

AUGUST 2020

FIRST VIEW

Monthly Newsletter



From the Pastor's Desk

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Dear Church Family,

We are quickly coming to the close of July. Environmentally, it's been hot! Socially, it's been chaotic! Ecclesiastically (that's church related), it's been challenging!

As best as I can assess we are moving along at about 50% of our average attendance for worship. It has been so good to be back in house and see this many regathering. I know there are many that long to be back but don't yet feel safe. We all look forward to that day when we can be together for praise. In the meantime, we continue our radio broadcast on 95.1 Sunday mornings and our livestreaming on facebook for all services (www.facebook.com/dresdenfbc-live).

I am grateful to the church for your continued prayers and faithful giving. We are evaluating all ministries on a regular basis.

Hope to see you soon! In closing, let me direct you to Psalm 42 for reading and meditation. Some good stuff!

Bro. Don

CELEBRATION SUNDAY

10:45 AM AUGUST 16, 2020

Join us for
"Homecoming Worship"
Aug. 16 | 10:45 am
featuring
The Goodtime Singers
in a mini-concert
followed by preaching,
Dr. Don McCulley,
pastor



The Goodtime Singers Quartet from Dresden is celebrating 50 years of ministry this year. The group, which consists of Marshall Anderson, Rick Finney, Tommy Moore and Robert Nanney, was formed at First Baptist Dresden with the encouragement of those involved in the music ministry. The group first sang outside the church as a quartet on May 31, 1970, at Grove Hill United Methodist Church near Dresden. Through the last five decades, the quartet has sung at scores of area homecomings and revivals and hundreds of funerals. They were in high school when the group was formed and remain best friends. They count it such a blessing to have the health and opportunity to continue to serve God through song.

August Events

- 1st.....Men's Breakfast
- 2nd.....SBC Social Issues Sunday
- 2nd.....Women on Mission
- 2nd.....Deacons Meeting
- 9th.....SBC Student Evangelism Day
- 16th.....Homecoming
- 25th.....WMU Christmas in August
- 30th.....Lord's Supper
- 30th.....SBC Mission Dignaty Sunday

Be in prayer for our Deacon Nomination
beginning August 2nd

Sunday Worship 11:00 am & 6:00 pm

Wednesday Prayer/Bible Study 6:30 pm

Wednesday Youth Group 6:30 pm

Ladies Bible Study Opportunities:

Due to COVID 19 I will not be leading an in-house LBS this fall. However, there are a couple of FREE online studies I would like to make you aware of. I hope you can take advantage of at least one of these upcoming opportunities!

Love in Christ, Sherryl McCulley

7-week study of Jesus and Women by Kristi McLelland beginning Aug. 13. Cost of study book \$13.99 | link to free video sessions

<https://onlinestudy.smallgroup.com/v/JesusAndWomenOBS>

6-week study of It's Not Supposed to Be This Way by Lysa Terkeurst beginning Aug. 3. Cost of study book \$9.99 | link to free video sessions

<https://www.faithgateway.com/its-not-supposed-to-be-this-way-obs-registration/>

You can purchase your book through the church office - please let Janet know which study you plan to do, pay cost of study book in the office or on dresdenfbc.org Give & select Other tab.

Min. of Education | Bro. Wayne Perkins

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Still no Sunday School at First Baptist! As previously reported, we had intended to begin again Sunday, July 12th. However, the virus seemed to be increasing and it did not appear wise to begin again that soon. After conferring with Sunday School Director Judge Tommy Moore and County Mayor Jake Bynum, we made the decision to further postpone the start-up for Sunday School until at least August. We will reassess the situation then and try to make as wise a decision as possible.

However, the closer we get to the month of August, it is conceivable that we may not have any more Sunday School classroom meetings until the end of this church-year, which is August 31, 2020. We are all grieved about this and miss this special fellowship time with our smaller groups. I feel assured that we all are praying that God will interrupt the spread of the Corona Virus 19 and we can reassemble in Sunday School.

Most of you probably know by now that we have postponed the "Good Old Gospel Singing" that was scheduled for August 7th. Gospel music fans regret this as this was an areawide event that drew more than 500 people. Maybe next year...

Let me encourage all of us to make prayer a priority during this time. Pray especially for our pastor as he has never pastored during an epidemic of this proportion. Also, our pastor has continued to preach under some adverse conditions and situations such as preaching to empty pews and /or car windshields! Pray for his physical and spiritual needs during this time.

Let us continue to be faithful to our Great God in our walk, worship, and work!

Your servant under God,

Bro. Wayne



Dir. of Student Ministries | Christian Carr

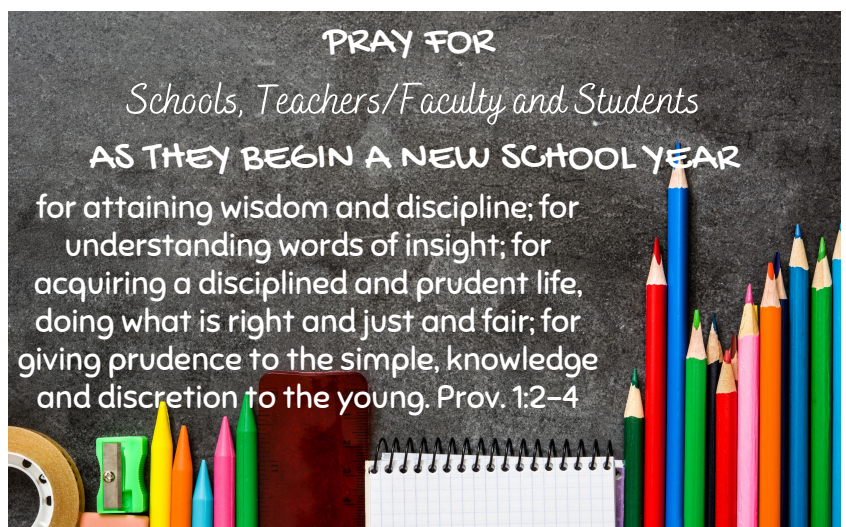
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The student ministry is still in a waiting period as we try and follow State recommendations on when it is safe to gather safely for events. The summer has not transpired as I had initially expected with multiple events, camps, and the like. For now, we are gathering on Wednesday nights at 6:30 for youth in the Truthseekers classroom, where we can maintain a safe distance.

The Youth will continue to meet through the month of August on Wednesday nights at 6:30. However, we are holding off on all other student events through the month of August. We will closely watch as the Weakley County Schools begin opening classes for the fall to see how we can better keep our students safe during our student gatherings. We will continue to keep you updated on all student ministry decisions and events. Please pray for our student's health and safety as they will start their classes on August 17th.

Grace and Peace,

Christian Carr



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Summer greeting to you all! We are thankful for God's provision that has allowed most aspects of this ministry to continue. We look forward to the coming days in which we trust that we can safely resume the remaining aspects. Here are the latest updates:

Praise Teams: All three praise teams are singing regularly again. We appreciate the service and dedication of all 23 folks who sing in the three praise teams.

Soloists/Special Music: It's both a blessing and a challenge to provide non-choir special music twice each Sunday (morning and night), which under normal circumstances happens once a week when the choir sings the specials on Sunday morning. We're thankful that we have the opportunity to encourage and use even more folks to sing specials. If you'd like to sing, just let me know!

Adult Choir: It grieves us that we still aren't able to safely reconvene the Adult Choir. All of the 30-plus choir members want to return when it is safe to do so. Pray for me as I monitor the covid updates and seek God's direction for the best time to start regathering. We will hope to do so sometime in August.

Once Upon A Song: We are having fun keeping Adult Choir members engaged and featured each week with our "Once Upon A Song" interviews that are recorded and uploaded to our church's Facebook page by 5:00 each Sunday night. These will extend at least to the end of the year.

Homecoming: Unless something changes because of the virus, The Goodtime Singers will be our featured group during our morning homecoming service on Sunday, Aug. 16. The mini-concert will be our song service, after which Bro. Don will preach.

God bless you all!

Robert Nanney



JOY has not been able to meet since February of this year. The committee has met and are discussing events on a month to month basis. At this time, out of an abundance of caution for our Senior population, we simply do not know when we will meet again. Please contact a member of the JOY committee should you need assistance in any way. We miss seeing you and hope and pray that everyone is doing well. Take care. We love you and God Bless!!

The JOY Committee

Kelley & Sheila Swearingen, Bro. Wayne Perkins, Bonnie Bullock, Judy Cleek, Janet Robinson, Gertie Sheffield, Doug Shook

Jeanie Nanney,
Hand Chime Choir Director
Christmas Musical Director

Adult Hand Chimes: It was so good to be back together on Sunday, June 28th, after nearly three months of not being able to play the chimes. We were able to pull together just enough adults to make our choir, and they did an amazing job. My plan is to play again on Sunday, August 2nd, with practice at 10:00 before we play for the 11:00 worship service. I will be contacting the adult chimers within the next week or so to see who would be available to play on that Sunday.

Youth Hand Chimes: At this writing, I am not certain when we will be able to resume youth hand chimes, but I certainly hope it can be some time this fall. Anyone who is in 3rd through 8th grade is eligible to be a part. Stay tuned for further updates.

Annual Christmas Musical: It grieves me to consider the possibility that we may not be able to have a Christmas musical this year, but at this point there are many uncertainties. I haven't completely ruled it out YET, but I will be watching what happens when school resumes as well as consulting parents and the Children's Committee to gather their thoughts on whether we should try to proceed with the musical. Please add this to your prayer list as we strive to make the very best decision for everyone involved. We will need to make the decision by the end of August.



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