

From the Pastor's Desk

"The physical presence of other Christians is a source of incomparable joy and strength to the believer" (Dietrich Bonhoeffer, *Life Together*).

I'm sure you would give a hearty "AMEN" to Bonhoeffer's statement. I know how eager you are to return to FBCF and enjoy the physical presence of other Christians. Doing life together is a source of incomparable joy and strength for the believer. For this reason, the early church was devoted to fellowship (Acts 2:42, 46). If we didn't realize that before the pandemic, we do now. For that reason, we thank God for the pandemic!

I'm sure you've heard the wonderful news that NYC will enter Phase 2 on Monday, June 22. What does this mean for FBCF? It means that we will be able to open our building for services and other ministry activities up to 25% of our capacity. Although we will not be ready to open for services when first eligible on June 28, we anticipate gathering in a limited way as early as July 5. Stay tuned! More details will follow next week.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to the pastoral staff. In the meantime, we encourage you to worship with us through our online services, to connect with one another through our online communities, to share the gospel as God gives opportunity, to support the ministry at FBCF through your prayers, service and grace-giving, and to care for one another. The Word of God exhorts us to encourage one another lest anyone be hardened by sin's deceitfulness (Heb. 3:13). Don't assume that everyone is "fine." After months of isolation, many are lonely, discouraged, weak, and overwhelmed with temptation (1 Th. 5:14; Jas. 5:19-20). This responsibility belongs to all of us.

We have some wonderful services planned for Sunday, June 21:

Spanish Service (9:00 AM): "The Inheritance of the Church" Acts 20:25-38 Pastor Adolfo Ocampo
Watch Live at www.facebook.com/Primera-Iglesia-Bautista-de-Flushing-NYC-Ministerio-Hispano-103654884345775/

Chinese Service (11:00 AM): "Inheritance of Faith" 1 Corinthians 4:14-21 Pastor Shih Wei Chiang
Watch Live at www.facebook.com/fbcflushingchinese/

English Service (11:00 AM): "The Heart of the Matter" Mark 7:1-23 Pastor Gary Domiano
Watch Live at www.facebook.com/fbcflushing/

Choosing Faith Over Fear!

Pastor Gary

Mark 4:40