

Hello FBC St. Pete Church Family,

This pandemic has caused a lot of disruptions. It would be an understatement to say, “We’re all ready for this to be over.” Unfortunately, we have experienced the COVID-19 pandemic lasting much longer than anyone expected.

As we look forward to **Re-Gathering for Worship on Sunday, November 1**, please keep the following in mind:

- We plan to implement and go over and above all CDC COVID-19 Guidelines and Protocols. We desire to be extra diligent and cautious to ensure a safe and healthy Worship environment.
- Our Worship Center will be the **ONLY** part of our FBC St. Pete campus that will be **OPEN** for Worship. (The remainder of the building will remain closed and off-limits).
- We will use two **Main Entrances** for Worship. These **Main Entrances** will be visible from the Parking lots, marked by Portable Tents and Volunteers.
- **Masks are Required** to attend and to be worn during Worship. Masks will be provided at both entrances.
- We will have Health Ministry nurses at both Main Entrances to take temperatures.
- Once you enter the building, we ask that you continue to wear your mask and practice Social Distancing. There will be volunteers inside the Worship Center to assist with seating.
- Once inside, there will be touchless hand-sanitizing stations in the hallway.
- You will see Tithes/Offerings Boxes and Baskets inside the Worship Center for you to use instead of passing the Offering plate.
- There will be no printed Worship Guides, Connect Cards, or Prayer Request Cards. All of this information will be made available and collected digitally and online.
- We will mark rows for seating inside the Worship Center. We ask that you do not remove the row barriers and maintain at least three seats between households.
- We are sanitizing the Worship Center, hallway, and restrooms before Worship. Restrooms will remain open and cleaned regularly. Water fountains will be disabled. (We encourage you to bring a water bottle if you think you will need one).
- We are following the science, and all studies show that singing continues to be considered a super-spreader, therefore there will be no singing other than from Worship leadership and from the Worship platform. (This will be one of the more difficult aspects of Re-Gathering, but we ask that you abide by this guideline.)

- There will be no coffee or snacks provided.
- There will be no Children's Ministry activities or Child Care during Worship.
- At this time, there is no plan for Sunday Morning Small Groups to Re-Gather. The Small Groups that are meeting online will continue.
- At the end of Worship, we ask that all participants exit the building, and that any fellowship and community-building take place outside in the parking lot with Social Distancing practiced.

As you can see, we are attempting to abide by (and in some cases exceeding) all CDC requirements to stop or slow the spread of COVID-19.

Our Plan, after Sunday November 1, is to continue to offer Worship both in-person and online as we move forward. If community COVID-19 cases begin to rise or take a drastic spike upward, our Re-Gathering Task Force, in conjunction with the Pastoral Staff will make a decision about future in-person Worship.

We ask that you continue to pray for these groups of people:

- Our national, state, and local leaders
- Our church staff, Deacons, Executive Leadership Team, and Re-Gathering Task Force
- Our FBC St. Pete Church Body
- Our missions impact and FBC finances
- Those attending and watching our services who are new to FBC St. Pete

We are seeing God move ...

- FBC St. Pete is continuing to minister in so many ways. Our Deacons continue to reach out to members. Our Care Groups (Divorce Care and Celebrate Recovery) are continuing to meet. We are continuing to support and encourage our mission partners, locally and around the world.
- We are seeing new families and individuals contacting and participating through online Worship and Bible study opportunities.
- We are planning to continue to expand and be even more creative in our online presence as a FBC St. Pete Church Family!
- God is, no doubt, at work in our midst! Let's be sure to join Him in His work.

Blessings as we look forward to our first in-person Worship on Sunday, November 1!!