

Ada First Baptist Church

Guidelines for Returning

1. When will we resume services as normal?

For safe measure, we will proceed with congregating together in large gatherings slowly with caution. We will stay one step behind the local and state agencies recommendations.

2. What about small groups?

We will continue to conduct virtual small group sessions, via Zoom, for the time being. We have equipped small group leaders with the capabilities to conduct virtual meetings, via Zoom, and have had much success connecting with many believers.

Moving forward, we will invest in capabilities for classes to be accessible virtually when we start meeting in person again in order to provide an opportunity to engage those that are not able to be present.

We hope to see a return to small group meetings of under ten people in attendance in a couple weeks that follow the Safe Practice plans below.

3. How do we plan on moving forward with services?

Sunday Morning Services

By not moving backwards! We will continue to improve our online services and engagement with the sole focus of amplifying the Gospel to inspire our viewers to find and follow Jesus.

We are also going to continue having our Parking Lot Church service for the time being.

Once more restrictions are lifted, we plan on holding services at an outdoor venue so social distancing can easily be maintained to ensure the safety of everyone in attendance. When we have services inside our facilities we will implement safe practices such as families sitting a safe distance from each other during the service, social distancing, etc.

Wednesday Night and Sunday Ministry Programs

Based on the current information, we expect to launch Wednesday night and Sunday morning preschool, kids, youth, choir and orchestra ministry services and programs sometime in June.

Prior to any programs, services, or events launching each area of ministry will be required to develop and implement a Safe Practices plan that identifies:

- a. Measures they have taken to maintain a controlled environment.
- b. Guidelines for social distancing and a plan to help maintain and enforce social distancing among attendees and volunteers.
- c. Identify safety precautions that are being made in order to ensure areas have been cleaned and disinfected.
- d. Any in-person program, service, or event must be approved, prior to promoting and/or having the event.

Special Service for 65+

Once restrictions are lessened, we plan on periodically having a special Sunday night service for 65+ years old, not to exceed a maximum occupancy of 50.

4. What about mission work?

We are focusing on all local mission work at this current time.

5. What about camps and trips?

We will follow the schedule and guidelines that have been released by Oklahoma Baptist.

6. What about office hours?

We plan on increasing our offices being open gradually over the next few weeks as restrictions are lifted.