

FBC WINNFIELD REOPEN PLAN

PHASE 2

The Reopening Committee has developed an updated plan for our church to safely continue live worship in our sanctuary. We continue to follow guidance from Louisiana Baptist Convention leadership and also review plans from other churches in our area. We also take into account recommendations from the office of the governor and his advisers. Phase 2 allows us to accommodate about 300 worshipers. A count will be kept and when the limit is reached, we will seat others in overflow areas that allow us to maintain the physical spacing our local medical advisors on the committee support. We strongly advise elderly (65+) and those with underlying health issues to continue to worship from home via live streaming or social media. If you have fever, coughing, sore throat or any other health issues please enjoy the service from home.

Worshippers will continue to enter through the main foyer entrance. Exit will be through the two side doors. All other entrances will be locked.

Weather permitting the doors will be propped open.

We strongly encourage everyone to wear a mask, at least until you are seated and when you exit. Worshippers should bring their own mask if possible but masks as well as sanitizer will be available in the foyer.

Ushers will be available to assist, but worshippers will be allowed to seat themselves as long as social distancing is maintained and no one has to move past others on the pew. This means you should move to the center of an empty pew to allow others to have a seat at the end. Family units should stay in groups and 6' distancing will be maintained between family units and individual worshippers. A family unit basically consists of the people who reside in the same house together.

We still encourage seating from the front to the back to eliminate as much contact as possible.

The balcony will be open for any worshipper but again we encourage social distancing.

Exiting will be in reverse order to prevent crowding and undue contact. Ushers will assist in the exiting process and we ask that you follow their guidance.

Every other pew will be left vacant.

Worshippers will be encouraged to avoid all physical contact (no hand shaking or hugging). Once worshippers are seated, we will ask that they not leave their seat unless it is an emergency. Bathrooms will be available but ushers will allow only one person at a time in the bathroom.

Offering receptacles will be available by the entrance and exit points.

Childcare is not yet available but will hopefully be in place near the end of June.

The sanctuary will be opened at 10:30 to allow time to appropriately seat all worshippers. There will be worship music as well as short informational videos and slides prior to the 11:00 am service.

Worshippers who want prayer or counseling during the response or invitation will receive instruction at the end of the service to accommodate their needs.

Dear FBC worshipper,

We are moving into Phase 2 of our reopening plan. The most significant change is that we will now be able to accommodate 50% of our capacity, which is approximately 300 worshippers. There will still be limitations based on age and health issues. We continue to advise each of you to be careful and patient as you make your decision about attending services in Phase 2 of our reopening. We have been very fortunate that so few in our area have contracted the virus and we certainly don't want to rush things and put anyone at risk.

Phase 1 proved to be a successful time for our church because of your cooperation and patience. We will still need your help as we continue to move patiently toward a more normal environment both in our church and community. Many of you will realize that it is still not the right time for you to "venture out" at this level. That is why we will continue the live stream and zoom access to worship and group studies for as long as we need. Do not feel pressured to return until the time is right for your situation and you feel comfortable.

Our goal is to get all of us back in the normal routine of worship and all other activities we enjoy through our church. However, we want to do this in a way that does not compromise the health and safety of any of our worshippers. Continue to pray that God guides our staff and other leaders in this process and that He also guide each of our worshippers to make sound and safe decisions during this reopening time.

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