

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Church Family,

In his book The Life You've Always Wanted John Ortberg writes, "History does not belong to the powerful, or the wealthy, or the rulers, or the armies, or the corporations, or the global media empires. What they do on their own, apart from God, may look impressive for a time. But the day will come when all merely human actions will be tossed, forgotten, on the ash heap of the dead past.

History belongs to the intercessors - to those who believe and pray the future into being. Interceding is what Jesus is doing now. It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who intercedes for us. His teaching ministry lasted three years. His intercessory ministry has been going on for two thousand."

This concept is best seen in Revelation 8 where the prayers of the saints come to the throne of God. All of heaven comes to a standstill. Why? Because someone is praying. Afterwards, come great acts of judgment on the earth. These acts come in response to the prayers of the saints. Bottom line: your prayers are heard. They matter!

It was so good to see you in person this past Sunday. This was our first step in the process of regathering. We will be making some announcements in the near future concerning further plans for other activities and meetings.

God bless,

Bro. Don

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For this year's project, Sew Faithful has partnered with a Days for Girls group in Jackson, TN to help sew kits that are sent all over the world. We want to thank those who donated money to our project before the pandemic came. In the next few months, we hope to start meeting again and are asking for cotton fabric donations. The fabric needs to be 100% cotton with a solid, floral or geometric pattern. Your donations can be dropped off at the church or the Weakley County Baptist Association office. Thank you!

Sherry! McCulley, Sew Faithful



June 4, **Dr. Don McCulley** 31 years
as Pastor of DFBC

June 4, **Lisa Harris**, 13 years
as Custodian of DFBC

June 11, **Janet Robinson**, 13 years
as Ministry Assistant of DFBC

June 13, **Becky Anderson**, 2 years
as Nursery Director of DFBC

Fervency in prayer by the power of the Holy Spirit is a good preservative against thoughts rushing in. Flies never settle on the boiling pot.

Dwight L. Moody



Education | Bro. Wayne Perkins

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Hello and joyful greetings in the Name of the Lord. Since the epidemic began, your church staff has not missed a single day of working and trying to do our part in getting a ministry of helps to you based on the Gospel of Christ. Most of this is a challenge because we have been compelled to "think outside the box." These days have brought new meaning to the saying that some Baptist love, "We've never done it this way before!" However, we all have seen the durable indestructible power of God at work among us and many other churches. God's people seem to have come to a new determination to defeat Satan's attempts to thwart the Work of God.

While we have been able to carry on our Sunday morning worship services through the media, Sunday School classes have not been able to meet since March 15, 2020. We have seen a two month "recess" in that department of our church. I feel sure that class members and faculty are eagerly awaiting the day we can get back, physically, and study God's Word together. Meeting together physically is therapeutic to our spiritual health and well-being!

We acknowledge all the faithful work, carried on behind the scene since this interruption of our regular schedules by our pastor, the audio/video specialists, deacons, etc. Most of what has been done to get the Word of God out can be attributed to that group of faithful saints. We applaud them and thank God for their rising-up, standing in the gap, and holding the banner high. May their tribe increase!

All these things will one day pass, and we will be dealing with some new crisis. But God will remain faithful and true to His people and His church. Our part is to remain faithful in our living and our witnessing.

See you in church,
Bro. Wayne, M.o.E.



Student Ministries | Christian Carr

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Hello church! As we end the month of May and enter the month of June, there is exciting news. We were able to begin meeting together as a church body again! I am so grateful we are able to meet together again to worship our God. Even though we are still under certain precautionary measures, I am happy to see my church family in person again.

Now concerning our youth ministry, we will continue to take things week by week during the month of June. As we enter the summer months, I am a little disappointed that our student camps and mission trips were canceled for the summer. Impact Camp and World Changers were canceled due to COVID 19. I was looking forward to spending ample time with our students this summer at these events. Also, concerning World Changers, we were informed by LifeWay that they made the decision to shut down all future WC operations. I know our church formed a great partnership with the WC organization, so this news does come with great sadness. However, we will continue to pray for the many cities we were able to minister in over the years and will look forward to serving in other mission opportunities in the future.

I deeply miss being able to meet and interact with our students each week. Students, I am praying for you and encourage you to continue to grow in your relationship with the Lord even while we are unable to meet together.

Grace and Peace,
Christian Carr
Dir. of Student Ministries
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The Children's Committee hopes that each one of our kiddos and families are doing well during this pandemic. We miss everyone's smiling faces, and we are praying that we will be able to gather together soon! With that being said, we usually do a Kid's Camp during the summer; however right now those plans are on hold until further notice. When it is safe for us to meet again, we will let everyone know the plans for our camp. Also, we will be periodically sending printable activities and/or coloring sheets for your child to create either during the worship service or at home via email. We want to be able to help shepherd our little ones during this time in whatever way that we can. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Music Ministry | Dr. Robert Nanney

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Greetings as we continue down this path of uncharted waters. As we enter the last days of May and look to June, I am filled with thanksgiving for God's protection and provision that has allowed us so many opportunities to continue to serve.

After several weeks with only a media audience and a few weeks of drive-up services, what a blessing it was to see so many regather with us on May 17! May we never take that blessing for granted. I thank God that He is providing ways to gradually relax restrictions.

I want to thank the Adult Praise Team and Goodtime Singers for leading in worship so faithfully while we await the time that the two other praise teams and the adult choir can safely resume their service. The same goes for the hand chimes choirs and soloists. God has blessed this church with great talent, and He will find a way for all to be used again as soon as it's safe.

I also want to thank my No. 1 music volunteer, Jeanie, for helping me with our two weekly Facebook broadcasts. "Once Upon A Song" (Sunday nights at 5:45) features adult choir members as they tell us about their favorite hymns. Jeanie and I then talk about the story behind each hymn and sing it.

The other is "Meet The TeamKID Music Kids" (Wednesday nights at 6:30) featuring interviews with children/youth as they tell us about themselves and their favorite song. Jeanie and I sing that song and teach a new song each week. That will give us several new songs when TeamKID resumes in the fall.

We hope you are enjoying these two weekly series, which will continue through the summer on the Dresden First Baptist Church page on Facebook.

God bless you all!

Bro. Robert

The church leadership team continues to meet weekly and will keep us informed of new developments within our church membership. It's really great to be back worshipping in the sanctuary again. I certainly wish there was better news to share this month but at this time we simply do not know when JOY may begin to meet again. The church staff is available to anyone who needs assistance in any way. The JOY committee is also available to our Senior Adults should you need help in any way. Once we have resumed Sunday School and children's activities we can then consider resuming JOY. We will certainly let you know and we will rejoice when that day arrives!!!! Please be in prayer for this ministry and all other ministries of Dresden FBC. We love you, we miss you, and we are praying for you.

Love to all,

The JOY Committee



Once Upon A Song



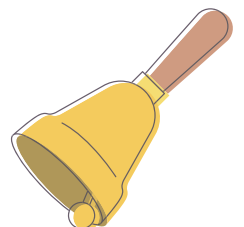
TeamKID MUSIC KIDS



Oh, how I miss the ringing of the chimes! It is my prayer and my hope that we will be able to resume adult hand chimes by the latter part of June. Since the ringing of hand chimes does not require any talking (except for my counting), I really believe we can do this with the proper social distancing and no physical contact with each other. That being said, I will touch base with my adult chimers in a couple of weeks to see who would be willing to start ringing the chimes again. In the meantime, we can rejoice in being together again for worship! I have missed everyone so much, and I hope we can ring together very soon!!

Jeanie Nanney

Hand Chime Choir Director



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- 4 Alex Gilmer
- 8 Larry Pollard
- 9 Linda Perkins
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Kelley Trevathan
- 11 Kathy Cunningham
Brice Williams
- 13 Paula Shook
- 14 Charley Kate Harrison
- 15 Amanda Perry
Jerry Perry
- 17 Maconnell Forrester
- 19 Debbie Anderson
Bryan Robinson
- 20 David Bailey
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- 24 Amy Gallimore
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- 26 Brandon Kibbler
Brad Mathis
- 28 Leah Bennett
- 28 Ben Moore
Doug Shook
- 29 Pam Friar
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YOU'RE INVITED...

What: Unified Fasting & Praying for the coronavirus

When: June 8th - June 28th (21 days)

Who: The membership of Dresden First Baptist

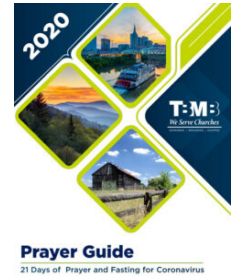
Where: <https://www.tnbaptist.org/21days>

Why: "Both the Holy Spirit (Romans 8:27, 34; 11:2) and Jesus (Hebrews 7:25) intercede for us, and we are called to intercede for others (1 Timothy 2:1, 4:5)." (Prayer Guide)

The Prayer Guide: Lists ways of fasting, what to pray for each day, and appropriate Scripture.

Sponsors: Tennessee Baptist Mission Board and DFB Women on Mission

Sign Up: Text your name and *I'm in* to 571-0410 (Martha Hopper, WOM coordinator) by Monday
June 8th



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