



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH MUSKOGEE
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The following sheet is an update to FBC Muskogee on the plans for moving forward as a music ministry. As of 9/13/2020, this is the status of the following parts of the music ministry:

Choir:

We are slowly re-introducing choir into the worship service as safely and as quickly as possible. For the time being, we are asking that choir members wear masks. We will be getting some masks made for choir members soon, but we are hopeful that they will not be recommended later in the year as much as they are recommended now.

As soon as recommendations to wear masks are no longer in place, we will not ask that anyone wear a mask. However, with the change in norms, the wearing of masks will be respected even if they are not encouraged.

Christmas Program:

Our choir is working on the Cantata "For He Alone Is Worthy" during rehearsals on Wednesdays. We have books and music in already with more on the way. The performance date is TBD.

If COVID-19 is still a problem on the level that it currently is, being no worse or better, we will perform the cantata with creative socially distanced measures. These creative ideas are already in the planning process.

Children's choir:

As of right now, it is recommended to not have children's choir. Until that recommendation is no longer in place, we will not have children's choir.

For when the time comes, we do need more volunteers to help with our children's choir. There are children who love to sing, and they need the option to. Children's choir is an important part of the music ministry at FBC, and it opens the doors to minister to more families.

Hand Bells:

Hand bells are welcome to return as much as they feel comfortable, and start working on future music to share with the church.



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Worship Team:

Our worship team has been doing their best to stay committed and safe. We will continue to do this! The plans to have some nights of worship are in place. We need more opportunities to worship our King, and we plan on having worship nights in the future to provide that opportunity.

Some FAQ:

Q: What are we going to do about the drums positioned in the middle of the loft?

A: We will be rearranging the stage as choir makes a full return.

Q: Why do vocalists not wear masks when the choir does?

A: The reason for vocalists on microphones not wearing a mask is that vocalists are distanced and not in a group setting. Vocalists have their own microphone that is disinfected after each service. We also don't have vocalists (on microphones) wear masks on stage because the audio that goes directly to our livestream needs to be as clear as possible. It is not a matter of fairness, but rather a matter of quality. To get clean and understandable audio to anyone who might be listening online, we do not have mic'd vocalists wear masks.

Q: When will the choir be fully on stage?

A: The timing is unclear. We are being as fluid as possible. The hope is to return the full choir as soon as possible, as safely as possible. Choir will return.

Q: Who is working with children's choirs?

A: **We need volunteers!**