

FIRST SOUTHERN
Baptist Church

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Hello Church Family,

I send you greetings, from my heart to yours, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

We continue to face changing and trying times. At this writing, the *Idaho Rebounds* is entering into Stage 2. You may go to REBOUND.IDAHO.GOV for details regarding each stage. As you know, houses of worship were allowed to reopen in the Stage 1 grouping. Consequently, we have begun to see a return of our church family over the last two weeks. Moving through the reopening stages, I anticipate a full return of our church family by the time the state is fully open. I expect that will be by the end of May or mid-June. Once we have achieved this milestone our focus will be on the reactivation of our ancillary ministries.

The reactivation of FSBC ministries, as determined by the Church Council, comes with this caveat: That there is no significant recurrence of COVID 19 reported cases that result in the Governor reinstating the “stay at home order”. Apart from that, our return to full praise, worship, and ministry endeavors are as follows:

- Continue with Worship only on Sundays through June 28th
- June 6th we will begin one adult Sunday school class on Saturday evening. This class will be live-streamed, taught by Don Nesbitt and John Ring, and the time will be announced in my letter next week. All are invited to attend and child care will be provided. (The reason for Saturday evening class during the month of June is to avoid 3+ hours of steady exposure to one another, which would be the case if the class was held on Sunday morning.)
- July 5th full return of all Sunday school classes. By this time, Idaho will be fully reopened and all restrictions will be lifted. The Sunday School Teachers will meet in June to determine and confirm their strategy for re-engaging this discipleship training ministry.
- Now and going forward, all ministry teams and committees may begin to meet together as the members feel comfortable doing so.

Note:

→ Remember...social distancing, CDC guidelines, and sanitation protocols must be maintained at all times, for all meetings.

- We pray we can move forward with these timelines. However, we understand they can change or be completely sidelined if the Governor pushes the reset button and we have to go into a holding pattern.
- I will keep you everyone updated through my weekly letters. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me.

Lastly...the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering will be received through May 31st. Our goal is \$1500. Currently we are at about \$500.

Love in Christ,
Pastor Jim