

AUGUST 2022

Dear Church Family,

I came across an old story from "The Gospel Herald". The article tells of a man by the name of John Walker. He was the keeper of the lighthouse on Robin's Reef at Staten Island under the United States government. There he lived happily in faithful duty for several years. He was stricken with severe pains and Catherine, his wife, sent to the shore for medical help. The doctor attending to him ordered that he should be removed to a hospital at once. As he was being carried to the boat which was to bear him to the shore, he called to his wife as a parting direction, "Mind the light." He was faithful to his trust to the end.

John never returned to the lighthouse. Catherine stayed on to "mind the light," and carried out her duties so well that she was appointed keeper. For the next thirty years she stayed in that lonely spot, caring for the warning beacon to keep mariners from damage on the cruel rocks.

"Mind the light." These words remind us of our duty and privilege as Christians. "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in Heaven." In the midst of a crooked and perverse generation "shine as lights in the world." "Mind the light!"

God Bless,

Bro. Don

COME JOIN US

Sunday August 28, 2022

115th year Homecoming Celebration

9:45 am Sunday School

10:45 am Worship with special guest Matthew Holt

Potluck meal in Life Center

No Evening Services



For the past two months we have averaged around 130 in **Sunday School**. I am looking forward to the 2022-2023 church year when we may just turn the corner on our weak attendance. That won't happen accidentally but will require work from all of us, especially our Sunday School leadership and faculty.

We are still in the planning stage of a **Sunday School Banquet** on Tuesday August 30, 2022. This will include teachers, officers, and class leaders of the 2021-2022 church year, AND the ones coming in for the 2022-2023 church year. This will be a catered meal in the Family Life Center at 6:00 P.M. Keep listening for further details on this event.

The New Member Orientation class is progressing nicely with all the new members by profession of faith and those coming by letter from other Baptist churches. A few have inquired about sitting in on these sessions as an auditor and refresher course in what our beliefs and practices are at FBC Dresden. The answer to that is "yes" to anyone wanting to do that.

Which reminds me that the 13-week course using **"The Baptist Faith and Message"** is available to any who may be interested as a more intense refresher course on Bible doctrines. This class meets in the Genesis classroom #102 at 10:00 A.M. each Sunday for 13 weeks. Please feel free to contact me about this. We would be limited to six people each quarter. We encourage this as a promotion of learning what Baptist have historically believed and practiced. This class is available beginning September 4, 2022.

Once again, the **"Old Time Gospel Singing"** resumes this summer on Friday Augusts 5, 2022 at 7:00 P.M. Tommy Moore and I are working on getting the word out since we have not been able to get this singing together due to the epidemic.

Tell others and come out and make this a night to remember. I know our own, "Good Time Singers" will be singing along with others like Joan Gregory and pianist, Matthew Holt.

See you in church.

Bro. Wayne, M. o. E.

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August is the time for our **students** to start back into their normal schedules. Summer break is ending, and school is back in session. I hope our students have had a wonderful summer break and are ready to get back into the classroom. School begins for our high school students on August 8th. The first day of class for our college students is August 22nd. Be in prayer for our students as they jump back into their school activities and routines. Pray that they may be a light for the gospel in their classroom and on their campus.

August is also the time we start back with TeamKID. **TeamKID** will resume on August 17th. So, we invite all our Preschoolers-6th to come join us for our TeamKID kickoff on August 17th.

On August 1st & 2nd, our youth is going back to **Crossings** camp to help them with the renovation of one of their motels on-site. This will be a time for our 7th-12th graders to go and help a ministry that is so important to us. They host us every year for camp, and we are excited to get the opportunity to go help them demo one of their dorms on site. This project will make a lasting impact not only on their ministry but also on ours. It will be hard work but rewarding as it will help Crossings minister to thousands of youth every summer.

In Christ,

Christian Carr, Dir. of Student Min.

Sew Faithful, the sewing ministry of FBC Dresden, will meet from 9:00 am til noon on Saturday, August 6, 2022. This will be a training session on Days for Girls kits. There are sewing and non-sewing jobs and we hope that you will join us for this important work. For more information on Days for Girls please watch this video: Days for Girls - Full Story
<https://youtu.be/SjjsH2Go2Cc>



I can't believe August is almost here with the start of the new school year and exciting musical events and opportunities for all ages. The first will be the return (after three years) of the **The Good Ole Gospel Singing** at 7 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 5, as our church hosts special singers from around the area and a choir loft full of folks who love to sing the great old convention-type songs that many of us grew up singing at country churches. Our own Bro. Wayne Perkins and Tommy Moore will co-host once again. Their banter and quick wit are worth the trip. The Goodtime Singers will be among the groups that will be singing. Please support this with your attendance. You'll be glad you did!

Another great opportunity (for children) will be on Wednesday night, Aug. 17, as **TeamKid** returns. Jeanie and I will again go from room to room, sharing and teaching music to each age group. We will, as always, sing each group's favorites and teach them new songs, including some from this year's VBS. We'll also add more music training and songs built around the bells and boomwhackers (percussion instruments) that we introduced last fall.

We're also excited about our annual **Homecoming** celebration on Sunday, Aug. 28, with worship starting a bit early, at 10:45 (after Sunday School). Our good friend Matthew Holt, who has played piano for years with The Gaither Vocal Band, will be featured this year. I'm also excited to see that we will have a potluck lunch at noon in the Life Center.

Looking ahead a bit to September, we'll start rehearsing our **Christmas cantata** soon after Labor Day. It's an exciting new – and a bit longer than in recent years – cantata with new songs and arrangers. We'll also have a combined listening party and choir potluck fellowship to say thanks to our current choir members and invite new ones to check us out. Jeanie has already chosen the Christmas musical/play, which will again involve all ages. Check out her column for more details!

God bless you all!

Robert Nanney, Minister of Music



Adult Choir
Quarterly Birthday
Day Social
Servers
Birthdays



In the midst of summer vacations, family outings, and sports, we were still able to pull together some performances in the month of July by several of our Call to Worship groups. The **Adult Hand Chime Choir** set the patriotic tone for our July 3rd morning service with their playing of "God Bless America," followed by the Adult Praise Team on July 10th with "Trust in You." **The Older Children Praise Team**, along with guest singer Nash Bynum, sang "You Are My All in All" on July 17th; this was an extra special day for one of our members, Ella Bynum, who was baptized after making her decision to accept the the Lord as her Savior during VBS. On Sunday, July 24th, four members of our Younger Children Praise Team sang "His Banner Over Me Is Love," a TeamKid favorite including a few extra verses. The **Adult Praise Team** will round out the month on July 31st.



**CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS MUSICAL:
PARENTS' MEETING AUGUST 21st**

We hope to bring back the traditional children's Christmas musical this year after a two-year hiatus. The musical will be open to all our children from age 3 through eighth grade. An organizational meeting for parents will be held on Sunday, August 21st, at 5:00 in the Truthseekers classroom. Please make every effort to attend this meeting if your child would like to participate. The musical is on the church calendar for Sunday evening, December 11th, at 6:00, with dress rehearsal on Wednesday, December 7th.

Jeanie Nanney

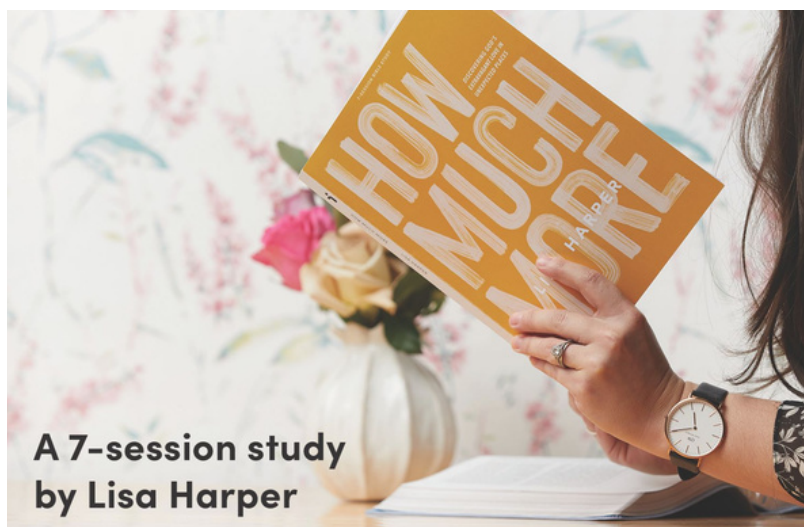
God continues to bless the JOY ministry in ways beyond anything we could have imagined. Our July meeting was on the 19th. We had 48 in attendance with several visitors from the Dresden Methodist Church. There was \$75 received in the Penny the Pig offering which will be given to the Cancer Association in Weakley County. Our meal was delicious and once again prepared by our superb caterer Rene Kimsey. Bro Wayne was our devotional speaker and once again blessed us with words of wisdom and encouragement.

Our program was Bro. Brad Jordan, minister of the Dresden First United Methodist Church. Brad is a military Veteran but after leaving the service he became a heavy drinker and was using illegal drugs. After some years of wayward living a motorcycle accident almost claimed his life. Following months of pain, surgeries and rehabilitation Brad felt the calling of the Holy Spirit on his life. He entered college at Bethel University then attended seminary. Today he is serving his third pastorate at Dresden. He will continue to lead the church through its rebuilding program following the tornado of December 2021. What a powerful testimony he shared.

Next month we will meet on the 16th for another devotion and delicious meal of loaded baked potatoes and dessert. Our program will feature local musical artist Kenny Presley. That day will be the 45th anniversary of the death of Elvis Presley. Kenny will be singing some of Elvis' most beloved Gospel hymns.

Make plans to join us on the 16th. Please let Janet know in the church office that you're coming!!!
Sheila Swearingen, JOY CoDirector

Join the multi-talented Chonda Pierce, a stand-up comedian, television hostess, author and now actress, as she channels her life experiences into positivity, bringing laughter to audiences around the country. This is an evening you won't want to miss. Get your tickets to see the Queen of Clean comedy Live In Concert today! **Our Lively Ones will be attending the concert on Thurs. Oct. 20 at 7pm at Chapel Hill Baptist in Milan. Anyone wanting to go sign up by Aug. 21st to reserve tickets. (\$26.75 per ticket + service fees)**



- Tackle some overlooked or misunderstood passages in Scripture, uncovering how they actually amplify the love and goodness of God.
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- Allow a renewed understanding of God's perfect compassion and perfect holiness to drive you to deeper intimacy and trust in Him.

Ladies Bible Study will return in August with Lisa Harper's new study "How Much More." This is a 7-session study in which we will "Discover God's Extravagant Love in Unexpected Places." Same session will be offered each week - Wednesdays at 6:10 pm and Sunday afternoons at 5:00 pm. The cost will be \$16 and the deadline to sign up is Sunday, August 7th. Led by Sherryl McCulley - We hope you will join us! **Sunday session begins August 14th and the Wednesday session will begin on August 17th.**



Back to school is right around the corner and that means it is time for our annual blessing of the backpack service. We do that on the Sunday before everyone returns to school so that will be Sunday, August 7th during the morning service. Thank you so much for always going above and beyond with this special event in our church. Dresden 1st Baptist is one big family and my family has been so incredibly blessed by each one of you.

I have spoken with Christian and he will be praying over the students, their families, and the faculty again this year. This year we will ask the students and their families to come down to the altar to be prayed over at the beginning of the service and at the end of the service we will have all school faculty, even if they do not work in the Weakley County School System, come to the altar to be prayed over. This will include students from pre-school/headstart all the way through to college and the faculty will include even those at the central office and UTM.

We will also be accepting donated backpacks and school supplies, like we have in the past, to be delivered to the schools. You will find the lists for all the schools available on the table in the church foyer. Tax-free weekend in TN is the weekend of the 30th if you would like to wait until then to shop.

Remind your school age children to bring their backpack to the altar when they get to Sunday School or church that morning. All donated backpacks will go in a designated area in front of the organ. I cannot wait to see all the backpacks! Thank you once again.

Much love to you all,
Christie Greer

**We will have the Blessing of the Backpacks on Sunday August 7th
which is also Student Evangelism Day in the SBC.**

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to reach out to me. Thank you all so much for your support every year!



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- 27th Carrie Esch, Carolina Pritchett
- 29th Clint Lowry, Hallie Sawyer, Chad Forrester, Tyler Gallimore
- 30th Eli Leach

August Serving Schedule

August 7

Nursery Babies AM: Kristin & Abigail Kibbler
Nursery Toddlers AM: Lori & Maci Forrester
Nursery PM: Lisa Harris
Kids Worship: Alyssa Bynum
Greeters Front Foyer: Claire & Jay Oliver
Greeters LC: Kelley Swearingen
Deacon: Jake Bynum

August 14

Nursery Babbies AM: JD & Rhonda McDaniel
Nursery Toddlers AM: Brian & Melissa Morris
Nursery PM: Becky Anderson
Kids Worship: Lori Mathis
Greeters Front Foyer: Judy Cleek, Ricky Finney
Greeters LC: Christian Carr
Deacon: Marshall Anderson



August 21

Nursery Babies AM: Pat & Allie Phillips
Nursery Toddlers AM: Lisa & Myra Grace Morgan
Nursery PM: Pat Phillips
Kids Worship: Claire Oliver
Greeters Front Foyer: Mark & Dannyelle Williams
Greeters LC: JIm Moseley
Deacon: Richard Bennett

August 28

Nursery Babies AM: Jennifer Moore, Heather Hodges
Nursery Toddlers AM: Timi Woodward, Charley Sawyer
Kids Worship: Tamara Harrison
Greeters: Front Foyer: Denton Friar, Kathy Simmons
Greeters LC: Jerrie Moseley
Deacon: Don Cleek

THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2022-23 Deacon Nomination Aug. 7th—14th with Election Aug. 21st -28th Please be in prayer for the Deacon Process	1 Youth Crossings Mission	2 Youth Crossings Mission	3 6:30 pm MidWeek 6:30 pm Youth 7:20 pm Choir	4 Lively Ones Outing	5 Annual Gospel Singing 7 pm	6 8 am Men's Breakfast
7 9:45 am Sunday School 11am Worship Blessing of the Backpacks 5 pm Deacons Meeting 6pm Worship	8 Senior Class Breakfast First Day of WC School	9	10 6:30 pm MidWeek 6:30 pm Youth 7:20 pm Choir	11	12	13 Young Adults Outing
14 9:45 am Sunday School 11am Worship 5 pm Ladies Bible Study 6pm Worship	15	16 11:30 am JOY w/Kenny Presley	17 6:00 pm TeamKID 6:10 Ladies Bible Study 6:30 pm MidWeek 6:30 pm Youth 7:20 pm Choir	18	19	20
21 9:45 am Sunday School 11am Worship 5pm Musical Parent Mtg 5pm Ladies Bible Study 6pm Worship	22	23	24 6:00 pm TeamKID 6:10 Ladies Bible Study 6:30 pm MidWeek 6:30 pm Youth 7:20 pm Choir	25	26	27
28 DR App Sunday 9:45 am Sunday School 10:45 am Homecoming Potluck meal to follow No Evening Services	29	30 6pm SS Faculty Appreciation Banquet	31 6:00 pm TeamKID 6:10 Ladies Bible Study 6:30 pm MidWeek 6:30 pm Youth 7:20 pm Choir			



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