

September 9, 2020

Dear Parents of all FCC Children and Youth Ministries,

2020 has been a challenging time for all of us. The reopening committee for children and youth has been meeting to review government guidelines, as well as church guidelines as we look to reopen all children and youth ministries by mid-September. We want to do this as safe and practical as we can. We realize there are many differing thoughts on masks and our children and youth, and we cannot please everyone. Please realize we want what is best for you and your children and will always strive to keep everyone safe and healthy as we start to gather together. Please remain open-minded as state and local guidelines are ever changing.

We will do our best to keep you all informed if changes happen. The first change for this fall is the FCC Youth Group will be meeting on Tuesdays, and Awana will be meeting on Wednesdays to allow for more space during club nights. Second, we will have parents fill out a pre-entry health and wellness survey before entering the building. We are currently looking into a short online app with a few health and wellness questions - just a short check yes or no. Third, we ask that if your child is sick with any flu like symptoms, please keep them home. We ask that everyone 5 years and older entering the church building wear a mask, covering both nose and mouth. This can be taken off as soon as they are seated. Every effort will be made to maintain distancing, however, we are dealing with children and youth. :) During large group times, chairs will be spread out throughout the area. Game time will be held outside whenever possible, and masks will not be required when outdoors. We ask that you as parents drop and pick up your children at their classrooms then proceed to the parking lot. Please do not congregate in the hallways.

We know not everyone will be ready to bring their children and youth back to church activities at this time. Those of you in Awana will be able to receive the books and work along at home allowing for you to return when you are comfortable and pick up on the same section as those who are at church. Online registration will be going out soon as we look to find out numbers of clubbers and staff who are ready to return.

Children's Sunday School will also be starting in September. We are looking at options, and it may happen during the 11 o'clock church service. More details are coming soon. As always, please be open-minded and flexible as we all work together to move forward.

God bless you all and be safe.

~The FCC Children and Youth Ministries Reopening Committee