

Welcome Back Worship Celebration!

First Baptist Church of Middletown

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Middletown, OH 45042

Attn: Changes that should be expected on re-opening day.

Dear Member of FBC:

This 1st Sunday of June is our re-opening day at First Baptist Church. Our lives and our worship practices have changed and will be reflected in this letter. Since 9/11 when our world was turned upside down and now with the Coronavirus, this world of ours is and will take many new turns.

When you arrive at the Church, there will be no shaking of hands or hugs as you are greeted. Your temperature will be taken with a “no touch” technique. You will be asked to use your facial mask at this time. We encourage you to bring your own but if you don’t have one, a mask will be provided to you. You will be asked to wash your hands with a hand sanitizer. We want you to enter into the sanctuary to be seated. You will notice that no bulletins will be passed out. All information and prayer concerns will be on the projection screen. All hymnals, bibles and envelops have been removed from the pews. All information will be projected. When you enter the sanctuary, you will see a box or the collection baskets for you to place your offering or tithes. The plate will not be passed around during the service. On communion Sunday, we need to brainstorm on how to avoid passing the bread & cup. It is recommended safe distancing be practiced avoiding further contamination – that means sitting 6 foot apart. All family members under the same roof may all sit together. This usually means that we use every other row.

The coffee bar, cookies etc., will not be in use. The water fountains will be shut down. The rest-rooms will be open but monitored to avoid over crowding and safe distancing. When the service is over, it is recommended that we leave in an orderly fashion – a row at a time, like seen at funerals or weddings. We should avoid loitering around, shaking hands or giving out hugs. Hand Sanitizer’s will be throughout the church and can be used as needed.

Sunday school, children’s services and nursery will be suspended until further notice. Choir and Praise Team Practice will also be suspended. We will have music during the service, but will not have live musicians or congregational singing, per Church Mutual, CDC and ABC guidelines. We want to avoid passing the microphone during the service. The microphones used, should be cleaned after each use. DO NOT use water but use something that has rubbing alcohol or an alcohol base cleaner.

Please bear with us during this “trying time”. We will get through it, together!

Scotty Robertson, Pastor

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