

**FBC SUMRALL**  
*Regathering-for-Worship Plan*

**THE BIG PICTURE:**

When we return for corporate worship on our church campus, we will adjust to comply with the guidelines given to us by federal, state and local leaders and agencies. In the process of seeking to comply with all the guidelines, do not fail to focus on the awesome God we serve. Celebrate and worship Him. He is worthy of all our worship!

*Please note that these plans are tentative and are subject to further developments and additional guidelines suggested by governing authorities and healthcare officials.*

Our Regathering-for-Worship Plan will be implemented in three phases. They are illustrated as follows.

	<b>Phase One</b>	<b>Phase Two</b>	<b>Phase Three</b>
<b>Expected Date</b>	June 14	July 21*	August 9*
<b>Ministries</b>			
<b>Church Staff in Office</b>	Normal hours	Normal hours	Normal hours
<b>Sunday Worship</b>	10 a.m. Sanctuary & FLC (CDC recommendations apply**) Online - Youtube FM Radio Transmitter	10 a.m. Sanctuary & FLC (CDC recommendations apply**) Online - Youtube FM Radio Transmitter	Regular schedule*
<b>Sunday School/Bible Study</b>	Youtube/Zoom/Phone Only	Limited	Regular schedule*
<b>Sun. &amp; Wed. Children's Ministry Activity</b>	No	TBD	Regular schedule*
<b>Sun. &amp; Wed. Student Ministry Activity</b>	No	TBD	Regular schedule*
<b>Choir</b>	No	TBD	Regular schedule*
<b>Wednesday Night Bible Study</b>	Online	Online	Regular schedule*
<b>Wednesday Night Meals</b>	No	No	TBD
<b>Senior Adult Activities</b>	No	Limited	Regular schedule*
<b>Deacon's Meetings</b>	Zoom	Regular schedule*	Regular schedule*
<b>Committee Meetings</b>	Zoom/Phone	Regular schedule*	Regular schedule*
<b>WMU/Missions Groups</b>	No	Limited	Regular schedule*
<b>Summer Mission Trips</b>	No	<i>Possible locally</i>	N/A
<b>SBK</b>	No	No	Follow LCSD

\* *Subject to change*

\*\* *See Sunday Worship Practices below*

## Sunday Worship Practices

- **Services Offered:** We will offer Worship in the sanctuary and in the Family Life Center simultaneously in order to accommodate the number of expected attendees and allow for six-foot physical distancing. Both services will begin at 10:00 a.m. Online worship access will continue.
- **Participant Registration:** Each service will be limited to building capacity while practicing physical distancing. Therefore, we are asking participants to register for each service. You may register your attendance on our church website or by calling the church office. This practice will continue *only* as long as is necessary.
- **Your Health and Safe Worship:** We at FBC Sumrall care about the health and well-being of all of our members and attendees. We are asking that you worship with these *safe worship* practices in mind. All who attend are encouraged to wear a mask of their choice. Please join us *online* if you have had a fever greater than 100° in the last 48 hours. Please refrain from hugs and handshakes (We know this is hard!) and observe physical distancing of six-feet at all times while on the church campus. Make use of the available hand sanitizer stations.
- **Entrance/Exit:** Please enter the Sanctuary via the doors along Center Ave. and Poplar St. Please enter the FLC via the two doors in the lower parking lot. Volunteers will assist your entrance and exits. Please arrive a little earlier than normal to allow for the time needed to enter and find a seat. Doors will open at 9:15 a.m. Your *normal* place of seating will likely not be available (Work with us.). Exiting the building will be done in an orderly manner and will take more time than in the past.
- **Worship Seating:** Parents and their children (including Students) – i.e. all family units - will sit together until further notice. This will allow for compliance with physical distancing guidelines. We will not be offering Nursery or Children’s Church until further notice. Please sit only in designated areas in the Sanctuary and FLC.
- **Worship Music:** Congregational singing will be limited for the first few weeks. More will be added as soon as possible. We *all* want to praise God through singing.
- **Tithes and Offerings:** We will not be passing the offering plate until further notice. Look for offering receptacles as you enter and exit the building. Additionally, you may give online or by mail to the church office at 169 Center Ave., Sumrall, MS 39482.
- **Parking:** Those attending worship in the Sanctuary should park in the lots across Center Ave. or beside the church office. Those attending worship in the FLC should park in the lower parking lot or along Poplar St.

### A Final Word from Pastor Philip:

*I miss you folks! I look forward to worshipping when I can look you in the eyes. This Regathering-for-Worship Plan is a result of the best efforts of our Church Staff and our Medical Emergency Response Committee. It has been prayed over, written, revised and written again. Still it is not perfect. Some of it will change. Some of the practices included will cramp our “worship style.” But if it keeps our church family well and healthy, every irritating detail will have been worth it! So when we regather for worship on June 14, let’s all smile, take a deep breath, and remember: Our great God is worth it! Some in our church family will not feel comfortable returning to church right away. We understand. Join us online. I love you and look forward to our regathering on Sunday, June 14. - Pastor Philip Cooper*