

# Severe Weather Policy

In light of potential severe winter weather, our fellowship has adopted a severe winter weather policy. Often times there are conflicting radio and television announcements made regarding the meeting of churches with similar names. To insure there is no confusion, the following is our standard policy unless otherwise notified.

Because of:

The great sacrifice that was paid for by our Lord to bring us to His grace

Because of:

The great sacrifice that has been paid for by countless millions of martyrs throughout history to provide us with the word of God

Because of:

The great sacrifices that are still being made by brethren all over the world to come together and worship at the risk of their very lives

There will always be regular Sunday morning meetings and service held at First Baptist Church regardless of the weather. Our doors will be open. (See Wed. PM policy below)

However, during an extreme circumstance or perhaps a Level 3 snow emergency—non-emergency vehicles are prohibited on all roads and citations can be issued. Please do not endanger your lives or the lives of others by violating common sense or an emergency ordinance by driving to First Baptist Church meetings and/or service.

During an extreme circumstance or Level 3 emergency, I would ask that only those who are close enough in proximity and desire to walk to our meeting location consider attending. In addition, I would ask that you take into consideration your age, the age of your children, and your health before attempting to walk.

Please apply common sense as you are responsible for your own safety. We do not want to forsake our assembling together (Hebrews 10:25), yet at the same time, we do not want to damage our testimony in the community or our responsibilities to our families.

Attention Leaders and Sunday School Teachers: If you hold a position of leadership or service in any ministry and are unable to attend due to severe weather, please call your ministry leader as soon as possible prior to 8:00AM on Sunday morning, so we can make any necessary arrangements.

I hope this will eliminate any confusion in the future, should severe weather occur. Thank you for your faithfulness “in season, out of season.” Your well-being and safety is my utmost concern.

Wednesday PM meetings: Although we desire for the doors to be open for Wednesday evening meetings for the same reasons mentioned above, the night and darkness add an additional element of danger in foul weather. The thought of teenagers or single ladies braving the elements at night in a vehicle is troubling as well. Because of this it is possible for a cancellation of Wednesday night ministries. In the event of a cancellation we will issue a blanket e-mail stating the change.

If Wednesday night meetings are still being conducted all children and youth workers should contact their ministry leaders if unable to attend to be sure there is someone here to receive and minister to attending children and youth. Regularly scheduled programs may even be modified during severe or foul weather.