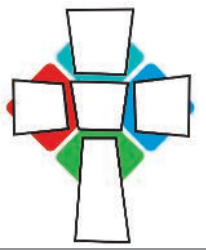


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## DAILY SCHEDULE

### MONDAY:

2:00pm - Kids Packets will be ready for pickup.

### TUESDAY:

8:00am - Kids Video Available

### WEDNESDAY:

8:00am - Students Video Available

7:00pm - Guided Prayer Live

### THURSDAY:

7:00pm - Students Bible Study (Zoom)

### SUNDAY:

10:00am - Live Worship

All Resources can be viewed at these internet locations:



Facebook - First Baptist Union



search for First Baptist Union



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May is here! In a normal year, this would mean that schools would start celebrating another successful school year. There would be awards, banquets, baccalaureate services, and graduations. 2020 decided to go a different route. Though the idea of a normal May is gone, that does not mean the celebration won't take place. Schools planned unique ways to celebrate the end of another school year. Even graduations will look different. The community is doing their part to celebrate the Class of 2020 and First Baptist Union plans to celebrate the Seniors as well.

The plan is as follows:

-We will show a pre-recorded video on May 17, highlighting the Seniors of First Baptist Union.

-Each Senior will have a gift bag delivered to them with a few items including a free ticket to Passion 2021.

If you would like your Senior to be recognized, please email me at [corbin@fbcunion.net](mailto:corbin@fbcunion.net). I will send info to fill out. We will also need a copy of their favorite Senior Portrait to show in the video. Please email me by **May 13**.

Congratulations to the Class of 2020! This won't be a moment to forget. Soak it all in and never take a moment for granted. I pray God will show you the next steps on your journey. I love you all!!!

Corbin Jenkins

As we navigate the waters of the unique and unprecedented time, we are attempting to do two things well. First, we want to be sure that we, and that we are helping you, love the Lord with all of our heart, soul and mind. Second, we want to love our neighbors as ourselves, not placing anyone in harm's way. Finding the unique balance of these two desires has proven to be challenging, especially when you balance recommendations from our Government officials. But, nonetheless we are doing our best to balance those two things.

I want to share with you a basic outline of our plan as we consider "coming back" to our gathered times of Bible Study and Worship. Before I offer you the plans, I want to give you a little feedback from the survey that we asked you to take, giving us an idea of how you felt about coming back. Here is some basic data:

- Most of you are ready to come back, but want us to take some precautions as you return. (85%)
- The two "identifiers" that you are waiting to inform your return are: 1) The number of cases to decrease; 2) Most social distancing recommendations lifted.
- You desire to see the church take the following precautionary measures: 1) Discourage hand shaking; 2) Prop doors open so that they don't have to be touched; 3) Encourage social distancing in the sanctuary; 4) Provide hand sanitizer.
- You are most comfortable with the sanctuary being 50% or less filled for the sake of social distancing. (83.5%)
- The great majority of you are willing to attend a service at another time so that we can spread out in the sanctuary. (95.8% are willing; 3.4% are not sure; 0.8% are not willing)
- Less than that, but still a great majority are willing to attend worship in an overflow room to ensure that people are able to spread out. (81.7%)

We have taken all of the information that you provided to us through the survey along with the Presidential COVID-19 Task Force recommendations and have developed the plan below. This plan has been approved by our Deacon Fellowship. We will move from Phase One to Phase Two (and so on) when we feel that the Governor has moved us. My assumption is that we will possibly be able to move to Phase Two at the expiration of Governor Reeve's "Safer At Home" order which expires on May 11th. However, this is not a certainty as we have seen lots of uncertainty over the last several weeks.

#### PHASE ONE:

**A Summary of the Presidential Guidelines for Phase 1:** "Avoid **SOCIALIZING** in groups of more than 10 people in circumstances that do not readily allow for appropriate physical distancing."

**Our Plan for Phase 1:** As we enter into Phase One, there will be no changes in the way we are currently doing and providing worship and discipleship opportunities.

- **Two Live Events:** Sunday Morning Worship and Wednesday Evening Worship
- **Three Digital "Age Graded" Bible Studies:** Children, Students and Adult
- **"Zoom" Bible Studies**

#### PHASE TWO:

**A Summary of the Presidential Guidelines for Phase 2:** "All individuals, **WHEN IN PUBLIC**, should maximize physical distance from others. Social settings of more than 50 people, where appropriate distancing may not be practical, should be avoided unless precautionary measures are observed."

**Our Plan for Phase 2:** While the "Threshold" of Phase Two is increased, it remains difficult for our congregation to have "Corporate Worship" at this Phase. However, we will begin to transition some discipleship opportunities.

- **Two Live Events:** Sunday Morning Worship and Wednesday Evening Worship
- **One Digital "Age Graded" Bible Study:** Children
- **One In-Person "Age Graded" Bible Study:** Students
- **Bible Studies** can begin to meet in person, as long as they are less than 50 and practice wise "Social Distancing" protocols.
- We will offer 5 options for "Sunday School" on the following schedule:
  - \* Monday - 6:30 - Adult Men - Bryan Norman
  - \* Tuesday - 6:30 - Ladies - Mandy Feasel
  - \* Wednesday - 6:30 - Adult Couples - Adam DeVenney
  - \* Wednesday - 6:30 - Students - Corbin Jenkins
  - \* Thursday - 6:30 - College/Career - Jordan Robinson
  - \* Friday - 6:30 - Adult Couples - John Henry

#### PHASE THREE:

**A Summary of the Presidential Guidelines for Phase 3:** "LARGE VENUES (e.g., sit-down dining, movie theaters, sporting venues, places of worship) can operate under limited physical distancing protocols."

**Our Plan for Phase 3:** Phase Three will open up the opportunity for us to begin many of our services back; however, they still will not be "normal" due to continued "physical distancing protocols."

- **Sunday Morning Worship** - Sunday Morning worship will consist of Three In-Person Worship Services (8:00, 9:30 and 11:00). No Nursery or Children's Church will be offered at this Phase.
- There will also be a "Senior Adult" Bible Study that will be offered on Thursday mornings as a substitute for "worship" so as to protect the most vulnerable.
- **Sunday School** - We will maintain Sunday School meetings at the times listed in Phase 2.
- **Wednesday Night** - The Wednesday Evening Prayer Meeting will remain as an online "Live Event."

#### PHASE FOUR:

**A Summary Statement:** While the President does not indicate a Phase Four, we recognize that there will come a day when we will be able to get back to a sense of our previous normal.

**Our Plan for Phase 4:** Phase Four will open the opportunity for us to begin all of our services back including those in Phase Three but adding additional services as well.

- **Nursery and Children's Church will resume.**
- **Wednesday Night Activities will resume.**
- **Sunday Night Activities will resume.**

**A Note About Phase Four:** The Church approved a Long Range Planning Team months before we encountered this pandemic. The staff will work with this Team to formulate plans and future ministries for Sunday and Wednesday Nights.

Please continue to be patient with us and pray for us. Maintain discipline in those two critical spiritual disciplines that we have been encouraging: Bible Reading and Prayer. This will allow us to come back together stronger than before!

We love and miss you,

Jon