

Revised Chapel Plan

Summary:

The chapel plan for the 2020-2021 academic school year due to the current COVID-19 pandemic is as follows:

The campus student body will be divided into **five (5) groups of approximately eighty-two (82) students each**. These groups will work on a rotating schedule as it pertains to attending chapel services in-person at the Nash Chapel. Essentially, students will attend chapel in-person **total of five (5) times** during the fall semester.

Nash Chapel Gatherings:

In compliance with CDC guidelines and recommendations from the commonwealth of Kentucky, we can safely fit approximately 82 students in the Nash Chapel while adhering to social distancing measures. With one group in the chapel at a time, we will remain within these limits. The actual order of service will operate on a condensed time period. This will allow for us to conduct temperature checks at the door and dismiss students one section at a time, thus removing any concerns over congestion in the hallways. The traditional order of service will shift to the following:

- Welcome and Morning Announcements (~5 minutes)
- Introduction of Speaker and Sermon (~15-25 minutes)
- 1-2 songs led by the KCU Worship Collective (~4-6 minutes)
- Dismissal

This order of service will allow for us to musically worship in the safest way possible. Other COVID-19 precautions will consist of mandatory face coverings, temperature checks at the door, one individual in the restrooms at a time, etc.

“Off-Week” Gatherings

On the weeks that a group is not scheduled to be in the chapel, each student is required to receive a chapel credit through one of two options. Students are required **to receive a minimum of six (6) chapel credits** through whichever option they choose.

Option #1: Virtual Chapel

The first option is by engaging with one recorded/live-streamed chapel and answering three short questions on an accessible Google Form on the **Spiritual Life Page at [kcu.edu](https://www.kcu.edu)**. Students who choose this option will fill out a Google Form with three brief questions:

1. Who was the speaker? Where were they from?
2. What was the main scripture? What additional scriptures they use?
3. Take some time to reflect on the content. In 1-2 sentences explain how the sermon spoke to you spiritually? How may this apply to your life?

Using the Google Form format will allow for organized responses for the reviewing process. Students will be expected to complete their weekly virtual chapel credit by 11:59PM each Sunday. Students may access the chapel recording through the KCU Live Stream service (<https://livestream.com/kcu>) or Facebook live.

Option #2: Spiritual Formation Opportunities Option (SFOs):

The second option to receive chapel credit would be through Spiritual Formation Opportunities. Students would turn in a **SFO approval form** that must be approved by the Campus Minister. Once a student receives approval, it is the student's responsibility to track their attendance and receive appropriate documentation by using the **SFO tracking form**. Students will be required to turn this into the Campus Minister by Friday, November 20th, 2020. Students **must attend at least six (6) SFO gatherings lasting a minimum of thirty (30) minutes** to receive full credit.

Commuters & Apartment Residents:

Due to the limited capacity of the Nash chapel we will not be assigning commuters to a group. **Commuters will be required to accrue ten (10) chapel credits through virtual interaction, SFOs, or a combination of the two options.** Unless an SFO approval form is turned in, it will be assumed that a commuter is obtaining their credit through virtual chapel. Commuters that desire to attend an in-person chapel need to contact the Campus Minister and we will do our best to assign you to a group while seats are available.

In-Person Exemptions:

While we acknowledge the scriptural mandate of meeting together, it may not be conducive for every student to attend in-person gatherings either in the Nash Chapel or through a SFO. All full-time students on campus will be assigned to a large group, but if they meet the criteria for an in-person exemption they must follow the necessary steps for approval through the Campus Minister and/or Vice President of Student Services. **Exemption from in-person gatherings does not equate to exemption from chapel.** It is the expectation that each student engages thoroughly with one chapel service every week. **Students who receive approval for exemption must accrue ten (10) chapel credits. This can be done through the virtual or SFO options.**

Attendance Policy:

Each student is required to accrue ten (10) chapel credits out of fourteen (14) possible to receive full credit. This would consist of **attending four (4) of the five (5) in person chapel services, as well as obtaining six (6) credits through the virtual chapel or SFO options.** Attendance will be tracked by the campus minister and if possible, made accessible to students throughout the semester. All of the necessary forms and explanations may be found at kcu.edu/spirituallife.

Contingency Plan:

If a student becomes ill or misses chapel credits due to a school-sanctioned event it is the student's responsibility to communicate this with the Campus Minister. It is our expectation that all students meet the criteria as described above. We will find ways to aid our students in the most appropriate and gracious manner when needed.

Adaptation:

This policy not only allows for us to maintain some form of corporate engagement, but it also presents us with an opportunity to adapt to several different formats if circumstances deem it necessary. If we reach a point in which the pandemic subsides, we will be able to transition smoothly into full, in-person gatherings without disruption in our content and thematic flow. If we reach a point in which the pandemic increases, and we are not permitted to meet in large groups or we transition to remote learning once again, we will already be set up to deliver all of our services virtually while also

having the ability for the Campus Minister to engage spiritually with the students through the reflective material.

Grace and Peace,

Jacob Shockey

KCU Campus Minister

Attendance Schedule

Date	Group
August 25h	A
August 27th	B
September 1st	C
September 3rd	D
September 8th	E
September 10th	A
September 15th	B
September 17th	C
September 22nd	D
September 24th (Homecoming)	E
September 29th	A
October 1st	B
October 6th	C
October 8th	D
October 13th	E
October 15th	A
October 20th	B
October 22nd	C
October 27th	D
October 29th	E
November 3rd	A
November 5th	B
November 10th	C
November 12th	D

Date	Group
November 17th	E
November 19th	Make-Up Chapel

Group A: Dale 2nd Floor & Waters 2nd Floor

Dates:

- August 25th
- September 10th
- September 29th
- October 15th
- November 3rd

Group B: East and West

Dates:

- August 27th
- Sept. 15th
- October 1st
- October 20th
- November 5th

Group C: Dale 1st Floor & Waters 3rd Floor

Dates:

- September 1st
- September 17th
- October 6th
- October 22nd
- November 10th

Group D: Dale 3rd Floor & Waters 1st Floor

Dates:

- September 3rd
- September 22nd
- October 8th
- October 27th,
- November 12th

Group E: Pifer

Dates:

- September 8th
- September 24th
- October 13th
- October 29th
- November 17th