



## SBC Covid-19 Re-Entry Plan

In the wake of the reality of the Coronavirus pandemic, our church has had to modify our previous function of worship. Since, March 15th, 2020, Second Baptist Church has suspended all weekly on location activities & closed off the sanctuary for Sunday worship to keep our membership safe during this time. While in this moment of isolation, we have still been able to help those in need, worship, learn & grow as a congregation. We give God all of the praise, honor & glory for the privilege of service & continued preservation through this season. Also, we could not have done this without the help of the leadership of our church operating in their usual standard of excellence. We are grateful for their service to God and God's people.

Romans 12:12 teaches us to "Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation & be constant in prayer". Through prayer and guidance by the Holy Spirit, we, Second Baptist Church have begun the gradual process of re-establishing our on-site activities and have been engaged in it since March 22nd of this year.

Our re-entry process consists of three phases: **Online Engagement, Preparation For Launch & Post Launch Retention.**

Our first wave (Online Engagement) has already been implemented. Not only have we been able to continue using social media as a means of staying connected to each other but

our first wave has resulted in an expanded online following and an 8 percent increase in our membership!

Second Baptist Church is now in phase 2 of our re-entry process (Preparation For Launch). In this stage, we will begin to slowly transition back to our sanctuary for worship. The transition will begin on **July 12th, 2020**. Procedures for this re-integration will be as follows.

- Corporate Daniel Fast from July 5th to July 10th (6am to 6pm)
- Limiting access to church (one entry point & one exit point)
- Providing hand sanitizer and PPE in the sanctuary
- Designating a team to deep clean the sanctuary
- Practicing social distancing while in the sanctuary
- Restricting access to the church to Sunday morning worship (until November we will expand to include Wednesdays & Thursdays for Bible Study & Music Ministry rehearsals, respectively)
- Continuing to use Social Media/Internet as a means of facilitating worship

We will begin the third phase of our re-entry process (Post Launch Retention) on **January 3rd, 2021**. This final phase will be when our church will return to complete function without any restrictions. This phase will include:

- Accommodations for full return to the sanctuary
- Monitor transitions of our families
- Communication blasts of our full re-entry

All of these aforementioned dates are subject to adjustment as conditions may change. **Our primary goal is to keep every member of Second Baptist Church healthy and safe.**

As we continue to move by the Lord's leading out of this season of sickness and seclusion, I am asking for the membership of Second Baptist Church to do three things:

- 1) **Be Prayerful:** Please continue to keep our church, our congregation & our leadership as we are all doing the best that we can to navigate this unprecedented moment with best practice. Please pray for continued protection, guidance & peace while enduring this time.
- 2) **Be Patient:** Please be patient with our church (and her leadership) as we attempt to implement these strategies as best we can. Not knowing what the future may hold, we may have to modify our protocols appropriately. Know that our highest desire is to serve you as best we can and be patient with us as we attempt to do so.
- 3) **Be Prepared:** While we are transitions back into our church building, rest assured, things will not be the same as you remember them. While our core values & mission have not changed, methods and mode of operation may have to. Please be prepared for some things to be familiar and for other things to be different than you may have known them previously.

We thank you for your faithful commitment to your church and for your remaining connected to Second Baptist Church through all of this. Be reminded and encouraged by the truth of God's Word in

Ecclesiastes 7:8, that “the end of something is better than its beginning”. This has been hard for all of us, but by God’s grace and mercy, better days are ahead of us. Thank you and may God continue to keep you.

Peace,

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