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Three Phases to Reopening FBCHHI for Worship and Bible Studies

The question has been, “When will FBCHHI reopen for worship services?” The answer is Sunday, June 14, 2020, with two services, one at 9:00 AM and one at 11:00 AM.

The Administrative Council met to discuss the process of reopening our church campus for worship services now that Coronavirus restrictions are being relaxed. This date was chosen because it will give staff the time needed to put proper safety measures in place. Orders have been placed for hand-sanitizer stations at all sanctuary entrances, reserved seating markers are being prepared to aide social-distancing measures in the sanctuary, new “arm pulls” are being added to restroom doors, and new offering collection receptacles have been added near the sanctuary entrances to eliminate the need to pass offering plates.

Another small wrinkle is that we are trying to employ a cleaning company or assigned volunteers by the reopening date to clean the sanctuary and restrooms between services, of which we are in the process of procuring.

We will be reopening in three phases.

Phase 1: Public Worship Re-launch

We will begin on-campus worship services again, Sunday, June 14, 2020, with two worship services, one from 9:00 AM to 9:45 AM, and another from 11:00 AM to 11:45 AM, with one hour between so the Sanctuary and restrooms can be sanitized. It is our hope that our congregation will divide themselves evenly between the two services.

Neither Sunday School nor Children’s Church will be offered in Phase 1, but please feel free to bring your children with you to the sanctuary. The Mother’s room will be open for nursing mothers.

Face masks are not required, but if you are more comfortable wearing one, please do so. We will have masks available if you need one. Just ask an usher.

For the first service, every other pew will be closed, and you are encouraged to keep social distance between you, or your family, and the next individual or family on the pew you choose. Following the first service, the Sanctuary and restrooms will be sanitized, and the closed pew markers will be shifted to pews that were occupied in the previous service, so second service guests will have a pew not used in the first service.

We will be using the screen exclusively for song lyrics and Order of Service. Printed bulletins and orders of service pages will not be available.

Services are being adjusted to 45 minutes removing the hand-shaking fellowship and passing of the offering plates. Hymnals and Bibles have been removed along with pew envelopes and ink pens, so be sure to bring your own.

If you need a restroom before, during, or after the service, please knock on the door, and only have one person/family in the restroom at a time.

Sunday Schedule:

8:45 AM - Sanctuary doors open, so please do not arrive before the doors are opened. The congregation will seat themselves, following self-distancing measures. Ushers will help direct you to a seat if needed.

9:00 AM - 9:45 AM - First Worship Service

9:45 AM - 10:45 AM - Cleaning and disinfecting of the Sanctuary and restrooms.

10:45 AM - Sanctuary doors open, so please do not arrive before the doors are opened. The congregation will seat themselves, following self-distancing measures. Ushers will help direct you to a seat if needed.

11:00 AM - 11:45 AM - Second Worship Service

Phase 2: Adult Small Groups Launch

In Phase 2, Sanctuary choir members will begin rehearsing soon, meeting in the Sanctuary instead of the Choir Suite, following distancing suggestions. There is no established date as to when the choir will begin singing in the service again, but they want to be ready when the time comes. The praise team will continue leading music until then.

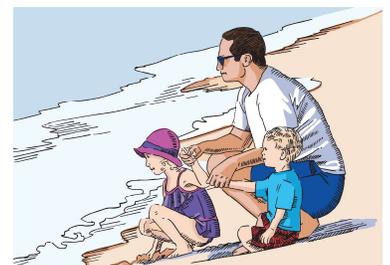
On-campus Bible studies, Sunday School classes and committee meetings will begin when more of the Covid-19 recommendations are lifted.

Phase 3: All Normal Ministries Resume

The date for Phase 3 has yet to be determined, but provided things have improved, we will begin our normal schedule again in the Fall.

Happy Father’s Day

Sunday, June 21





From The Pastor

Dear Church Family,

I want to thank you for several things. Thank you first for the many prayers you lifted for my wife, Kristin, during her recent health struggles. We so appreciate all the prayers, meals, emails, texts, and phone calls. She is recovering, though we know it will probably be close to the end of June before she is fully recovered. Thank you also for your patience with me and our leadership as we judge this entire COVID-19 debacle/pandemic/crisis/situation. Wow, what an interesting time! We thank you for your patience as we have prayed through when and how to re-launch our public in-person ministries.

Regarding our church's reopening, you can see the first page of this newsletter for details and those timelines that we currently have set. I want to basically bring the right filter that we need to see this situation through. I simply want to encourage you in this one vastly important way. We need to practice love and grace in all things. There are some people who are convinced that COVID-19 is no different from the common cold, and there are others who are convinced that this is the end of the world. We can easily allow Satan to distract and deter us from our mission to make disciples, if we are not careful, by allowing us to become divided and even hostile toward others in our church who disagree over something as simple as a \$1.50 mask. So, please practice love and grace in this and in all things. Love those who disagree with you, and be willing to show that love from a distance during this time. As we seek to make the main thing - the main thing, we should not become distracted by matters of preference or persuasion. And please, please, please, use this filter as well outside of your church relationships in conversations and on social media. Church, you are ALWAYS a reflection of Christ to the world. You cannot

turn that role of your life off at any time you so desire. And if you come across as a person who is unloving or uncaring, then you have lost your voice into their lives.

So, let us be a church who clearly cares for all those in our community and who walk through our doors, regardless of whether or not they decide to wear a mask, desire social distancing, or are concerned during this time. Let us communicate love and grace to all people in all ways, so that we do not shut the door of their lives to the Gospel.

“I have become all things to all people, that by all means I might save some.” — The Apostle Paul from 1 Corinthians 9:22.

In Christ,

Brett Myers



Sunday Morning Ushers Needed

With the opening of our Sanctuary again, we need of extra ushers. We know that everyone will not be returning to on-campus worship and now that we will offer two services (9:00 AM and 11:00 AM), we need extra helpers.

If you would be interested in helping us on Sunday mornings, please call the church office, Lynda or Paulette, at 843-785-4478. You will be given training as to the new procedures.

Jesus Christ
... there is no other
NAME
under heaven given among mortals
by which we must be saved.
Acts 4:12, NRSV
Jesus Christ

FBC Hilton Head Island Student Ministry

Tentative Corona Schedule

Summer Schedule – a week to week development

What a whirlwind this year has been. As timelines are continuing to be developed for ministry this summer, we are having to be flexible and adapt as well. Thankfully, our youth ministry, despite all the obstacles, has not stopped and that, of course, is the plan for our summer as well. However, we are having to modify the normal summer plans to be wise, set a good example, and follow the standard our church has set during this time. Student meetings will happen this summer, but they will be strategic and follow the plan suggested by our church leadership.

With decisions just recently being made on when we will begin launching our in-person Sunday worship, we will be using those timelines to determine when and how our in-person student meetings will happen. I will be keeping all parents and youth up to date through text and emails as our schedule and events progress. Our standard youth camp for the summer will be postponed, but we will look to push some of those events and plans to the fall. In the meantime, our adapted summer schedule will be available soon, and please review below how to join Sunday School Zoom Sessions.

Sunday School Zoom Sessions - 9:15 am Sundays

Each Sunday morning, we explore the stories and truths of the New Testament. The zoom link for our weekly Sunday School meeting is listed below.

<http://zoom.us/j/366219868?pwd=VWxidzJ5aTM3Zk53Zld1NzR5NW1KQT09>

Zoom Digital Wednesday Night Sessions - Wednesdays, 6 pm

During this time, our student ministry meets digitally each week to discuss current student topics centered on Scripture. Please do not miss these fun meetings as we grow and learn together.

<https://zoom.us/j/99791919260?pwd=RldBemJYUWNrNERiVGcxNmNhaHA4UT09>

2020 calendar of events
www.fbchhi.org
June Coronavirus Edition

Standard Summer Camp – not happening this summer

To be as wise as possible, and because of the time and preparation needed, our standard summer camp will not happen this summer.

With a decision on when the church will open-up for individual groups to meet on-campus is still to be determined, we will assess, and most likely modify, an approach to camp later in the summer. If our timelines for individual ministries to meet on campus still does not fall within that timeline, we will continue to push those camp efforts to fall and winter.

Parents and youth can expect to be updated by email and text message as meetings and events are planned.



From the Music Ministry...

I do hope and pray that this virus crisis has not made you lose your sense of humor. But just in case it has, maybe the following piece will send you on the road to recovery! This is something that I have shared with my choirs over the years, usually in the early days of our relationship together, to give them a little bit of a scare (and then a great big laugh!). I hope you enjoy reading it as much as I have enjoyed sharing it!

Richard

CHOIR PROFICIENCY TEST

In order to measure your level of proficiency as a member of this choral group, the following test has been carefully developed by a team of choral experts. Read and reflect on each of the following situations, and then select the option that will enhance the quality of our choral performance.

1. You are in a choir processional and suddenly trip on your robe and fall down. You should...
 - a. Assume a kneeling position and break into fervent prayer.
 - b. Pretend that you've had a heart attack.
 - c. Crawl into the nearest pew.
 - d. Yell, "I've fallen and I can't get up!"
2. You are a soprano singer and count incorrectly. As a result, you boom out a high note too soon. You should...
 - a. Slide into an inspired rendition of "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing."
 - b. Look triumphant and hold that note.
 - c. Stop abruptly in mid-squawk, but keep your lips moving.
 - d. Sink to the floor in shame.
3. After all of those long, hard rehearsals, you show up twenty minutes late for a concert. You should...
 - a. Climb into the back row of the choir from the baptistry.
 - b. Read the pamphlet "Techniques for Tardy Appearance," by Justin Case.
 - c. Slash your wrists in the choir room.
 - d. Enter pretending to be a sound technician checking cables, and subtly morph into the choir.
4. The person sharing your music in rehearsal had a garlic tamale for supper. You should...
 - a. Complain of lack of air, then grab your throat and fall convulsed on the floor.
 - b. Pass the offender a hymnal opened to the hymn "Purify Me, Lord."
 - c. Sing without inhaling.
 - d. Say, "I detect garlic tamale on your breath. Do you have a recipe for that?"
5. While singing, you discover that you are missing the second page of the invitation hymn. You should...
 - a. Hum for your life.
 - b. Sing, "watermelon, watermelon, watermelon."
 - c. Improvise an obbligato and sing on "Ooo."
 - d. Try to get another hymnal out of the chair rack with your foot.
6. Inevitably, a dreaded big sneeze comes toward the end of the hymn "God Be in My Head." You should...
 - a. As you sneeze, come down hard on your neighbor's instep to create a diversion.
 - b. Cram your choir stole into your mouth to muffle the noise.
 - c. Try to make the sneeze harmonize.
 - d. It doesn't really matter, because the director is going to kill you.

****Count the number of a's, b's, c's, and d's you circled to find your proficiency rating.****

PROFICIENCY TEST RATINGS

4 or more a's:	There is nothing more you need to know to be a first-rate member of a world-renowned choir.
4 or more b's:	Your church choir reflexes are fully developed and you should do well in a medium church choir.
4 or more c's:	Your church choral experience is spotty, but your team impulses are on target.
4 or more d's:	We recommend soccer or group therapy counseling.



Care...
Prepare...
Share...

While we are happy to report that we are beginning worship services again, we are sad to say that this does not include anything for our children this summer. And, unfortunately, this includes Vacation Bible School.

FBC HHI Kids

Feel free to bring all your children to the sanctuary if you choose to return to worship services. The mother's room will be open for nursing mothers. If your child gets restless and you want to take them out, inform an usher, and they will help you to the Student Building.

We currently plan to return to Wednesday night activities in the Fall. Watch for details.

"Kid's Matter to God and FBC."

MISSIONS

Annual Mission Offering 2019-2020

Collected from November 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020

Goal - \$40,000

Total Collected through May 2020 - \$32,453

50% of the money collected goes to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions.

25% goes to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for North American Missions.

25% goes to our Mission Fund to be used as designated by our Missions Committee.

Our Annual Missions Offering has been extended through June. Our circumstances have delayed the reaching of our goal for the year, and we want to provide ample time to at least reach that goal so none of our supported ministries suffer.

We are only \$7,600 from our goal.

Thank you so very much for your faithful and continued giving to spread the Gospel around through our community and the world.



With so many out of work, there is a continued need for support of our Blessing Box and Deep Well. Drop donations by the church during regular business hours or leave on the front porch of the Family Life Center after hours.

Our Blessing Box is being used. It is nice to know that we can aid the people in our own community during this unusual time in history.

Non-perishable donations are best.

Deep Well has seen a big increase in those requesting their social services, especially the need for their food pantry. Their Wish List of needed items was updated the end of May. They currently request non-food items.

Diapers - Size 3, 4, 5 or 6 (Please no Little Swimmers)
Baby Wipes
Deodorant
First Aid Items
Sunscreen



Beach Parking at FBCHHI New Instructions

Church family,

We have had a difficult issue arise over the past several weeks. Our church parking lot has become a hot spot for unauthorized beach parking. This has always been a small issue but has spiraled as of late due to several factors.

With a huge increase in parking illegally, several other issues have also arisen.

One being that these individuals are crossing the street and accessing the beach via what we are told are private access points across the street rather than the Alder Lane public access. This is resulting in neighbors who are frustrated with the situation and, to some degree, with us. There has also been a terrible amount of disgusting (we can leave it at that) trash in our parking lot.

While we want to serve our community, our property is not being respected, our office and ministerial staff are wasting time that could be spent elsewhere, and this could further harm the relationship with our neighbors if nothing is done.

So we are asking for a couple of things from you:

1. Always Display Your FBCHHI Parking Pass on the Dashboard of Your Car/Truck/SUV

Make sure to display your parking pass when parking in our lot to go to the beach or for any other reason you may leave your car in our parking lot if you are not on campus. Due to the trash and neighbor tensions this situation has created, we may have to begin towing cars who are repeatedly and without permit using our lot for beach parking. We do try to leave warning slips on windshields and record license plates as a last warning, but the very

last thing we want to do is inadvertently tow a member's car... yikes! So please display your parking pass on your dash if you are here outside of normal worship hours and are not physically on our campus. This would include times when you go to the beach, leave your car to bicycle, caravan with someone else to a restaurant, etc.

Please note: You do NOT need to display a pass when simply coming to worship, Bible studies, committee meetings, etc. We only monitor our lot outside of regular meeting times when it's only staff on campus.

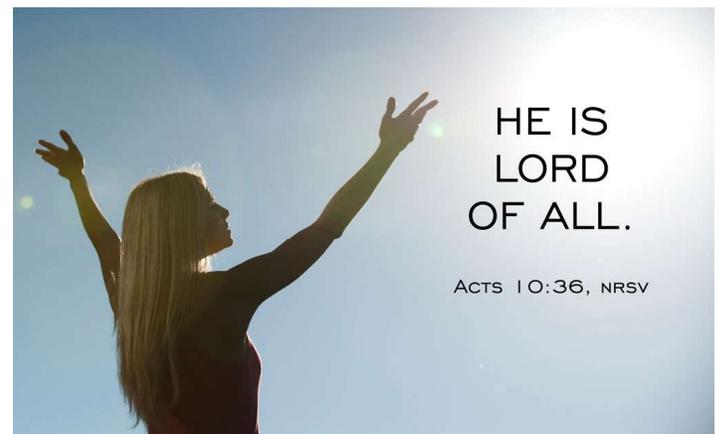
If you need a parking pass, come by the church office during regular business hours (Monday - Thursday, 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM, Friday, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM,) and Lynda or Paulette will prepare one for you. Please bring us the color, make and model of your car, and your license tag number for our records when you come to get a parking pass.

2. Use the Alder Lane Beach Access

If you are going to the beach from our parking lot, please use the Alder Lane access point. There is a crosswalk across South Forest Beach that goes down the side of the Marriott Grande Ocean Resort. This is the same path we take for Easter Sunday Sunrise Services. We realize this is a little longer walk, but you will help us remain friendly with our neighbors.

Thank you for your understanding. We are trying to handle this issue for the reasons given above, but also in preparation for our re-launch of public services and the resumed regular use of our campus.

Brett Myers



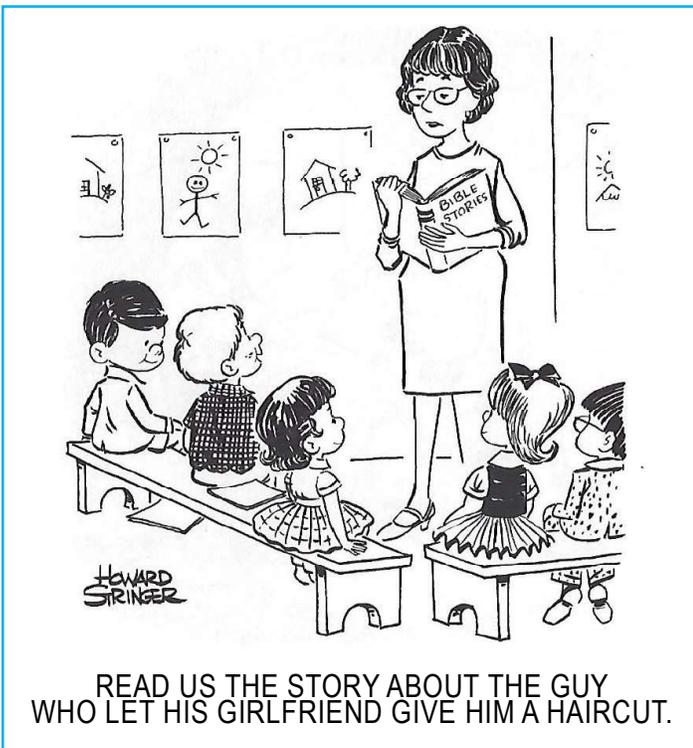
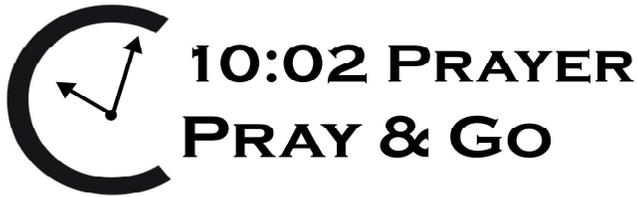


Thank You Church Family

Curtis and I would like to express our sincere appreciation to our church family for all the prayers, calls, memorial gifts and meals during the recent loss of our son Will. God's love was truly shown to us by our brothers and sisters in Christ. We look forward to the day when we can visit face to face with everyone soon. Thanks again. We love you!

Marian and Curtis Hart

who's your **1**ONE?



READ US THE STORY ABOUT THE GUY
WHO LET HIS GIRLFRIEND GIVE HIM A HAIRCUT.

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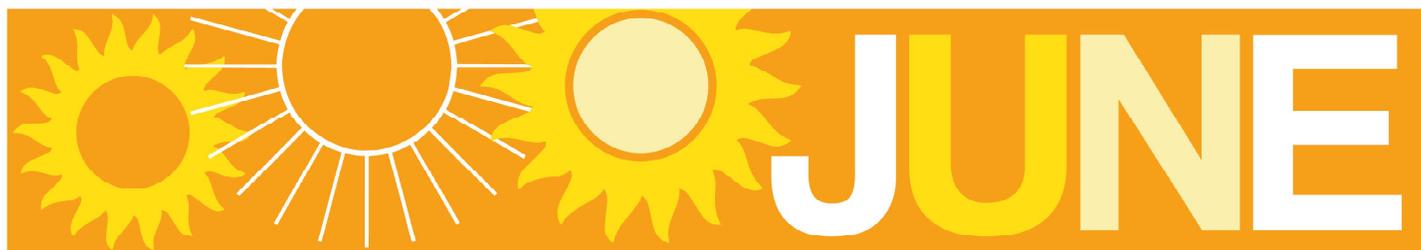
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Financial Statement

Year-to-Date Budget Receipts Goal thru 04/30/20	\$285,417
Year-to-Date Receipts thru 04/30/20	\$304,786
Year-to-Date Expenses 04/30/20	\$241,984
Budget Receipts Goal for May 2020	\$83,946
Month-to-Date Receipts thru 05/31/2020	\$75,007
Month-to-Date Expenses thru 05/31/2020	\$84,719**
Mission Offering Extended thru June 20, 2020 - Goal \$40,000	
Annual Missions Offering as of 5/31/2020	\$32,453

**Includes Property Insurance renewal \$29,747



Wednesday, June 3
Sunday, June 7

6:30 PM - Online Youth Study
9:15 AM - Some Sunday School classes are online.
Check with your leader to see if your class will meet this way.

Wednesday, June 10
Sunday, June 14

10:30 AM - Online Worship
6:30 PM - Online Youth Study
8:45 AM - Sanctuary Doors Open
9:00 AM - 9:45 AM - Worship Service in the Sanctuary
and Livestream Worship on our website at www.fbchhi.org,
Facebook and Youtube
9:45 AM - Sanctuary Doors are Closed, Sanitizing of the Sanctuary
and Restrooms

Wednesday, June 17
Sunday, June 21

10:45 AM - Sanctuary Doors Open
11:00 AM - 11:45 AM - Worship in the Sanctuary

Facebook and Youtube

6:30 PM - Online Youth Study
Happy Father's Day
8:45 AM - Sanctuary Doors Open
9:00 AM - 9:45 AM - Worship Service in the Sanctuary
and Livestream Worship on our website at www.fbchhi.org,

Wednesday, June 24
Sunday, June 28

9:45 AM - Sanctuary Doors are Closed, Sanitizing of the Sanctuary
and Restrooms

10:45 AM - Sanctuary Doors Open
11:00 AM - 11:45 AM - Worship in the Sanctuary

6:30 PM - Online Youth Study
8:45 AM - Sanctuary Doors Open
9:00 AM - 9:45 AM - Worship Service in the Sanctuary
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and Restrooms

10:45 AM - Sanctuary Doors Open
11:00 AM - 11:45 AM - Worship in the Sanctuary

Church Offices Are Open

9:00 AM - 5:00 PM - Monday - Thursday

9:00 AM - 12:00 Noon - Friday

Committee Meetings for June

*Committee members are to check with their Committee chairman
to see if your committee will be meeting online and
for the details of how to join the meeting.*