheduled group will be assigned a location that will provide the ability to comply to recommendations if participants desire to do so while accommodating the anticipated number of participants. *\*Please be sensitive to the level of comfortableness of each attendee and honor their personal choice in regard to distancing, masks, etc.*
- **Kids & Students:** At this time, **we are not able to provide childcare other than on Sunday mornings from 10:45 a.m. to noon.** Children and students may attend with their parents but must be included in the numbers to comply with room size and distancing recommendations. Additional rooms may not be used for children or students unless previous arrangements have been made with the Biblical Education office. It is the responsibility of the Small Group Leader(s) to ensure that guidelines involving children are followed.
- **Masks:** It is encouraged, but **not mandated**, that masks/face coverings be worn when the 6-ft recommended distancing recommendation cannot be maintained.
- **Parking (other than Sunday a.m.):** Upon scheduling a meeting day and time, a parking area and a single designated entry point will be assigned to each group.
- **Restrooms:** Access to at least one set of restrooms will be available for each scheduled group.
- **Food:** At this time, FBC will not prepare or serve food or drinks for small groups. Caution should be taken in the sharing of food/drink/utensils/etc. within groups.
- **Accepted Risk:** Each person attending should understand that they are assuming the inherent risk of exposure that is a natural result of group meetings. Small Groups may continue to provide virtual meetings as their primary option or move to in-person gatherings or provide a combination of both as they seek to continue their important discipleship connections and study opportunities.
- **Thinking of Others:** All attenders should hold a high-level of respect and concern for those around them (Philippians 2:3-4). Small Group members should not feel pressured to participate or put in a situation that would raise any personal health concerns. All attenders should be aware of and follow these guidelines:

*By entering our facilities, you confirm...*

- To your knowledge, you have not had close contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19 or a symptomatic person awaiting COVID-19 test results.
- You are not experiencing a cough, shortness of breath, sore throat, or loss of taste or smell.
- You have not been sick in the last 24 hours or had a fever in the last 48 hours.
- You have not received a recent positive COVID-19 test, are not awaiting your COVID-19 test results, and are not experiencing other COVID-19 symptoms as designated by the CDC.