



Friendship

BAPTIST CHURCH

REGATHERING DURING PHASE 2

Before the ink was dried on the pages of the New Testament, the church faced incredible obstacles threatening its mission, people, and progress. If there is one thing that God's people have demonstrated throughout the pages of church history, it is, "My grace is sufficient for you." God's grace prevailed, and in the darkest of times, the record of history testifies of His people's faithfulness. God's grace prevails today, and His people will – together – continue the mission and progress of Jesus' Church. The information that follows reflects the collective and unified wisdom of your church's leadership as we seek to provide orderliness to our regathering...Our prayer is that, no matter at what speed you walk these next steps, we all walk them together.

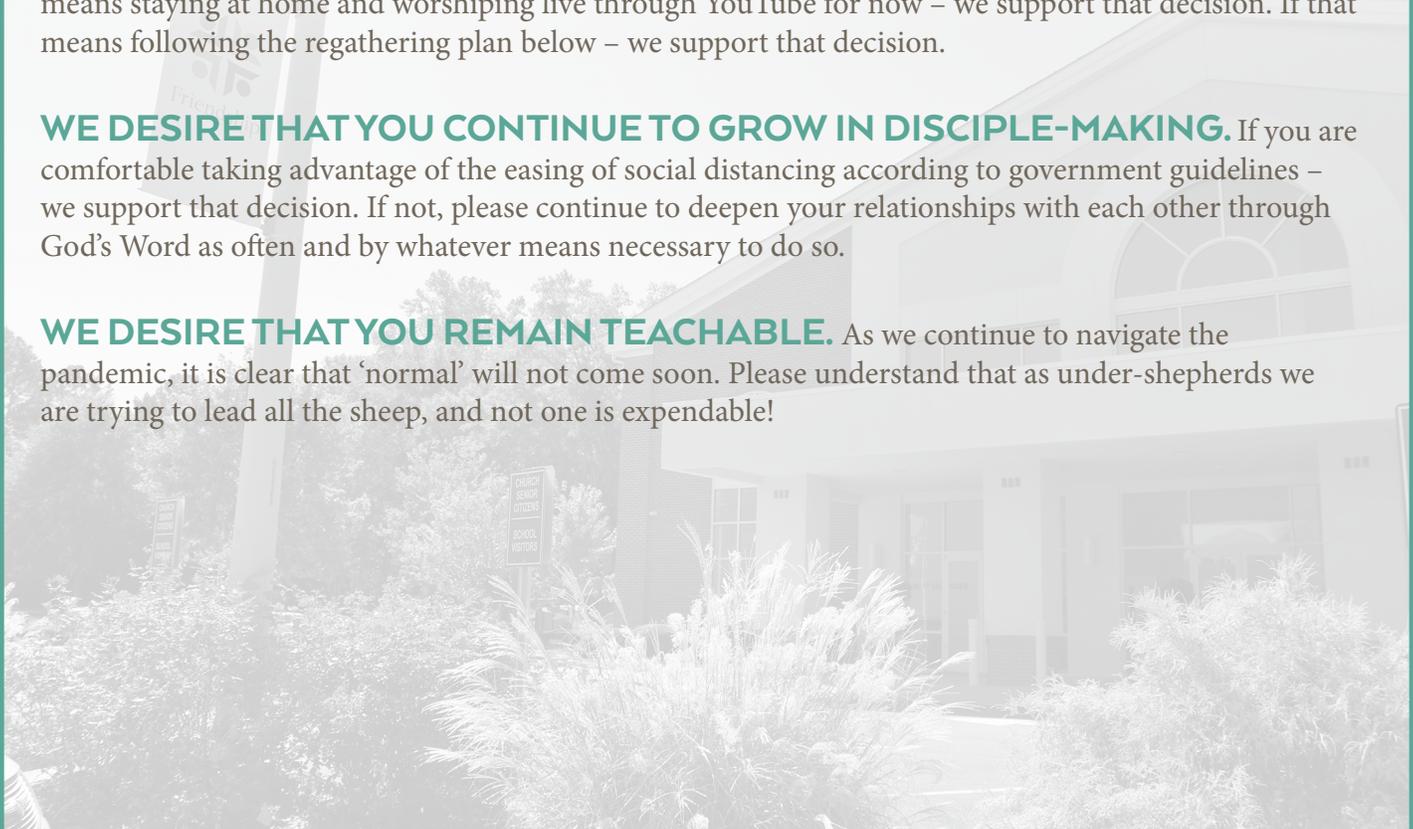
We want you to know that **GOD'S PEOPLE WITH GOOD HEARTS HAVE**

DIFFERENT MINDSETS – but that is not unique to this pandemic. God's people have always had the responsibility to operate according to their conscience. Together, as one Body, the Church, we have the responsibility of progressing toward Christlikeness as we pursue His commission.

WE DESIRE THAT YOU ARE NOT DISTRACTED WHEN WORSHIPING. If that means staying at home and worshipping live through YouTube for now – we support that decision. If that means following the regathering plan below – we support that decision.

WE DESIRE THAT YOU CONTINUE TO GROW IN DISCIPLE-MAKING. If you are comfortable taking advantage of the easing of social distancing according to government guidelines – we support that decision. If not, please continue to deepen your relationships with each other through God's Word as often and by whatever means necessary to do so.

WE DESIRE THAT YOU REMAIN TEACHABLE. As we continue to navigate the pandemic, it is clear that 'normal' will not come soon. Please understand that as under-shepherds we are trying to lead all the sheep, and not one is expendable!



OVERVIEW OF OUR CHURCH'S PLAN DURING PHASE 2

THOSE WE ARE ASKING TO MAKE SACRIFICES: We understand this will be difficult for some, but we are asking that *elderly individuals and those with serious underlying health conditions* continue to worship by livestream. This is according to government guidance.

You must not come *if you feel ill*.

BEFORE YOU COME, please *check your temperature and symptoms*. You should not come if you have a temperature of 100.4° or higher, nor if you have any positive symptoms of Coronavirus.

Consider *bringing your own mask* (we will provide masks if you forget). Masks are strongly encouraged.

Talk to your children and remind them that church will be a bit different: and that they should *avoid physical contact with others*.

RSVP Please *help us plan* by responding to our RSVP email before midnight on Thursday. The RSVP can also be found on our Coronavirus response page.

To begin with, there will only be **SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP**. There will be no childcare or programs offered, and families will sit together. Service will be held to 1 hour.

We will meet according to *strict social distancing* (6 feet in all directions between each household unit). We have identified which pews can be used. Ushers will be available to help with seating.

We strongly encourage you to *wear a mask or face covering*. We will provide masks if you forget yours.

Hand sanitizer stations will be strategically posted.

There will be a mandatory *temperature* screening and symptom check upon entry.

Auditorium doors will be propped open and greeters will keep social distance.

We are *disinfecting* bathrooms and all hightouch surfaces before, during, and after services.

We will not hand anything out (i.e. bulletin) or have you pick up a hymnal.

There will be *offering* boxes available at each auditorium exit into the Welcome Center. Envelopes will be available nearby.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE BEGINNING MAY 31, 2020

SUNDAY

Sunday School	8:00 am	Pre-recorded and on YouTube
Morning Worship*	11:00 am	Auditorium livestream via YouTube <i>*no childcare or elementary programs</i>
FBC En Espanol	11:00 am	livestream via YouTube
Evening Service	6:30 pm	livestream via YouTube

WEDNESDAY

Prayer Meeting	7:00 pm	livestream via YouTube
FBC En Espanol Bible Study	7:00 pm	via Zoom
Youth Zoom	6:45 pm	via Zoom

CONSULTED RESOURCES:

The White House's "Opening Up America Again" guidance. State Officials. National Center for Law and Liberty. This plan accounts for the Coronavirus' prevalence by state and is executed by each state's governor. There is no set timing. Additionally, guidance to move from one phase to another will be in consultation with the Wake County DHHS.

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FAQ

DO I HAVE TO WEAR A MASK?

Because we will be indoors in a more confined environment, we are strongly recommending everyone that can wear a mask do so until preaching begins. Based on information from Governor Cooper, people in North Carolina are “strongly encouraged to wear Face Coverings when they are within six (6) feet of another person. Notwithstanding this general rule, people whose religious beliefs prevent them from wearing a Face Covering, people who cannot wear a Face Covering due to a medical or behavioral health condition, and people who are under twelve (12) years of age are exempted from the requirement to wear a Face Covering. Children under two (2) years of age shall not wear a Face Covering so that their breathing may not be inhibited.

WHAT IF I FORGET MY MASK?

We will provide masks at each open entrance.

DO WE NEED TO SIT AS A FAMILY (HOUSEHOLD)?

Yes, to maximize social distancing, we are asking all households to remain together at all times.

WILL THERE BE CHILDCARE?

No childcare will be provided at this time.

WILL I HAVE A PLACE TO GO IF MY INFANT NEEDS A BREAK?

Yes, the nursing mother room will be available.

WHY DO WE NEED TO SIGN UP?

When you sign up, it helps us assure that we will have proper space in our auditorium for social distancing.

WHY ARE WE STARTING WITH THE LARGEST GROUP MEETING IN PHASE 2?

Our auditorium is the biggest room allowing for the easiest implementation of social distancing. We also can use other rooms as overflow to the auditorium.

WHY DO WE HAVE RESTRICTIONS WITH OUR SERVICES CONSIDERING THE COURTS SAY CHURCH SERVICES ARE EXEMPT FROM PHASE 2?

Friendship leadership is concerned about each worshipper being safe when they come to our services. We believe that while churches are exempt from the law, there is wisdom in the guidelines provided by our state and the CDC. For this reason, we have elected to pursue many of the Phase 2 recommendations. We hope that each member will support these decisions that are aimed at maintaining a balance between member safety and the freedom to assemble and worship.

NOTES

We appreciate the exemption afforded by the Governor in his Executive Order on May 20. In the interest of public safety and the safety of our members and guests, we plan to continue with our spirit of cooperation with the Reopen NC plan. This means we will be continuing our plans for Phase 2 compliance as developed before the governor announced the exemption.

VULNERABLE INDIVIDUALS

ELDERLY INDIVIDUALS (65 and older).

INDIVIDUALS WITH SERIOUS UNDERLYING HEALTH CONDITIONS, including high blood pressure, chronic lung disease, diabetes, obesity, asthma, and those whose immune system is compromised such as by chemotherapy for cancer and other conditions requiring such therapy.