



First Fellowship

The First Sunday after Christmas Day

December 27, 2020 | 8:15 a.m.

Temporarily Suspending In-Person Worship Beginning January 3, 2021

Out of responsibility to each other and to our neighbors, we are temporarily suspending our in-person worship and in-person Sunday School for all ages beginning Sunday, January 3. (Our Christmas Eve services, and worship services on December 27 will go on as scheduled, but if you are in a category of risk, you

might want to stay home.) We made this decision in consultation with physicians within our church and Dr. Kelsey Ivey, an Infectious Disease Specialist in Huntsville. Moreover, I recently asked David Spillers about Huntsville Hospital. He told me:

"We have been full for the past two weeks. Many days we are holding patients in the ER until we can free up space. The daily increase in positive cases will add additional hospitalizations that could overwhelm us over the next 3-4 weeks."

And this is from Francis Collins, head of the National Institute for Health and a faithful Christ-follower:

"Churches gathering in person is a source of considerable concern and has certainly been an instance where super spreading has happened and could happen again...Most churches really ought to be advised to go to remote services, if they're not already doing so."

The decision to suspend in-person worship does not mean the offices will be closed. Staff will be working on staggered schedules, but the offices will be open.

As to the Kids and Students, those ministers soon will communicate directly about their activities outside of Sunday mornings.

So, how will we decide when it's time to return to in-person worship and Sunday School?

1. We are going to await the completion of the installation of our UV lights. Those lights, soon to be installed in our building's ventilation system, will kill the virus and other germs passing through the system, thus providing us another line of defense against illness. We've been on a waiting list for those lights for a while, but anticipate the UV lights will be installed no later than the end of January.

2. We are going to watch the COVID trends in Madison County. The Decision-Making Team will meet again on January 18 to re-evaluate our status.

I'm grateful for your patience and vigilance during these difficult days. May God keep you safe.

Your Pastor,
Travis

2020 Living Christmas Tree – Did you miss this year's Living Christmas Tree broadcast? The virtual presentation incorporating new music from our virtual choir and orchestra and music and video highlights from our archives is available on demand on our website at fbchsv.org/lct.



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LIVESTREAM AND PRE-RECORDED BROADCASTS

Livestream of Worship Services

If you wish to watch the worship service as it is happening in the room, you can find the livestream of First Fellowship (8:15am) and the livestream of Sanctuary Worship (10:30am) at www.fbchsv.org/live.

FBC@HOME

Our pre-produced broadcast program, FBC@HOME, is available Sundays on Facebook Live at 8:15am and 10:30am, and on WHNT-19 at 10:30am. The program includes the Sunday sermon, selected music from our worship services, testimonies, children's time, scripture readings, and special features from our church life.

During the Week

All of these broadcasts can be accessed throughout the week on the church website, www.fbchsv.org, by clicking on *Service Archive*. If you had to miss one of these options on Sunday, you can go to the Services and Sermons page on fbchsv.org to access and watch any one of the services during the week.

Church at the Heart of the Home is our new electronic worship guide to keep Sundays sacred and lead you through worship on Sunday morning. It is an email that is sent out on Saturday mornings. You can find the guide online at fbchsv.org/athome and you can sign up to be put on the email list.

Digital Orders of Worship

Downloadable PDFs of the current week's Sunday Worship bulletin are available online at the Music and Worship page of our church website. Simply go to <https://fbchsv.org/music-and-worship-ministries>. (Scroll down to the header entitled *Resources*, or on the Members Page under *Music and Worship Ministries*.)

The digital worship bulletins contain announcements regarding church life as well as detailed information on the worship content and leadership.

We welcome our newest member
Faith Collier

FBC MINISTERIAL STAFF

Travis Collins

Senior Pastor

Jud Reasons

Executive Pastor

Billy Orton

Minister of Music and Worship

Esther Kim

Associate Minister of Music and Organist

Charley Lowry

Minister of Contemporary Worship

Scott Day

Missions Minister

Mark Seanor

Minister to Experienced Adults

Holly Canup

Minister to Median Adults

John Lemons

Minister to Young Adults

Sam Maxwell

Young Adult Ministry Resident

Jamie Mackey

Minister to Students and Families

Kristin Prasad

Minister to Kids and Families

Shelley Mills

Associate Minister to Kids and Families

Debbie Bell

Church Business Administrator

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