



## \*\*\*CONDITION RED UPDATE\*\*\*

Church Family,

Since March of this year, First Baptist has communicated using three colors that have guided our conversations regarding the Coronavirus and our church-wide times of on-campus gathering. Those colors are **Green**, **Yellow**, and **Red**. Since September 13, we have been in condition yellow and offered limited and modified on-campus gatherings.

We have all seen the recent number of confirmed cases of COVID-19 increase in our community, church, and hospitals. These increases are similar to the ones we experienced in July when we decided to remain in condition red. However, the current trends are already surpassing the trends in July.

Due to these factors, our church leadership and those serving on our COVID-19 Task Force have decided to move us to **CONDITION RED starting this Sunday, December 20**. In condition red, First Baptist will host strictly online worship services and interactions. Our upcoming gatherings and events will be solely online. Connection Groups, Worship Services, and our Christmas Eve services will all pivot to exclusively digital options.

Let me remind you of two things you can do today to stay connected. First, make sure to stay connected with our church Facebook page and become familiar with our website. We will continue to provide updates and connect with you in both of those locations. Second, take advantage of our online giving opportunities if you have not already.

As you know, our current situation has interrupted our most common way of collecting contributions. We still do not expect to be able to “pass the plate” again anytime soon. For this reason, this is a great time to sign up for recurring giving online. You can make your contribution online by visiting [www.csrachurch.org/give](http://www.csrachurch.org/give). You can also text “csrachurch” to 73256 to give using your phone. One other option is to mail your contribution directly to the church at 625 Georgia Avenue, North Augusta, SC 29841.

Please know that all the decisions our church makes are with your safety and best interest in mind. Our decision-making will prioritize the minimization of harm to our people, especially during the holiday season. Thank you again for your patience, support, and encouragement.

I love you, and I am praying for you.

We will get through this!

In Christ,

Pastor Stephen

