

First Baptist Church of Marion, NC
In-Person Worship and Sunday School Guidelines: Phase 3

Preface: As a result of new CDC and NC COVID-19 guidelines, the Diaconate approved the following guidelines on March 16, 2021. These guidelines will begin on Sunday, March 23, 2021 for Sunday School and worship. These guidelines were adopted after consultation with medical professionals and are designed to continue safely gathering for Sunday School and worship.

- While recognizing that this is a personal decision, all adults and adolescents are encouraged to get the COVID-19 vaccine before returning to in-person church gatherings.
- Face masks are recommended for those who are not fully vaccinated for COVID-19 when inside church buildings. For those vaccinated, if you feel more comfortable wearing a face covering at church, please feel free to wear one.
- For those who have not been vaccinated for COVID-19: If you are sick or have been in contact with someone who is sick over the last week, do not attend in-person worship. If you have tested positive for COVID-19 or been in contact with someone who has tested positive over the last 2 weeks, do not come to in-person worship. For those who are fully vaccinated: If you have been exposed to someone who is sick or tested positive for COVID-19, you do not need to quarantine per CDC and NC guidelines.
- While in Sunday School, school age children up to age 12 are required to wear a face mask. Preschool children are exempt from wearing a face mask.
- While social distance requirements are now relaxed by CDC and NC guidelines, every other pew will be designated for seating in the Sanctuary to provide extra spacing.
- Access to FBC buildings is only through the Fellowship Hall lobby doors, which are unlocked each Sunday morning at 9:15AM.
- Service bulletins are provided by the ushers upon entry into the Sanctuary.
- Offering plates are not passed from person-to-person. To give your tithes, stationary offering plates are available in the sanctuary and fellowship hall. Online giving is encouraged.
- Until updated CDC and NC guidelines on the safety of congregational singing are developed, we will not have congregational singing during worship.
- Sunday School classes may meet in their original classrooms or other spaces at their discretion.
- Sunday School hour is 9:45–10:45AM.