

Security at NBPC

New Braunfels Presbyterian Church aims to be a church that shares generous hospitality with all who step on our campus, whether it be at Worship on Sunday mornings, attending one of the many educational or fellowship opportunities that happen during the week, or as an attendee to our Kid's Day Out program. While seeking to be a welcoming space for all God's children, we are not naïve to the dangers at work in our world, and so strive to be a safe place even as we welcome. From background checks and training for all involved in our children and youth ministries to certified First Aid training for much of our leadership, to campus security, NBPC continues to analyze how we can responsibly respond and be prepared for any crisis that may come our way.

In response to recent concerns regarding security on our church campus, church leadership (including NBPC & KDO Staff and the Session) have taken the following steps:

- Hosting a community wide Community Response to an Active Shooter Event (CRASE) led by the NB Police department;
- Submitting an article to the NBPC Newsletter highlighting what the CRASE course covered (A-D-D: Avoid – Deny – Defend);
- Keeping the electric door locked during KDO hours (M-Th, 8:45 am -1:30 pm);

Following these steps, NBPC leadership is working to form a Security Task Team which will take the following actions:

- Conducting a Security Assessment of our property (with NBPD);
 - o Following assessment, focusing on whatever areas of concern or weakness are identified, and amending them;
- Analyzing our First Aid kits on the campus and bringing them up to date as well as making sure they are placed in areas where they can be used in a timely fashion;
- Assessing whether NBPC should have drills or "Church Safety Academy" in fire safety/active shooter/severe weather preparedness/other emergency situations for congregation;
- Assessing whether NBPC should have a designated "Safety Team" in place
- Checking current procedures/policies to insure they are up to current standards for churches (Background Check and Adult/Child Protection Policies);

If you are interested in serving on the Security Task Team, please contact Rev. Katy at rev.katy.nbpc@gmail.com.

Respectfully Submitted,

New Braunfels Presbyterian Church Session