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From the Pastor's Desk

In my last article I began a little four part series on the subject "Why Believe in the Church." In the first article we observed something about the source of the church. In this article, let us briefly take note of a few things about the nature of the church. These thoughts were gleaned from an article written by my Theology professor, Fisher Humphreys, at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. May we all find them enlightening and beneficial. The Nature of the Church: Since God created the church, it is God who has determined the nature of the church; therefore, we must study Scripture in order to understand the nature of the church.

In Scripture, the nature of the church is described in terms of images. One biblical scholar, Paul Minear, has written a book entitled Images of the Church in the New Testament in which he describes no fewer than 96 images of the church in the New Testament. We shall briefly review three of the dominant images.

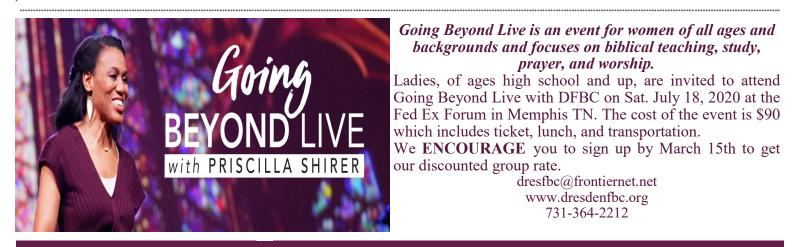
First, the church is the people of God. This is true because God created the church. It is true also because God continues to maintain a special relationship with the church. Peter wrote about the church as God's people: "You are a chosen people...that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God" (1 Pet. 2:9-10).

Second, the church is the body of Christ. Paul developed this striking image of the church most fully: "You are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it" (1 Cor. 12:27). Paul used the image of the body in order to speak both of the diverse gifts given to various Christians (the parts of a body have different abilities) and of the unity of the church (Christ has one body, not many bodies). By means of this image Paul displayed the fact that Christ works through the church (as human beings work through their bodies) and also that the church must remain closely united to Christ (as a body must remain united to its head).

Third, the church is the fellowship of the Spirit. In Scripture spirit is often associated with life: "the Spirit gives life" (see 2 Cor. 3:6), and the Holy Spirit is "the Spirit of life" (Rom. 8:2). The Spirit provides a koinonia, a fellowship or common life, that constitutes the church and in which all Christians share (2 Cor. 13:14).

So, we believe in the church because the church is the people of God, the body of Christ, and the fellowship of the Spirit. That is the nature of the church. See you in church,

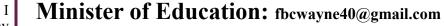
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CONNECT with an Open Heart Mark 12:29-31







Sunday School. Always have. I hope I

always do. It's a great place to connect. It's a great ministering tool during time of sickness and death. It provides an opportunity for Bible Study. It involves fellowship, getting to know each other, and sharing life with others. It works. If you're not a member of a Sunday School class at Dresden First Baptist there are many to choose from. Try one out. If you've missed for a while, come back. If you know of children or adults not attending, invite them. Same for JOY. If you haven't been, try us out. We'd love to have you. JOY involves fellowship, getting to know each other, and sharing life. Wonderful devotions, a great \$5 catered meal, and an inspiring program each month. On Feb. 18th we will welcome Pat Phillips and FCCLA students from Dresden High School, who will share with us some of their programs and achievements. Homemade vegetable beef soup, with cheese, crackers, dessert and drink is on the menu. Call Janet in the church office if you CANNOT attend. Stay warm and see you Feb. 18 at 11:30 in the Family Life Center. Sheila Swearingen, JOY Director



We will be enjoying Karen Peck & New River at The Dixie on May 16th. Sign up sheet is at Information Station. Deadline is Jan. 31st.

SAVE THE DATE: August 6th-Union University Senior Adult Extravaganza is an afternoon of comedy & singing. More information to come. Watch the board for sign up sheet. Lively Ones Directors, Bonnie Bullock & Diann Williams

Racial Reconciliation Sunday Coming together with our Brothers and Sisters in Christ Sunday February 9 @ 6:00 pm Dresden First Baptist

BRRR!!! Anybody reminded you lately all been good but limited by being bithat it's winter?? Of course, that is not vocational and pressed for time.

necessary, just stick your head outside the However, Christian Carr is a full-time Mindoor! We are thankful for a wonderfully ister to Students and will lead in the Spirequipped and warm church building itual education, growth, and development where we can assemble and worship the of students in things of God. We are going Lord and enjoy the warmth of fellowship to be blessed by what God will do through Christian and Emily at First Baptist! How-The Winter Bible Study in the book of ever, they will need the support and prayers Jeremiah is going well. Thank you for from all of us. Try to be an encourager to praying for me and attending these stud- this sweet couple and pray for them daily.

I appreciate and thank our teachers and easy to understand as possible, however, faculty of our Sunday School for being the message of Jeremiah is hard if we are faithful to their task of leading their class just professing to know the Lord and love each Sunday, being on time, and ready to him but are not living out our faith in our teach the Word of God to those in attenddaily practice. God is urging us to be ance. A good Sunday School teacher teachfaithful to our mission today in 2020. es more than the Bible, they show love, This study takes place each Sunday night leadership, and commitment to Christ. While teaching is very important, Spiritual We are happy and pleased to welcome values are more caught than taught.

I look forward to seeing you in Sunday Christian will be the Minister to Students School and all our worship services each which includes children, youth, and col- week.

lege aged students. In the past we have See you in church, only had Youth Directors and they have Bro. Wayne, M. o. E.

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This past month has been a whirlwind of If your child is 3 years old to 8th grade, this church community.

with Him and with one another.

at 6:00 P.M.

ies. We are trying to make the study as

to our staff, Christian and Emily Carr.

In the youth ministry, we are looking Thank you TeamKID leaders!! forward to the new year and are beginevent will be here before you know it. Christ and Missions. The deadline to sign up and pay great weekend in Nashville!

For the younger students, TeamKID is in place where you can serve. full swing on Wednesday nights from 6- Grace and Peace, 7:30.

faces and names. However, I have loved bring them out for a time of discipleship being able to meet each of you and get- and walking through the Scriptures with ting to know everyone's name. It has kids their age. Our TeamKID leaders do a been such a blessing being involved in great job relating to the students and making their time together fun and interactive.

Also, for students 3 years old through ning to plan events for the students. On 8th grade, join us on Sunday nights at 6:00 March 13-14th, we are planning to attend for Mission Friends and Creative Kids 4 the Youth Evangelism Conference in Christ. Come join Christian and Emily as Nashville, TN. It will be a great time of we learn about missions and about what fellowship and worship as we join in with God is doing locally and globally to spread students from across the state to praise the gospel to all peoples. And afterward, Jesus Christ. You do NOT want to miss join Mrs. Sherryl for puppets and Mrs. out! The time to sign up is now as the Hannah for interactive ways to learn about

We at FBC Dresden love our students is February 28th so be sure to pay online and desire for them to grow in their or at the church office. If you need any knowledge and love for Christ. If you more information, please visit the church would like to know more about what FBC website. Also, we still need more chaper- Dresden has to offer your child or would ones, so please contact the Minister of like to volunteer in any aspect of the stu-Students if you can help and join in for a dent ministry, please contact the Minister of Students and he would love to find a

Christian Carr, Minister of Students

Music Ministry: rnanney@utm.edu

I hope you all are having a happy new year We will be singing the brand, new musical "Is He and are excited about the many blessings Worthy?" I think you'll love it. It is powerful and that this new year brings. That's certainly the worshipful. Come join us in the choir room at case with the music ministry, which keeps 7:30 each Wednesday night. rolling along year 'round, and we're thankful The choir is also learning new music this month for the many opportunities it provides for and next. They have already sung a couple of the whole church family.

HAND CHIMES: The Adult and Children's present a blend of musical genres. Jeanie's column in this newsletter.)

"Song of Joy" on Dec. 15. We appreciate the January. positive comments about the musical. Most TEAM KID MUSIC: We continue to have wonship that night in the Life Center. These sing. all.

fellowship. We encourage those who have week. not sung with us before to give the choir a God bless you all! "test drive" by singing in the cantata.

hand chimes choirs practiced and presented **PRAISE TEAMS**: The adult and older and

songs during the Christmas season and will younger youth praise teams continue to work resume practices and performing soon. Pray hard on rehearsals as we carve time to practice. for Jeanie as she leads and teaches them and We love their talent and enthusiasm to sing for for both choirs. We still need more children the Lord! We continue to try to find worshipful to participate so that we don't have to use 1- songs that are current and relate to all ages. AND 2 adults each time to fill out the group. (See our Adult Praise Team has grown by two as I just invited two more folks to join us. The 8-member ADULT CHOIR: I was so proud of the version of the APT will debut the first Sunday in choir as it presented the Christmas cantata February and is rehearsing new music during

of all, I'm thankful that God was glorified derful participation and response from the chiland that a clear kingdom message came dren in TeamKid. We appreciate the support and through the narration and songs. I also was cooperation of their teachers. We meet with our proud of the 8 soloists and their willingness two youngest groups together, and we're still to present those messages in song. As has having almost 40 of them in one room. It's such a become our tradition, we had a choir fellow- blessing to hear their voices and excitement to

folks can cook as well as they can sing, so LOOKING FOR AN ORGANIST: I have been

the finger foods were delicious. The choir talking with some folks individually as I seek family fellowship was just as special to us someone to play the organ for our song services. Thus far, I've not been successful, so I'm asking Believe it or not, as we enter the new year, the church family to let me know if any of you we will begin our Easter cantata practice on are interested in playing the organ or know of Wednesday night, Jan. 29, and have our lis- someone who can. Just get with me before or tening party the previous Monday night. after the Sunday morning or evening services. This introduces the choir to the new music We need someone who can join our excellent and also provides another opportunity for pianist, Tommy Moore, in playing the songs each

Dr. Robert Nanney, Minister of Music

Hand Chime Choir Director: Jeanie Nanney

The Adult Hand Chime Choir will play "Breathe on Me, Breath of God" for the Call to Worship this Sunday, January 26th, with fourteen adults participating. Our next performance will be on Sunday, March 1st, with practice on Wednesday, February 26th. If you are interested in playing with the Adult Hand Chime Choir (high school age and up), please let me know. We would love to have you! The Youth Hand Chime Choir will resume practice on Sunday, February 9th, at 9:15. We are scheduled to play the Call to

Worship on Sunday morning, February 23rd and again on April 5th. The April performance will be our final performance until fall.

these and are learning others. We always try to

Women on Mission:

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with Ready Feet

Matthew 28:19-20

Unshakable Pursuit For several years now in February. the Women on Mission carry out a 'We Have a Heart for Dresden' ministry project. It works this way: A community service group is selected. Next, a WOM member writes a card of appreciation thanking them for how they add value to our lives. That card is then attached to a large box of treats that is gifted to the members of the service group. We hope each one will feel appreciated by our expression of gratitude. Within our families, our church, and our community, may mindfulness of treating one another with respect prevail. Romans 12: 9-10 instructs us that love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves.

Martha Hopper, WOM Director

SEW Faithful will meet Sat. Feb. 8 at 9:00 am. A spokesperson from Days for Girls will present a new project for the ministry. All ladies are invited to attend for sewing and non-sewing projects.

Days for Girls is an international program (providing care and education by developing global partnerships,



cultivating social enterprises, mobilizing volunteers, and innovating sustainable solutions that shatter stigmas and limitations for women and girls. "Together, we're creating a world with dignity, health, and opportunity for all."



The adults are hard at work on Wed night preparing the Call to Worship



WCBA Puerto Rico Mission Trip Report Sun. Feb. 2 at 6:00 pm



