



THOMASVILLE FIRST BAPTIST

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Thomasville First Baptist Family, we want to take a moment to share some important updates about how we plan to move forward with our services in the weeks to come. We have missed our church family so much during this time, and look forward to joining together again in an organized and safe manner. While we know church will look a little different during this season, everything that has been put in to place is to keep our congregation and community safe and healthy during this time. Thomasville First Baptist is working hard to take as many precautions as possible leading up to and during services. **However, by attending services on campus you are voluntarily assuming all possible risks related to exposure to COVID-19.** Please take time to read all of the information below:

**Please note these plans are tentative and subject to change at any time as needed.*

What is the overall plan?

- Beginning Sunday, May 31, we will begin offering services at Thomasville First Baptist with the following schedule: **10:00AM Traditional Service + 6:00PM Modern Service.**
- Services will be approximately 35-40 minutes in length.
- **These services will be limited in number beginning with approximately 150 attendees, and all individuals planning to attend must register online.**
- We will consider registration numbers each week and open up additional services as needed.
- Life Groups will NOT meet on campus.
- Children will attend services with their parents. No childcare, Life Groups, etc. will be offered at this time for safety reasons. **It is very important that children remain seated with their parents during the service.** If you need to exit a service at any time, we ask that you step outside of the building and do not linger in the hallways.

Who should/should not attend?

- You should only plan to attend a service on campus if you are comfortable doing so.
- We would advise that you consult the CDC website to see if you fall in to any categories that would increase your risk (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/index.html>).
- We would also encourage older adults and those at high risk to continue joining us in worship through our online and TV platforms, which will still be available each week. Please take a moment to read through the latest Executive Order from the Governor's Office regarding who is advised to continue to shelter in place at this time (<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1rXcPh27Mm0xUOHLWvC9ZWJl0wmvoPghH/view>).

What precautions are being taken?

- **Registration + Attendance:** We will keep a close eye on the number of people registering for a service and begin dividing up into additional services when needed. This is why registering ahead of time will be imperative to this process.
- **Seating:** Seats will be marked off in a way that allows us to adhere to proper social distancing guidelines. Be prepared that you will probably not be able to sit in your regular spot, and staff and volunteers will be helping to seat everyone safely. Please avoid shaking hands or coming into close contact with other individuals.

- **Masks:** Masks are strongly encouraged. If you have a disposal or cloth mask, please wear it to the service. We are hopeful to have a limited number of masks available on site.
- **Offering:** We will not pass the offering plates at this time. There will be two stationary giving boxes in the front foyer where people can drop off their tithes and offerings. We would also encourage online giving and text to give for those who can utilize those options.
- **Sanitizing:** Services will take place several hours apart to allow for proper cleaning and sanitizing.
- **Restrooms:** We are currently discouraging the use of restrooms. They will be open and thoroughly cleaned, but we ask that you try to avoid using them if possible.
- **Singing:** At this time we would encourage people to mouth the words or listen along in a worshipful spirit while music is being played.

What steps do I take to register and then attend a service?

- **Register for the specific service you would like to attend by visiting fbcthamasville.com.** Registration will remain open until 10:00PM Saturday night, or until our limited number of attendees has been reached. We encourage all participants to register as early as possible each week. If you need assistance with online registration, please call 228.6800, Monday-Friday 8:30am-5:00pm.
- When you arrive on Sunday morning or evening, you will enter through the front doors of the Worship Center. These are the only entrances that will be unlocked.
- **Make sure you have your confirmation email pulled up on your phone or bring a physical copy with you.** Please have this ready before you reach the front doors of the church. This will allow our staff and volunteers to quickly get people into the building.
- You will then be directed to a line where you will wait to be seated. Lines will be marked off so everyone waiting can remain 6 ft. apart.
- At the conclusion of the service, you will be dismissed by sections. Please exit the building quickly (the same way you entered) and limit conversations as you leave.