

UPDATED REGATHERING GUIDELINES for GROUPS
October 12, 2020

The heartbeat of First Baptist Church is our Small Group and Bible Study ministries. We are excited to be able to resume limited small group gatherings on Sunday mornings along with our in-person worship services. Our decisions concerning gatherings take into consideration information from our governing and health authorities, as well as church leadership, as we seek to care for our church family and community.

**Please note that these plans are subject to further development as additional information is provided by our governing and health authorities.*

- **Sunday Morning Rotations: Beginning October 25** (4th Sunday), each small group will have the opportunity to meet one Sunday morning each month inside our facility. The assigned Sundays consider the average attendance prior to the coronavirus modifications to balance the number of people in rooms and hallways. 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.**
 - **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 remainder of 2020. Until further notice, the schedule will continue into 2021 (an updated calendar will be provided, but groups will stay on the same Sunday each month).

1ST SUNDAYS (Nov. 1 and Dec. 6)

- Warren – Room 105/107 (Choir Rm)
- Huntley – Room 124/125
- Hispanic Men 1 – Room 182
- Hispanic Men 2 – Room 184
- Hispanic Ladies 1 – Room 185
- Hispanic Ladies 2 – Room 186
- Dunn/Walton – Faith Hall B (stage side)

2ND SUNDAYS (Nov. 8 and Dec. 13)

- Moore – Room 105/107 (Choir Rm)
- Dodd – Room 129
- Wolters – Room 182
- A. Trammell – Room 184
- Kenemer – Room 185
- Neal (Ladies) – Room 186
- Wright – Faith Hall B (stage side)

3RD SUNDAYS (Nov. 15 and Dec. 20)

- Nowlin – Room 105/107 (Choir Rm)
- Smith – Room 124/125
- Samuel – Room 126
- Weidenbaum – Room 182
- Hahn – Room 184
- S. Trammell – Room 185
- Terry – Room 186
- Maupin – Faith Hall B (stage side)

4TH SUNDAYS (Oct. 25 and Nov. 22)

- A. Kimbrough – Room 105/107 (Choir Rm)
- Koinonia Group – Room 124/125
- Clark/Henry – Room 127
- Grissom – Room 129
- Blevins (Ladies) – Room 182
- Mitchell (Ladies) – Room 184
- Collins – Room 185
- Shaw/Adair – Faith Hall B (stage side)

OTHER 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 meeting 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. Each scheduled group will be assigned a location that will provide the ability to comply to recommendations while accommodating the anticipated number of participants. Rooms will be sanitized and setup to meet distancing recommendations.
- **Kids & Students:** At this time, **we are not able to provide childcare for group meetings 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 during all group meetings within our facilities.
- **Parking (other than Sunday a.m.):** Upon scheduling, 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, or sore throat.
- You have not had a fever in the last 48 hours.
- You have not had a new loss of taste or smell.
- You have not been sick in the last 24 hours.
- You have not received a 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.