# **FIRST SOUTHERN BAPTIST CHURCH**

June 5, 2020

#### **Pastor's Word**

The word is "reopen".

Hello Church, can you believe it is now June?

Churches have received the okay to reopen. There are specific guidelines to follow as we reopen. We are allowed to have whichever is lower – 25% of our seating capacity (which is 70), or 100 people.

On Thursday, May 28<sup>th</sup>, we had 12 members come for a required training and review the reopening plan. On Friday, May 29<sup>th</sup> the janitor cleaned the restrooms and sanctuary. On Saturday, May 30<sup>th</sup> we had a team of 10 come and sanitize the restrooms and sanctuary, put up signage and get the sanctuary ready. I thank each of them for their help and support as we navigate the reopening journey.

We had our first face-to-face service on Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup> with 32 in attendance. Everyone had their temperature taken before entering the sanctuary, and sanitized their hands. We asked that everyone wear a mask, and provided masks to those who needed one. We asked attendees to practice social distancing and restrict contact. We marked off every other pew to help with the social distancing. It was

so nice to see and worship together.



We will be repeating this worship experience for the next two weeks (June 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>).

Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup>, we also provided a "Worship and Word" broadcast on Facebook at 10:30 a.m.

As we move forward we will be moving to a livestream of the worship service (this will allow you to watch the service live). However, until we get livestreaming figured out we will continue to record and post a "Worship and Word" broadcast at 10:30 a.m. on Facebook.

I appreciate your understanding, patience, and prayers as we make this reopening journey together.



#### June's Verse of the Month

"I pray that God, the source of hope, will fill you completely with joy and peace because you trust in him. Then you will overflow with confident hope through the power of the Holy Spirit."

Romans 15:13

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## North American Mission Board Prayer Calendar - June 2020

### Konstantin and Angela Goncharov

*Church Planter* Family Church Slavic West Palm Beach, FL

Pray for unity and for regular gospel sharing by our team. Pray for new gospel laborers to South Florida for personal evangelism and church planting.

Jeff and Tina Hill Church Planter Redemption1010 Norristown, PA

Pray for people who are disconnected from God to come to life in Jesus. Pray we have a strong marriage.

Robby and Kim Pitt Church Planter The Peak Church Louisville, CO

Pray our team will have hearts that love God and people. Pray for discernment, ripe fruit, receptive people, spiritual explorers, persons of peace and influence, favor in Louisville and like-hearted teammates.

Brady and Melissa Sharp Military Community Church Planter Credence Church Lawton, OK

Pray that the people of Lawton, Fort Sill and southwest Oklahoma come to know Jesus, grow as disciples and that churches are planted as individuals and families are sent all over the world.

We are still offering the following on the church's Facebook page at *First Southern Baptist Church*:

- "Worship and Word" broadcast at 10:30 a.m. on Sundays by Pastor Jerry; upon viewing you are encouraged to **Share** and **Like** so that it will be available to your friends on FB
- Livestreaming of Wednesday's Bible study at 6:00 p.m. led by Janice Lanford. We are finishing our study on the Book of Philippians on June 10<sup>th</sup>, with a new study to begin June 17<sup>th</sup>.

If not attending services on campus, the church family is encouraged to continue to mail in their tithes and offerings, or drop them off at the church office during the hours listed.





