

# Weekly Update

## July 1, 2020

### **RETURN TO CHURCH**

Church Family,

I am very excited for our return to church this Sunday July 5<sup>th</sup>. We will be meeting at 10:15 am. There is no Sunday school which is normal during our summer months. Other than the time and place, much will look different this Sunday. We will be following social distancing guidelines which includes the following:

- All able adults and teenagers are asked to wear a mask (unless a medical condition does not allow it)
- Only using every other pew. Others will be blocked off
- Households (whoever you came with) sitting six feet apart
- No singing but we will be utilizing musical worship
- Removal of all reusable materials such as hymnals and bibles from pews
- Fellowship Hall and all classrooms will be closed
- No coffee hour or water fountains
- No passing of offering or communion plates
- Only entry to building through main doors on south side of building (all exits open)
- Sanctuary doors to remain open at all times
- Expected length of service 45 minutes
- Keep inside conversation to a minimum
- Continued online worship for those at home

We will still have a time of stewardship as well as communion. Offering plates will be found at the doors of the sanctuary. Feel free to drop your offering on the way in or way out of the sanctuary. Communion supplies will be found at a worship resource table in the foyer. We will have a volunteer passing out communion supplies, new offering envelopes for the year, and masks for those who do not have one. We will be offering two types of masks; a fabric reusable (which you are free to take home) and a lighter disposable mask. There will also be various sanitizing stations throughout the church building that will include cleaning wipes and hand sanitizer.

Any individual with a fever, cough, chills, or severe fatigue should maintain safety by staying home. If you are feeling sick or tired, please take your temperature before attending church. Also, if you have been exposed to someone with Covid-19 please practice caution in returning to church. In the event we do have a case of Covid-19 at church, we want to make sure we have detailed records of attendance. Your attendance will be tracked by a volunteer at the resource table in the main foyer. Please enter through the main door to ensure we have accurate attendance records. All exits will remain unlocked and will be propped open at the end of service.

We pray that these social distancing rules will not be received as a personal attack on your freedom. Rather, we pray that these rules will provide all people both old and young alike the freedom to worship in the House of God without fear. As Jesus said in Matthew 22:37-40

*“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’[c] 38 This is the first and greatest commandment. 39 And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’[d] 40 All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.”*

Let us all show love by protecting our neighbors and worshiping God safely together.

See you Sunday,

Pastor Mat

### **OFFERING ENVELOPES**

Offering envelopes for the new church year beginning July 5<sup>th</sup> are available in the church office. Notify the office if you would like a box and what number you would prefer and it will be set aside for pickup during office hours or on Sunday morning.

### **SOCIAL MEDIA**

The church has set up some new social media pages. Our Facebook page can still be found at <https://www.facebook.com/fccdoggc/>. In addition, we now have an Instagram page (fccdocgc) and a Twitter page (@fccdocgc). We hope to keep these sites continuously updated on the current happenings at First Christian Church.

### **ELDERS AND DEACONS**

Elders and Deacons will not be required to do anything during Sunday morning worship services for the foreseeable future. There is no passing of communion/offering, communion prep, or homebound communion during this time.

### **FACE MASKS AVAILABLE**

Please contact Carol Hutchcraft if you would like a face mask: 784-5656.

### **ONLINE WORSHIP**

We will continue to post online worship videos for those who choose to stay home on Sunday mornings.

### **DAILY RESOURCES**

Daily activities, including devotionals, a prayer guide, and study guide can be found on the

church website. Most materials are posted under daily resources at <https://fccdocgc.com/covid-19resources/>. A daily devotional can be found at <https://fccdocgc.com/daily-devotional/>.  
 Devotionals and other information are also posted to the church Facebook page.

**PRAYER LIST**

**Harold Stimmel**  
**Harriet Farney**  
**Patty Benz**  
**Evelyn Fawver**  
**Irene Schaefer**  
**Mike Lorenzen**  
**Chet Goodrich**  
**Phil Walker** (Sue Walker's brother)

**BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES**

(July 1-7, 2020)

July

- 1: Chester Goodrich  
Dennis & Sharon Higgins '06
- 2: Carol Hutchcraft
- 3: Matt Poe  
Tyler Mott  
Jerry Wahls
- 7: Janet Hoffman

Please send us (gcfccdoc@yahoo.com) additions or corrections of birthdays, anniversaries, or email addresses.

**WEBSITE**

The church's WEBSITE IS NOW LIVE and can be found at [www.fccdocgc.com](http://www.fccdocgc.com)  
 On the website, you can view a calendar featuring upcoming events  
 and past copies of the Weekly Updates and Christian Visitors.

**ATTENDANCE**

FCC ATTENDANCE	SUNDAY WEEK					AVG
	1	2	3	4	5	
2019 JULY	57	48	46	62		53

2019	AUGUST	53	60	70	42		56
2019	SEPTEMBER	41	78	42	57	62	56
2019	OCTOBER	60	61	64	67		63
2019	NOVEMBER	61	59	58	50		57
2019	DECEMBER	125	62	59	62	48	71
2020	JANUARY	56	55	45	55		53
2020	FEBRUARY	53	45	65	54		54
2020	MARCH	60	48	50			53
	AVG	62.9	57.3	55.4	56.1	55.0	

Average Monthly Attendance				
	2017	2018	2019	2020
July	30	40	53	
August	35	44	56	
September	49	49	56	
October	46	58	63	
November	51	53	57	
December	46	69	71	
January		49	42	53
February		38	42	54
March		45	46	53