

From the Pastor's Desk – July 3, 2020

Psalm 122:1 (ESV): I was glad when they said to me, “Let us go to the house of the LORD!”

For the first time since March 15, the doors of FBCF will be open again on a Sunday morning. Praise God!!! Since NYC is in Phase 2, we will only gather at 25% capacity while adhering to CDC social distancing guidelines.

Our worship schedule for **July 5** will be as follows:

- **Spanish Service (9:00 AM-10:10 AM, 1st floor) – we have room for 80 worshipers.**
- **Chinese Service (11:00 AM-12:10 PM, 3rd floor) – we have room for 45 worshipers.**
- **English Service (11:00 AM-12:10 PM, 1st floor) – we have room for 80 worshipers.**

There will be **no** children's classes, adult classes, coffee/tea, or any fellowship gatherings at this time; these will resume at a later date. We will **not** have congregational singing as it has been shown to cause a greater risk of transmission. Instead, we will all listen as our wonderful worship leaders minister to us in song.

We understand that everyone has different comfort levels with meeting again. We encourage EVERYONE to do what they feel is best at this time. Do not feel pressured to return. ***Services will still be available ONLINE for those who prefer to wait a little longer before returning.***

We encourage those who are in good health and feel comfortable doing so, to join us this **Sunday, July 5**. We encourage those who are high-risk (those over 65 and those of any age with underlying medical conditions), those who are caring for high-risk individuals, and those who have been otherwise medically directed, to not attend during this phase. Additionally, if you or any member of your family has been sick with any of the symptoms the CDC has associated with the coronavirus, we ask that you refrain from attending FBCF gatherings for at least 14 days.

Reopening Safety Procedures and Guidelines:

1. Registration:

- If you want to attend the English or Chinese worship service, you **must** register in advance on our website (www.fbcflushing.org). The Spanish Service does not require registration.
- If you are unable to register online, please notify Meiling (718-539-6822 ext 1001; meiling@fbcflushing.org).

2. Arrival and Departure:

- The doors will open 30 minutes prior to your worship service and close 10 minutes after service begins.
- Everyone must enter the building through the main entrance (glass doors in the parking lot).
- The parking lot is available for a limited number of cars. You can also park at Central Parking, located diagonally across the street from the church, on Sanford Avenue. The cost is \$6 with a parking coupon.
- Spanish and English Service attendees will exit through the sanctuary doors onto Sanford Avenue.
- Chinese Service attendees will exit through the main doors into the parking lot.

3. Temperature Scans – Upon arriving at FBCF, your temperature will be taken before entering the building. If you have a fever, you will not be permitted to enter the building. We apologize in advance!!!

4. Social Distance – We strongly encourage everyone to maintain six feet of distance while at church. Areas for seating will be clearly marked. We apologize in advance if your favorite seat is unavailable.

5. Face Coverings – As a way to show love to one another, everyone is **required** to wear a face covering while they are at FBCF. We request that you bring your own face covering. The church has a limited supply of disposable masks for those who need one.

6. Restrooms – Restrooms will be limited to one person or family at a time.

7. Offerings – Offering plates will not be passed. You can place your offering in the mailbox outside the main door, drop it in the offering plates at the front of the sanctuary, donate online, or continue to mail it in.

8. Lord's Supper – Upon arrival, you will receive a pre-filled juice and wafer set for the Lord's Supper. If you're watching the service online, please have the elements ready before service begins.

We have wonderful services planned for Sunday, July 5:

Spanish Service (9:00 AM): "The Indispensable Ingredient of Christian Ministry" Acts 21:15-26 Pastor Gary Domiano

Watch Live at www.facebook.com/Primera-Iglesia-Bautista-de-Flushing-NYC-Ministerio-Hispano-103654884345775/

Chinese Service (11:00 AM): "The Whys in Life" Job 3:11-26 Pastor Shih Wei Chiang

Watch Live at www.facebook.com/fbcflushingchinese/

English Service (11:00 AM): "The Way of the Cross" Mark 8:27-38 Pastor Aaron Chan

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If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call, text, or email anyone from the pastoral staff. In the meantime, we encourage you to worship with us in person or through our online services, to connect with one another during the week through our online communities, and to support the ministry at FBCF through your prayers, service and grace-giving.

We long to see you all again, face to face. We love you deeply!

Choosing Faith Over Fear,
Pastor Gary