

**FRAMEWORK FOR REGATHERING
ON SUNDAY, JUNE 21**

1. Our first priority is the safety and health of our congregation and staff.
2. We will initially meet in the sanctuary on Sundays at 9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.
3. We will live-stream the 9:00 a.m. service so that those who cannot attend will be able to worship along with us wherever they are.
4. The 10:30 a.m. service will be primarily for families with young children, since there will be no nursery or childcare. But, others are welcome to attend the service.
5. We will allow 45 minutes between service to clean and sanitize the sanctuary.
6. We will encourage you to follow the example of our church staff and wear a facial covering before and after worship while in the sanctuary. Of course, you can choose to wear your mask the entire time.
7. We will encourage you to practice social distancing, refrain from physical contact (handshakes, hugs, etc.), and sit only on designated pews. Sanctuary seating will be limited, therefore our ushers will be glad to assist you as you enter and exit the sanctuary. Seating will be available on every other pew. Members of the same family can sit together; however, social distancing must be maintained with other worshippers.
8. We will screen our volunteers by taking their temperature with a forehead thermometer as they arrive.
9. We will have hand sanitizer available to use as you arrive and leave.
10. We will have offering plates at the Sanctuary entrances/exits for you to place your offerings as you enter or exit. Hymnals, Bibles and all other material will be removed from the racks in the pews. The Fellowship Pads and worship bulletins will not be available.

11. We respectfully ask those who are in the high-risk categories, who are sick or have a fever and those who have any COVID-19 symptoms to please stay at home. Also, if you have been exposed to COVID-19 in the past 14 days, please do not attend.
12. We are excited about regathering and want to make our time together wonderfully meaningful for everyone. We ask for your continued prayers, support, patience and cooperation as we prepare to return to worship in our sanctuary.

ANOTHER REASON TO GET BACK TO CHURCH

There is yet another reason we want to get back to church: it will make us healthier.

A *Wall Street Journal* article reported on the results of a study that, “a growing body of scientific evidence shows that Americans who attend religious services at least once a week enjoy better-than-average health and lower rates of illness, including depression. Perhaps most important, the studies show that weekly attendance confers a significant reduction in mortality risk over a given period of time.”

According to the Journal, “The panel reported that the studies showed a 25% lower mortality rate for those who attend religious services at least weekly...Religious services at churches, temples and mosques boast various features that can be beneficial to health – meditation, a social network, a set of values that discourage smoking, infidelity and other unhealthy behaviors.” As the medical professor who chaired the panel concluded, “After seeing the data, I think I should go to church.”

Hey, that’s what we’ve been saying all along.

~ *Preaching Magazine* (March 9, 2020)



FINANCIAL NEWS

Sunday Receipts (5-31-20)	\$ 12,215.00
Year to Date Requirements	\$ 316,299.50
Year to Date Receipts	\$ 316,992.71

PRAYING FOR OUR DEACON FAMILIES

Gladys Hall
Helen Hanley
Dan Harvell
Ellison Harvell
Kathy Hawkins
John & Maxine Hawkins
Richard & Pat Haynie
Betsy Haynie
Gayle Heller
Ken & Leretta Heller
Shirah Heller, Marshall and Gav
Juanita Hembree
Larry & Kelli Hembree, Matthew and Will
Dianne Henderson
Ron Gilreath – Deacon



CONGRATULATIONS

First Baptist Church family sends *Congratulations* to Wyndham & Erin Batton on the arrival of a son. Lawrence Anderson Batton was born on Friday, May 15, 2020. Upon his arrival, Lawrence weighed 6 lbs. and 13 oz. We send our love and best wishes to BIG BROTHER Hampton and all of the family!!

SUNDAY SERVICE

June 7, 2020

Prelude Matt Limbaugh

Welcome T. Dale Lynch

Hymn *Standing on the Promises* Robert Beaver

Standing on the promises of Christ my King,
Thro' eternal ages let His praises ring;
Glory in the highest, I will shout and sing,
Standing on the promises of God.

**Standing, standing,
Standing on the promises of God my Savior;
Standing, standing,
I'm standing on the promises of God.**

Standing on the promises that cannot fail,
When the howling storms of doubt and fear assail,
By the living Word of God I shall prevail,
Standing on the promises of God.

Invocation Matt Wurst

Ministry in Song Adult Ensemble
Agnus Dei / How Great Thou Art

Children's Message Jennifer Wilson

Message *Faith-Fathers: Joseph* T. Dale Lynch
Genesis 50:19-20

Ministry in Song Austin Finley
O Come to the Altar

Postlude Matt Limbaugh

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DESIRES OF MAN

(Part 5)

What does God's word say about man's Love of Power?
God can do anything He wants, but it is consistently in accordance with His perfect will. History has also proven that man does not do this. He changes as the circumstances around him change.
God's omnipotent (unlimited) love is behind everything He creates and behind what He provides for His creation. Any power He affords us is there so that He receives all the praise and glory.
However, mankind does not care about glory; he just wants to be the top dog. He will lie to and cheat and steal from others to maintain a powerful position; he loves being perceived as powerful. Many of Isreal's kings did this. The Pharisees and Sadducee's did this and the Anti-Christ will do this.
Because mankind is limited, he cannot possess unlimited power.
Ah, Lord God! Behold, thou hast made the heaven and the earth by thy great power and stretched out arm, and there is nothing too hard for thee. Jeremiah 32:17
When the power of love overcomes the love of power the world will know peace. Jimi Hendrix

~ Randy Fagg



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REGATHERING AT
FIRST BAPTIST BELTON

With the full support of our Administrative Ministry Council, Deacons and Church Staff, I am delighted to announce that it is our plan to begin regathering for worship in the sanctuary on **Sunday, June 21!** Based on the information available to us, we believe now is the time to take the necessary steps to worship together again.

SERVICE TIMES WILL BE AT 9:00 AM AND 10:30 AM. WE WILL CONTINUE TO LIVE STREAM.

THANKS BE TO GOD!