



FIRST VIEW

Monthly Newsletter



From the Pastor's Desk
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Sunday School 9:45 am
Sunday Worship 11:00 am & 6:00 pm
Wednesday Prayer/Bible Study 6:30 pm
Wednesday Youth Group 6:30 pm
Wednesday Adult Choir 7:20 pm

Dear Church Family,
As I contemplated writing this article my mind began to dwell on the word "look". Where are you looking?

1. A Look Back. I want to say a special word of thanks once again to our VBS team for a great week. Thank you for all you did to reach and teach. We had several decisions of young ones coming to faith in Christ. I know others were introduced to Him and what He can and will do for them. The seeds were sown. Remember, one plants, one waters but only God can give the increase. Pray for the harvest to happen one day.
2. A Look Forward. We are looking forward to the restart of TeamKID. We have been off for quiet some time. It will be great to see our campus filled once again on Wednesday nights with young people. Also, the school year will be starting before long. Let's pray for all our faculty, staff and students as they prepare to be back in session.

This is not all! I remind you of a special called Business Meeting on Wednesday night July 28th at 6:30 pm. We need our members to be present as we discuss the recommendation of our Building Committee. Information has been posted on our website of upcoming possibilities.

The committee has done what the church body has appointed and approved them to do. It will now be the decision of the church family as to the direction it will pursue. I hope you will be in attendance as we consider this very important issue.

3. A Look Around. Our Deacon Nomination process is upon us. This event begins the first Sunday of August. The church fellowship will be given copies of the guidelines of our church polity. I hope you will seek the Lord's guidance concerning this most important office in our church. Acts 6:3 explains, "Therefore, brethren, seek out from among you, seven men of good reputation, full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business..."

4. A Look Up. Proverbs 3:5 states, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths." Heb. 12:2 says, "Looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith..."

God bless,
Bro. Don

2021 Homecoming

AUGUST 22 @ 10:45 AM (FOLLOWING 9:45AM SUNDAY SCHOOL)
The Goodtime Singers | Dr. Don McCulley
Potluck fellowship in Life Center after service - no pm services

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Our Sunday School shows encouraging signs of returning to the level of pre-COVID. In June we averaged 125 in our Bible Study Groups. It is a MUST for us to continue trying to reach out to those who have yet to return to our fellowship in person.

We are presently planning an Appreciation Banquet for Tuesday August 31, 2021, at 6:00 P.M. in the Family Life Center. This will be a catered meal for the outgoing faculty for 2020-2021 church-year AND the incoming faculty for the 2021-2022 church-year which begins September 5th. This will not be a "preaching" meeting but a wonderful time of fellowship and information about our goals and mission. Those involved with these two groups should expect information about this event by the end of July and a follow-up around August 15th. We want to honor this group of servants who carry on the ministry of teaching the Bible to others. Please mark your calendar NOW for August 31, 2021, for the teacher/faculty Appreciation Banquet.



Sew Faithful will meet to "**press & cut**" on **Fri. July 30th** from 9 am til 12 pm at the Weakley Co. Baptist Association in preparation for our regular Fall schedule. We would love to have you join us as we work on Days for Girls kits.

Sew Faithful will meet on **Aug. 7th** from 9 am til 12 pm in the Truthseekers room at Dresden FBC. We will have sewing & non-sewing stations set up. We would love to have you join us as we work on Days for Girls kits.

Dir. of Student Ministries | Christian Carr

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Please be in prayer for our students and teachers as they prepare to begin their new school year this month. Our students and teachers persevered through the previous year and are now preparing to begin the 2021-2022 school year. Although things will look more normal than they did last year, things will still be different. Our students and teachers still need our thoughts and prayers throughout this year. I also ask that you specifically pray for our seniors as they will begin their senior year. Senior year of high school is both an exciting and scary time. Our seniors will have to make some big life decisions that will determine their next steps in life. Pray that God will prepare and guide the class of 2022 as they begin to plan out the next phases of their lives. More important, pray that they will seek to glorify God in whatever path they decide to take after high school.

The Senior Adult J.O.Y (Just Older Youth) group is meeting again and 39 attended the meeting in July. Enthusiasm was high and everybody was glad to return after being out for over a year. Our first meeting since COVID was the June meeting. My thanks and deep appreciation to our S.A.M. Team that always works together like a hand in a glove to promote and minister to our Senior Adults, which is a large part of our church membership.

Thanks to all of you who have been praying for Linda and me as we adapt to a new leg of our marriage journey that spans 57 years plus. Linda is in room 111 at Van Ayers Nursing Home's rehab and therapy unit. She is making progress slowly but surely. Her problems from the stroke in June are subsiding and improving. We are praying for her return home in two to three months.

Thanks for allowing me to serve all of you at First Baptist Dresden!

See you in Sunday School and church.
Bro. Wayne, M.O.E.



COMING BACK AUGUST 18, 2021
Wednesday Nights 6-7:30
ages 3 years to 6th grade

TeamKID is a fun, high-energy ministry that encourages kids to know Jesus Christ and to grow in a relationship with Him. That's why TeamKID ends with KID. KID stands for Kids in Discipleship! All parts of TeamKID — Bible stories, Scripture memory, mission activities, life application, and recreation games — connect to teach life lessons to kids.

I also ask that you pray for the students who graduated in May of 2021 who are now pursuing their aspirations and goals. We have some students who are preparing for college and they need our special prayers. They are about to enter a time in their lives where they gain more freedom and responsibility. Pray that our recent graduates will grow in their love for God and the people of God. Pray that they will find a church home where they can be invested in and invest in others. God has blessed our church with wonderful children and students, join me in praying for them as they begin their new school year.

In Christ,
Christian Carr



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I can't believe August is almost here with the start of the new school year and exciting musical events and opportunities.

The most immediate new opportunity will take place on Wednesday night, Aug. 18, as TeamKid returns after about 15 months away (not counting summers) since the pandemic started. Jeanie and I will again go from room to room, sharing and teaching music to each age group. We've missed singing with the children and youth each week. We will, as always, sing each group's favorites and teach them new songs, including some from this year's VBS.



We're also excited that we'll also get to have our annual Homecoming celebration after last year's was canceled. This year's event will take place on Sunday, Aug. 22, with worship starting a bit early, at 10:45 (after Sunday School). The Goodtime Singers quartet, which was scheduled to sing last year, will sing this year.

We will present a brief concert so that our pastor still has plenty of time for his sermon. I'm also excited to see that we will have a potluck lunch at noon in the Life Center.

Jeanie Nanney, Hand Chime Choir Director

All decked out in their red, white, and blue, the Adult Hand Chime choir played "God Bless America" for the Call to Worship on the Fourth of July which fell on a Sunday this year.

We were pleased to welcome our daughter, Lt. Col. Emily Wolfe, USAF as a guest chimer along with those who so faithfully volunteer to use their talents whenever they are asked. We appreciate each and every one of them so much and encourage others to think about joining us. A tentative date for our next playing of the Call to Worship is Sunday, August 22nd.

Our children, youth, and adult praise teams continue to share in the responsibility of leading the Call to Worship in our Sunday morning services. Our tentative schedule is as follows: Older Youth on July 25th, Older Children on August 1st, Younger Youth on August 8th, Younger Children on August 15th, Adult Hand Chimes on August 22nd, and Adult Praise Team on the 29th. Scheduling is always a challenge because we are juggling the busy calendars of over 50 people, but we feel very blessed to have this much talent and willingness to serve in our congregation.

We are planning to resume Youth Hand Chimes for third through eighth graders in September. There will be more information about this as well as Christmas Spectacular in the next newsletter so stay tuned.

Jeanie Nanney

Hand Chime Choir Director



In August we also plan to schedule a long overdue adult choir fellowship meal to thank the choir for their dedicated service and to encourage new members to join us. The date hasn't been set, but we'll announce it soon. We'll have the bring-a-dish meal on a Sunday night in the Life Center, inviting choir members and prospective choir members. I'm so proud of our adult choir. They are such wonderful, Godly, fun folks. Being a part of the choir family is such a blessing far beyond the choir loft.

At the same time, we will continue the weekly call to worship presentations from our praise teams, our hand chime choirs, our adult choir and from soloists and other special musical guests. If you want to get involved in any of these opportunities to serve, please let me know.

God bless you all!

Robert Nanney

Minister of Music



Mike Farmer is the DOM for the McMinn-Meigs Baptist Association. Mike grew up in Dresden FBC. He recently wrote an article for B&R about virtual services. In the article he tells us that God did not make us to be isolated individuals and that we were created for fellowship with God and each other. We need to give and receive encouragement from each other. We grow and gain strength through times we spend with other believers. Christians thrive in relationship with one another. What better way to fellowship than through JOY. After the year we spent AWOL from other believers how blessed we are to once again be able to gather and fellowship one with another. Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

If you are not yet part of JOY we welcome you with open arms. Our July meeting was held on the 20th with 39 in attendance. Dr. Don McCulley delivered a timely devotion and we enjoyed a wonderful catered meal. Our program for the day was Sandra Taylor, representing Be the Village, a local charitable organization, that helps foster families in Dresden and surrounding areas obtain needed items for foster children & families. Our Penny the Pig offering last month and this month was delivered to this program. Our next meeting is August 17th. Make plans now to attend. Invite others that need to fellowship. Look forward to seeing you then.

Love in Christ,

Kelley & Sheila Swearingen, JOY Co-Directors

(On a personal note, thank you to all who attended our mother's visitation or funeral service. The cards, calls, texts, and prayers have sustained us through this time. The funeral meal was delicious and so very appreciated. The memorials have meant so much to us. We love you all.)

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Deacon Nomination Process Month
1st Women on Missions
Deacons Meeting
5th Lively Ones UU Senior Extravaganza
7th Men's Breakfast
9th First Day of School
16th WCBA Equipping the Saints Class
17th JOY
18th TeamKID starts back
22nd Homecoming Services
29th Lord's Supper
31st SS Teacher Appreciation Banquet

Happy Birthday

1st Larry Myrick

Ron Phillips

2nd Josie Gallimore

3rd Jim Moseley

Billy Burch

Beverly Foster

Suzie McWherter

4th Kerry Adams

5th Tommy Sledd

6th Jeanie Nanney

Kourtney Sawyer

Lisa Morgan

7th Misty Evans

Paisley Pittman

Kenneth Gatewood

Tom McWherter

Donnie Cantrell

8th Marty Dunn

11th Richard Ferrell

13th Audrea Washburn

Albany Cianfarani

Robbie Perkins

14th Eddy Cerne

16th Thomas Dunn

17th Donald Perkins

18th Kim Parker

Shelley Swearingen

20th Lee Young

21st Paige Brasfield

Brennen Cobb

27th Carrie Esch

Carolina Pritchett

29th Clint Lowry

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Randy Roberts

30th Eli Leach



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