

## Conversation regarding *The Bridge Church* rental of space

On Monday, August 12, 2021, I spoke with Jacob Bartlow (817-683-4805) of The Bridge Church, "a non-denominational church of the Restoration Movement, affiliated with the International Churches of Christ," who inquired about the possibility of renting FCC facilities for their worship services.

Jacob advised they are currently renting space at LSU, and can continue there, but are exploring other options. He reached out to us as a Disciples church, since we are, theologically, distant cousins.

The attendance at their Sunday service maxes at 60. They are masking (per LSU requirements), but not enforcing social distancing, "although that may change."

Their Sunday service is currently held at 10:30 a.m., but Jacob says they are somewhat flexible in that. They would be interested in using the sanctuary *or* the Fellowship Hall for a three-hour block of time (9:00 a.m. 'til noon, based on 10:30 worship time) on Sunday mornings, as they bring in all their own equipment, except chairs; that time to include set-up, their service, and strike. Their equipment is kept in their own storage facility.

They are also considering the "return" a Wednesday evening program (when this last occurred is not clear to me, as Jacob only came to Baton Rouge in March after a stint in college ministry in Texas). That would be for a shorter block w/o the expansive set-up; probably 7:30-9:00 p.m.

He shared they are presently paying \$125 per week to LSU for the **Sunday morning** space they have there; averaging \$500/month, and are interested in keeping within that budget.

However, it has occurred to me, since, that I did not ask about their own insurance. The facilities usage agreement I drafted that Mary Thompson went over includes the requirement for a policy of insurance (either corporately, or an event policy) with FCC as a named insured.

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