

# the Beacon

The Newsletter of Pine Street Baptist Church



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## Movie Night in the Park

Movie night in Pleasant's Park returns in June, with a movie, hot dogs, and beverage.

Movies will be shown on the second and fourth Fridays through the summer (weather permitting).

June 13th and June 27th at Dusk

## New Address

River City Faith Network  
2828 Emerywood Parkway  
Richmond, VA 23294  
804-329-1701  
[www.richmondbaptist.org](http://www.richmondbaptist.org)

**Congratulations to David Johnston for his promotion to Battalion Chief Operations with Hanover Fire-EMS.**



**Ice Cream and Fellowship**  
**Wednesday, June 2 at 6:30 p.m.**

**Bring your own chair and gather for a time of ice cream and fellowship at the front of the church.**



**Sunday, June 20th is Father's Day.**

*With gratitude for all they have given, we celebrate our natural fathers and all the men who have been positive role-models in our life.*

Dear Church Family,

Throughout the pandemic, we have sought to continue loving God and loving neighbor (Matthew 22:37-40). We have also followed CDC guidance in order to keep everyone as safe as possible. The CDC has recently advised that fully vaccinated individuals are generally safe to operate without masks or social distancing while unvaccinated individuals are advised to continue wearing masks and social distancing. In view of this new guidance, we want to share with you our current plans and policies as we move forward. The policies go into effect immediately unless otherwise noted below.

## WORSHIP SERVICES

**Masks:** In view of CDC guidance that **fully vaccinated individuals** do not need to wear masks, we now have mask-optional worship services for those who are **fully** vaccinated, although fully vaccinated individuals are welcome to continue wearing a mask. Those who are not fully vaccinated are kindly asked to continue wearing a face covering.

**Social Distancing:** In view of CDC guidance that **fully vaccinated individuals** do not need to practice social distancing, congregants can worship with or without social distancing, according to their preference. Pews in the Sanctuary will still be marked with social distancing in mind.

**Entrances:** On Sundays, three doors will be open: the front entrance facing Pine Street, the side door facing Albemarle Street, and the entrance adjacent to the Pollard Building.

## ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

**Date:** We will begin in-person adult Sunday School classes on Sunday, June 6, as previously announced. Most classes will continue to meet in their same location. If class space does not allow for ample social distancing, a class may decide to meet in an alternate location. For any class that is changing location, please make sure that the church staff and Susan Townsend (Sunday School Director) are informed about where you will be meeting.

**Masks:** Adult Sunday School classes will be mask-optional for fully vaccinated individuals. Masks will not be required, but they will be welcome. Individuals who are not fully vaccinated should continue to wear a mask.

**Social Distancing:** The seating arrangement in each room will be determined by leaders and members of the class, allowing for adequate social distancing. Outdoor meetings are an option, but class members must provide their own chair.

**Food/Drink:** Food and drink will not be permitted in classrooms at this time.

## **CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL AND CHILDREN'S CHURCH**

The CDC has not yet updated their guidelines for children. We are awaiting their new guidance. As a result, our current plans still accord with former CDC guidance.

**Date:** We will re-start in-person children's Sunday School classes on Sunday, June 6, as previously announced. Children will meet in their usual space, although outdoor time is an option. If meeting outdoors, class members are responsible for providing their own chair.

**Masks:** Masks will be required in the children's classes for everyone over the age of 2.

**Social Distancing:** Social distancing will be required in children's rooms per CDC guidelines.

## **WEEKDAY BUILDING POLICIES**

The church office continues to be open Monday-Thursday.

Beginning in June, we plan to allow mask-optional meetings of committees, Bible studies, and other groups at church during the week. Seating arrangements should allow adequate social distancing. For all daytime and nighttime meetings, please call the church office at 804-644-0339 to reserve a room.

## **SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE**

On Sundays in June, the following schedule will be followed:

9:00 – 9:25 a.m.: Outdoor coffee (weather permitting)

9:30 – 10:40 a.m.: Sunday school

11:00 a.m.: Worship in the sanctuary

## **A FINAL WORD**

While the pandemic has impacted us all, we are each processing next steps in our own way. As we return to church for various in-person events, some will have a greater level of comfort than others, with many still preferring to remain socially distant. Some fully vaccinated individuals will continue wearing masks while others will not. We are confident that unvaccinated persons will consider the safety of others in relation to wearing masks and social distancing, and we encourage everyone to approach one another "with all humility and gentleness...making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace" (Ephesians 4:2-3).

Whether you are ready to return to church in person, or whether you plan to continue worshipping online for a while, we are so happy you are part of our steadfast community of faith.

*Your Church Staff*



