

Dear parents,

One thing that we love about FPC is that we are a family. And part of being a family is caring for one another spiritually *and* physically. That desire extends to the oldest and youngest of our members.

As we have considered the various health risks of the COVID-19 outbreak, several concerns come to mind:

- We don't want our congregation to further the spread of coronavirus to our members or others,
- We don't want congregants to be cut off from relationships with friends and spiritual mentors, and
- We don't want to miss out on essential opportunities for discipleship and service.

It is absolutely essential that we be engaged in the discipleship of FPC's children. But how do we do that responsibly in the COVID-19 era? The difficulty with making that choice parallels what our school officials are struggling with. How can we enable families with small children to rejoin us for worship? How can we equip you to disciple children in the home? And how can we reengage with children's discipleship at Faith? For instance, is it even possible to enforce social distancing with children under 3rd grade? Can we expect children under 3rd grade to wear a mask, especially when separate from a parent? What level of risk is acceptable?

All of these questions lead us back to the parents. Our role is complementary to yours in relation to your children. You are the primary disciple-maker of your children—and we are here to empower, equip, and come alongside you in that process. With that in mind, we have created the questionnaire below to help us understand your family's needs during this time.

Please prayerfully consider your responses, as we are relying on your insights as we make decisions for the future. We will try to follow up by phone with any questions or clarifications that our leadership may need.

In Christ,

Your Pastors, Elders, and Children's Ministry Leaders

Big Picture Questions

Name: _____

1. Which of the following ministries are you most anxious to see active again, assuming health concerns are addressed? (required question; ranking)

[Rank from 1-3, 1 being the most important]

- Sunday School / Nursery **before worship**
- Childcare/Children's Worship **during Worship** (younger children)
- Women's Bible Study** w/ childcare

2. Which new or different ministries are you most interested to explore or try, assuming health concerns are addressed? (required question; select any or all)

[Simply check off the ones that interest you most]

- A class for parents on discipling children in the home (online or in-person)
- An intergenerational Sunday School class that includes parents, children, and other adults from FPC
- Less structured gathering times for fun and fellowship (mid-week or weekend)
- Monthly/quarterly events (online or in-person) like Simple Parenting
- An online Zoom-style classroom for children
- At-home lesson or devotional materials to help parents teach children
- Neighborhood-centered backyard Bible classes
- None of the above
- Other: (with blank field)

3. What other needs do you feel are pressing in your home right now spiritually, emotionally, relationally, physically, or even economically? (not required; open field)

Addressing Health Needs

Regarding your children 2nd grade and under (you may skip if your children are not in this age group):

4. At the present time, do you feel 100% comfortable sending your child to Nursery, Sunday School, or Children's Worship?

- Yes
- No

5. Of these three ministries (Nursery, Sunday School, or Children's Worship), would you feel more comfortable with some over the others? If so, please explain:

6. Which of these safety protocols are essential to your feeling of safety?

- Only one parent drop off and pick up
- No parents allowed in the room
- Temperature check (100.4°F) at sign in
- Staff/Volunteers wearing masks
- Frequent hand-washing or disinfecting
- Cleaning and disinfecting surfaces and toys

Limited/no group singing

7. If you feel uncomfortable in any way with your children attending one of our ministries right now, what would need to change to make you more comfortable?
8. In your estimation, what is the best way that we could serve your children right now?

Regarding your children 3rd grade and above (you may skip if your children are not in this age group):

9. At the present time, would you consider sending your child to Sunday School?

- Yes
 No

10. Which of these safety protocols are essential to your feeling of safety?

- Temperature check (100.4°F) at sign in
 Staff/Volunteers wearing masks
 Students wearing masks
 Students remaining at a strict social distance of 6 feet
 Frequent hand-washing or disinfecting
 Cleaning and disinfecting surfaces

11. If you feel uncomfortable in any way with your students attending one of our ministries right now, what would need to change to make you more comfortable?
12. In your estimation, what is the best way that we could serve your students right now?