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DBC Security Plan

He answered, "Do not fear, for those who are with us are more than those who are with them," 2 Kings 6:16

Damascus Baptist Church wishing to enhance the security of our facility and being mindful that we need to be watchful in these uncertain times, while trusting always in God, ask that after Sunday school the door to the Welcome Center and the door closest to the Fellow Ship Hall be locked and remain locked until after our worship. That would leave only the doors to the sanctuary unlocked where people may enter church. This would make it more secure for our children and workers in the nursery and children's church during worship times.

The deacon of the week will sit during the service at the rear of the sanctuary to watch over the entrance and will go and make sure the children's area doors are locked, and that no one is loitering in the parking lot. Again, this is a precaution knowing that being vigilant is an important deterrent toward problems.

Wednesday evenings the Mission Kid & Mission Friend leaders have identified a problem occurring when children are being dismissed, often they end up in the parking lot unattended. Therefore, on Wednesday evenings we will follow this safety protocol:

- Mission Kids will be dismissed from the Fellowship Hall. The responsible adult must enter the Fellowship Hall through the double doors leading to the parking lot. Children must be released to the responsible adult. Pick-up time is 7:40 pm. Pat Campbell is the Mission Kid leader responsible for security in case of emergencies. 864-940-5595
- Mission Friends eating supper at 6 pm must be escorted to the Mission Friends classroom by an adult. The Mission Friends leaders may escort the children to class if so desired. Pick-up time is at 7:40 pm. Children must be picked up by a responsible adult (not an older sibling). Jonathon Mauldin is the Mission Friend leader responsible for security in case of emergencies. 706-414-8317
- The Youth are expected to report to class and after being dismissed to go to their rides on their own. Derrick Stewart is the Youth leader responsible for security in case of emergencies. 706-220-4425

For Deacons Only

Georgia Law Section 16-11-127(b) states: Carrying weapons is prohibited in a place of worship unless “the governing body or authority of the place of worship permits the carrying of weapons or long guns by license holders.” If decisions are made to allow concealed weapons on church property, you cannot pick and choose who can carry if they have a valid permit. In any case, weapons are only allowed by the governing body or authority of the church and the carrier must have a concealed weapons permit. No one on church campus needs to know who is carrying, so long as the governing body or authority of the place of worship permits the carrying of firearms on church campus.

The deacons of DBC have approved the concealed carry of weapons at DBC. Those deacons who are qualified are encouraged to carry in the case of an active shooter at DBC. The most important thing is for our deacons to be observant, to utilize their cell phone and call 911 in case of an emergency.