

Greetings from First Baptist Church of Johnson City. In light of various sections of the country moving toward reopening the economy and “normal” activities, there has been a lot of prayer and consideration on the part of the leadership in developing a three-stage plan for re-engaging in ministry when circumstances allow for it. Preparations are underway even now, as the building has gone through a thorough cleaning, ministry staff is preparing for fall ministries, and a **Ministry Re-Engagement Plan** is in place as we prepare for a new normal. Please read through the attached documents in order to understand the comprehensive Ministry Re-Engagement Plan and the Strict Physical Distancing Guidelines that will be in place during that time.

Through all of this it is our desire to glorify Christ and represent First Baptist Church well. Our desire is to comply with government recommendations so that we do not do anything to hinder our engagement with the community or visitors during the Re-Engagement Plan. At the same time, we want to provide an environment for our people that will allow us to gather together sooner rather than later while maintaining the safety and well-being of all of our members, particularly those who are at greater risk. I pray soon that this will be behind us and we can return to focusing on fulfilling our mission as a local church but I also ask that you will pray with me that, in spite of all the obstacles before us, God will use us to impact lives for His Glory alone!

Thanks for your cooperation,

Pastor Jim Murphy