

First Baptist Church of Ravenswood
Health Guidelines for Services Outside the Church Building
During the COVID-19 Pandemic - Effective June 3, 2020

This following health guidelines provide details of the operational plan for First Baptist Church of Ravenswood (FBC) to conduct a worship service in the courtyard at the church, during COVID-19. This plan will remain in effect until local and state health guidance changes or FBC leadership amends. The guidelines have been accepted for this setting by the local health department because it is modeled on the Governor's May 29, 2020, "Safety Guidance for Auctions" document. The FBC leadership team consisting of the pastor, deacons, and chairman of the trustee board have unanimously approved this guidance to be followed for the outdoor services once it was approved by the health department.

1. FBC consulted with the Jackson County Health Department (LHD) on June 3, 2020, in an attempt to hold outdoor worship services safely and to allow more people from our congregation to comfortably attend services. This guidance was approved by the LHD in an effort to help keep our congregation safe.
2. The initial time of the outdoor service will be 10:45-12:00. The starting time could change for cooler temperatures.
3. Please try to arrive no earlier than 30 minutes prior to the start of the service. Look for the entrance/exit points.
4. In the event of inclement weather, the service will be moved inside of the sanctuary, at which time the "indoor guidelines" that were approved by the LHD will be in effect. FBC will use a telephone reminder in the event service time or location changes. That change will be also be posted on Facebook.
5. A podium for preaching will be used in front of the fellowship hall on small platform separated from the congregation by at least 12-feet. The piano and worship team will also be similarly separated from the congregation.
6. FBC will create designated seating areas that are at least 6-8-feet in size, across the courtyard. This area will be separated by a center aisle which extends from the center of the fellowship hall toward Ann Street. The crowd will face the fellowship hall when they are seated in the courtyard.
7. Masks are optional but encouraged. Persons not wearing a mask will be seated in a "non-mask section," across/apart from those who choose to attend wearing a mask or face-covering.
8. Please bring your own lawn chair if you have one. Folding metal chairs will be available if needed.
9. You may freely choose the designated area for your family to sit, as long as it is available. Our head usher will be there to assist if needed. All designated areas will be marked to help identify necessary seating separation.
10. The crowd will be dismissed by the head usher row-by-row, during which time the offering will be received.
11. The restroom in the fellowship hall may be used if needed. Please try to use the restroom before arrival. Parents should take their children to the restroom to avoid wandering in the building. All other doors will be locked.
12. Extensive cleaning will occur before and after the service including the wiping down of metal chairs.
13. The congregation is encouraged to dress appropriately for outdoor seating. Casual clothing, shorts, and other kinds of informal clothing are welcome due to summer conditions/temperatures. Hats and sunglasses are also welcome.
14. Umbrellas and tents are not permitted to be used as it restricts airflow.
15. Please try to socially distance yourselves from one another, by at least 6 feet before, during and after the service.
16. FBC will cooperate with the health department in the event of an outbreak linked to the service.
17. This guidance applies only to outdoor worship only. The "inside worship" guidelines previously approved remain in effect.