

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.

	Phase One	Phase Two	Phase Three
Expected Date	June 14	July 12*	August 9*
Ministries			
Church Staff in Office	Normal hours	Normal hours	Normal hours
Sunday Worship	10 a.m. Sanctuary & FLC (CDC recommendations apply**) Online - Youtube	9 a.m. Sanctuary 10:30 a.m. FLC (CDC recommendations apply**) Online - Youtube	Regular schedule*
Sunday School/Bible Study	Youtube/Zoom/Phone Only	Limited	Regular schedule*
Sun. & Wed. Children's Ministry Activity	No	TBD	Regular schedule*
Sun. & Wed. Student Ministry Activity	No	TBD	Regular schedule*
Choir	No	TBD	Regular schedule*
Wednesday Night Bible Study	Online	Online	Regular schedule*
Wednesday Night Meals	No	No	TBD
Senior Adult Activities	No	Limited	Regular schedule*
Deacon's Meetings	Zoom	Regular schedule*	Regular schedule*
Committee Meetings	Zoom/Phone	Regular schedule*	Regular schedule*
WMU/Missions Groups	No	Limited	Regular schedule*
Summer Mission Trips	No	<i>Possible</i> locally	N/A
SBK	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 in order to accommodate the number of expected attendees and allow for six-foot physical distancing. Worship in the Sanctuary will begin at 9:00 a. m. Worship in the Family Life Center will begin at 10:30 a.m.
- **Participant Registration:** It is no longer necessary to register for each service.
- **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 30 minutes prior to Worship. 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:

We are now preparing to enter into Phase Two of our Regathering-for-Worship Plan. One thing I learned during Phase One was that I missed the face-to-face interaction when preaching to my people. For this reason we have updated our Plan to offer worship at 9:00 and 10:30 a.m. in Phase Two. It will give me the opportunity to engage the audience in a more enjoyable way.

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. It is a work in progress and may require more changes because of the uncertainty of the times we are living in. So let’s thank God for the grace He has extended to us in salvation (Eph. 2:8-9), and offer grace to those around us during this season of inconvenience. I love you and I’ll see you on Sunday! - Pastor Philip Cooper