

Hello Choir, Orchestra and Praise Band,

I am excited to share with you some of the details about the reopening of the choir and orchestra ministries. Below are the details:

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BIG Change: Rehearsals will be moved from **Sunday @ 4:30pm to Wednesday @ 7:00pm**

Due to the limited space in the choir loft and rehearsal rooms to allow for social distancing, we will phase in the Choir and Orchestra restart as follows:

Phase 1 – Begins **October 7th** for the **Orchestra, Band** and those who serve on the **1st & 2nd Service Praise Teams.**

Beginning **October 11th** these musicians will begin ministering each week as follows:

1st Service – Orchestra (*including some Praise Band*) and the entire **1st Service Praise Team** will lead worship (4-6 PT members on stage the rest in the loft)

2nd Service – Praise Band and **2nd Service Praise Team** will lead worship

Phase 2 – We will add new Praise Team Members to fill the loft – the starting date for these selected choir members will be announced in the coming weeks

Phase 3 – We will divide the Choir into 2 Teams (each team singing and rehearsing every other week) – this starting date will be announced in the coming weeks

Phase 4 – We return to the full choir and orchestra leading worship & rehearsing together – the starting date will be announced in the coming weeks

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Sunday Morning Schedule

- 7:00A – TECH TEAM - Set up and Service Prep
- 7:15A – ALL AVL Tech Team Meeting
- 7:45A – 2nd Service Worship Team and Praise Band Sound Check
- 8:05A – Sound Checks for 1st Service Special Music
- 8:15A – 1st Service Worship Choir – Orchestra – Praise Team – Praise Band Sound Check
- 9:00A – AM 1st Service Worship
- 10:30A – AM 2nd Service Worship

New Wednesday Rehearsal Schedule:

Wednesday

6:00pm

1. Praise Kids 1 – 2 – 3 -- **Starting TBA**
2. Teen Choir -- **Starting TBA**
3. 2nd Service Praise Team

6:30p — 7:00p

- First Notes Cafe
- Fellowship Time

7:00p — 8:30p

1. Worship Choir/1st Service Praise Teams
2. Orchestra
3. Band

The Wednesday Rehearsal will follow the following agenda:

7:00p — 7:25p

- Combined choir/orchestra/band rehearsal in Worship Center
- Rehearse next Sunday's music
- Review key music coming up soon

7:25p — 7:30p

Move to individual rehearsal rooms

7:30p — 8:30p

Choir Schedule:

1. Prayer and Devotions - 5min
2. Practice Parts with Karen - 25min
3. Polish next week's music - 15min
4. Preview new music - 10min
5. Pray in small groups - 5min

Orchestra Schedule:

Set by Steve Sheets

Band Schedule:

Set by Alex

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COVID-19 CONSIDERATIONS

These COVID considerations may be updated frequently. This is our starting point and changes will be promptly communicated.

Because of the varied ages of those involved in the **Music and Media Ministries** and the unpredictable effects that COVID-19 can have on individuals who contract the virus, we are asking that these ministries conduct themselves with respect and deference to the most vulnerable who are serving with us and for those whose employment and family needs depend on only engaging in activities that take steps to protect against COVID-19. Therefore, we will be implementing the following steps to insure a safe and hospitable place to rehearse and minister together.

1. **Temperature scan** each member before rehearsal
2. **Questionnaire confirmation** at check-in (3 questions: See below)

Welcome Back to the First Baptist Church Music and Media Ministry!

Before you join us, please confirm that you:

- Do **not** have a fever, shortness of breath, cough or COVID-19 or cold/flu like symptoms
- Have **not** come in contact with anyone that you know that had COVID-19 (or COVID-19 like symptoms in the last 14 days
- Have **not** had a positive COVID-19 test for active virus in the past 10 days

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If you have concerns or need special consideration, please contact Pastor Allen @ (513) 304-7539

Thank you for coming today! Let's get ready for worship!

3. **Touch-less check-in** with PCO Check in APP
4. **Social Distancing** – as much as possible (4'-6')
5. **Wearing Masks**—Since COVID-19 and flu is more easily spread during prolonged times when people are together and when social distancing is not possible, we will ask that each member has a facial covering/mask to wear:
 - During the longer practice segments of our rehearsals.
 - When traveling to and from rehearsal rooms
 - During times of fellowship that take place before, during and after rehearsal

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6. The HVAC will be set to constantly **circulate air in our rehearsal spaces.**
7. Each member will have a **take home music packet** that will have all the music to be worked for scheduled services and rehearsals
8. Each **rehearsal space will be sanitized** before our Wednesday rehearsals

***The schedule information and starting dates for Phase 2-4, as well as, COVID considerations may be updated frequently. This is our starting point and changes will be promptly communicated.**

***Each member is encouraged to consider investing in a tablet device that can be used to keep all their music organized and stored in the cloud and available whether they are at home or rehearsal. While this is not required it will prove to be a very helpful and well-used investment into your ministry in music.*

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me.

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