

First Baptist Church, Lawrence, KS

Plan for COVID-19 Ministry Phase-in

Welcome

- Evangelism team entering phase of virtual outreach (including social media and Faith Now videos)
- Invite a friend to virtual worship or Sunday school!
- Church birthday June 25: 165 years of ministry! (no picnic at the park, but we will find some way to celebrate!)
- Admitting outside groups will be on a case-by-case basis (depending on size)

Worship

We will currently continue virtual worship according to state-wide order restricting gatherings over 90 through June 14. Following that date (and assuming that conditions are met, and the state-wide plan is on target), we will develop 2-pronged approach to begin on June 21:

- In-person worship in sanctuary at First Baptist
- Develop a virtual option for those unable or unwilling to come to in-person worship

In-person Worship (Beginning no earlier than June 21)

- Single weekly services at 10:45 on Sunday
- Social distancing procedures will be strictly enforced (and communicated in advance)
- Encourage people who are not ready to return to stay at home (with our blessing)
- No choir in summer (reevaluate in Fall)

Virtual Livestream Worship (Beginning no earlier than June 21)

- Goal is to create a livestreamed service that allows online participants to share same worship at same time as in-person worshippers
- Dependent on overcoming logistical pitfalls, including hardware limitations and additional challenges to the tech team

Work

- Current food pantry plan continues until May 31
 - Will create updated plan with new guidelines
- SLT will continue shepherd ministry throughout 2020
- One Great Hour of Sharing Ministry; Deacons Fund: needed more now than ever

Wonder

- Current Sunday School plan continues until in-person worship resumes June 21
 - Work with each adult class to evaluate comfort level moving forward
 - Children and youth leaders working to determine what works best for their class
- Reminder that intern term ends May 15 (with a celebration in worship May 17)
- No Wednesday nights this Spring (reevaluate in Fall)
- No in-person VBS this summer (SF working on a virtual option)
- No in-person Green Lake camp this summer (Quest working on a virtual option)
- Search committee process slowed, resulting in delayed timeline
- Earthworks
 - Virtual Agape Meals? Stay tuned!
 - Final Thursday Book Study on Zoom May 28 (E.O. Wilson's *Creation*)
 - Pikes Peak trip still on for July 30-August 3
 - Group has begun training (on Mother's Day!)
 - If interested, contact Steve Yoder ASAP