

Smithfield Baptist Church
Notice of Intent to expand Video Monitoring

March 2, 2023

Use of Video Monitoring:

The Smithfield Baptist Church recognizes that maintaining the safety and security of students, staff, and church property is best implemented with a layered approach of humans and technology. For that reason, the church supports the use of technology such as video surveillance cameras, to enhance the safety and security of the congregation, staff, and visitors.

The purpose of this notice is to advise Parents, Teachers, Student and Staff that the Smithfield Baptist Church is installing additional video surveillance cameras and will implement full time video monitoring in areas that are routinely used for children and youth activities. This includes Parking Lots, Doorways, Preschool and Sunday School Rooms, Hallways, Worship Areas, and Activity Centers.

Cameras will only be equipped with video recording capabilities. There is no intent to implement audio monitoring. Video surveillance shall be in accordance with applicable laws pertaining to such use. The church will also comply with privacy laws applicable to maintaining video recordings.

Exclusions:

Video monitoring will not be permitted in areas, such as bathrooms and offices, where there is a reasonable expectation of privacy.

Recording of teacher instruction for purposes of completing performance evaluation is not intended by this policy and shall not be permitted.

Recording of students for purposes of their educational programming is not intended to be covered by this policy and shall not be permitted.

There is no intent to live stream this video. Video will be stored on premises and will only be viewed by authorized personnel in the church and preschool office.

Implementation Dates: There is no intent to introduce cameras during this school term. Cameras will be installed during the summer months. Video monitoring will not be implemented in the preschool classrooms during the current school term but will be in place an active during the Fall Term of 2023.

Detailed Policy:

A detailed policy is undergoing final legal review. This policy will be available in the church office, the preschool office, and the church web site no later than May 01, 2023.