

INFORMATION TO HELP YOU PREPARE TO RETURN TO THE SANCTUARY FOR WORSHIP

*As we prepare to return to the Sanctuary for worship on **Sunday, August 2**, we want each person to know what to expect. These guidelines will be in place for the Sundays ahead until current health situations change.*

Much prayer, thought, and planning has taken place as to how we can best continue to worship and do so safely as the family of God. We know that not everyone will be ready or comfortable to gather in the Sanctuary at this time. Individuals must decide what is best for them, currently. The guidelines below will hopefully help individuals in making their decisions. Please know that our services will continue to be streamed live for those who prefer to worship remotely. We will honor your decision about what is best for you, knowing that everyone will have their own level of comfort and their own timing for when to return.

MAKE A RESERVATION TO HELP US KNOW BETTER HOW TO PREPARE FOR YOU AND YOUR FAMILY.

RESERVATIONS CAN BE MADE BY CALLING THE CHURCH OFFICE (704-938-4697) OR BY EMAILING

office2@firstbaptistkannapolis.com. PLEASE INCLUDE YOUR NAME AND HOW MANY WILL BE ATTENDING WITH YOU. Make your reservations any time Monday-Friday prior to each Sunday's upcoming service.

- **Service Time** – 10:55 a.m.
- **Valet Parking** will not be available. For those persons accustomed to that service, the marked parking spaces (orange cones) will be reserved near the covered drop off entrance as has been in the past.
- **Entering /Exiting the building** will only be through the front doors of the sanctuary and at the covered entry at the offices. Exiting will be by dismissal in an orderly fashion to maintain social distance. Please wait until you are outside to speak with others.
- **Masks** – The congregation is asked to wear masks when entering the building, during the worship service and while exiting the building. For those who do not have one, masks will be available.
- **Hand sanitizing stations** will be located at each entrance.
- **Door Greeters** will open doors so members do not have to. Greeters will wear masks and gloves.
- **Orders of Service** will be emailed during the week prior to the service. Printing yours at home to bring with you is encouraged. For those who cannot print at home, copies will be handed out by a masked/gloved usher.
- **Hymnals and pew Bibles** have been removed to reduce the amount of hand contact. Please bring your own Bible for worship.
- **Pews will be marked off for social distancing.** Families are encouraged to sit together. Please respect your pew neighbors and refrain from moving markers or sitting in restricted areas.
- **Offering receptacles** can be found inside the sanctuary at each door. You may place your offering in the receptacle as you enter/leave, continue giving electronically, or by US mail.
- **Nursery** – (*Birth-Age 4*) At this time we are assessing the need. Contact Candice if you need childcare. **Children's Church** will not be offered during worship for age 4 – 1st grade. Preschoolers and children are certainly welcome in the service with their parents.
- **Bathrooms** open with limited occupancy: one at a time, or members of the same family together.
- **Water fountains have been turned off.**
- **Sunday School classes will continue with Zoom. No classes will meet on campus.**
- **High risk individuals with chronic health issues** are asked to carefully consider the timing for their return.
- **Individuals who are feeling ill** or have been in contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 should stay home.
- **Thorough cleaning and sanitizing of the building** and sanctuary will take place before and after services each week.

We will be worshipping under the pines at Midway this coming Sunday, July 26 at 9:30 a.m. We look forward to our return to the sanctuary for worship on Sunday, August 2 at 10:55 a.m. and hope that you will be present either in person or at home via [YOUTUBE.COM/FIRSTBAPTISTKANNAPOLIS](https://www.youtube.com/firstbaptistkannapolis).