

January 11, 2021

From: Dr Richard Seagle:

First Baptist Church family, I'm calling on behalf of our deacons who met last night and discussed the increase in number of COVID19 cases in our community and hospital. The number hospitalized due to the virus has doubled within the last week.

Due to the current rampant nature of the global pandemic, the deacons have decided to reduce the in-person offerings here at First Baptist.

- First, we will no longer hold in-person small groups through the end of February. Therefore, Sunday School, Discipleship Training and other small group meetings will be held virtually, as in the past. We are postponing the "Growing Young" program until we can safely meet again. Still, we ask that you complete the online survey for this program on our website and Facebook page. There will still be a Wednesday night Bible Study available via Zoom.
- Second, we will continue to hold the 8:45 AM worship service in the FLC. This service will be streamed live and available through recording on our website. We will not hold 11:00 AM services in our sanctuary.
- Next, no childcare will be available for those 3 & under and there will be no children's church on Sunday mornings. Also, youth will not meet for "Youth Reconnect" through the end of January. Because this youth meeting is held in open space of the FLC and precautions are taken, they may begin again in February. This will be evaluated by the regathering committee later this month.
- Fourth, we will not hold communion during the month of February.
- Fifth, we will pause congregational singing and music will be provided through video and through soloists behind the plexiglass screen.

Finally, let me emphasize the importance of two things. First, please call the church office to register your intentions to attend the 8:45 AM worship. And second, please remember that tithes and offerings will be collected in baskets at the worship, as well as through mailed checks and online giving.

We thank you for your support and dedication to the spiritual, physical and financial wellbeing of our congregation.

With the love of Christ,

Richard