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# FIRST VIEW

Monthly Newsletter



## From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Church Family,

It has been so good to regather with the church family in worship. Our attendance has steadily increased as the virus seems to have subsided for now and people feel a bit more comfortable getting back out. We are still taking precautions with our facilities as it pertains to sanitizing and cleaning. This is happening on a weekly basis. I realize some are still joining us on Facebook and by radio. We look forward to the day of all being able to return.

I want to thank all of our church staff for all their hard work through these challenging times. Bro. Wayne will continue the study from "The Book of James" on Wednesday nights for the next several weeks. As well, Bro. Christian will continue his study on "Praying the Psalms" for the next several Sunday nights. We are looking to restart our Sunday school hour on the second Sunday in July. Of course, Bro. Robert will continue to coordinate our music program and selections. Hopefully, before too long we will see our choir back in their place. To Janet, Lisa, and Becky, thanks for all you do in your respective positions. Bro. Tommy has been so faithful to bring our Sunday school lessons each Sunday at 10:00. A great big shout out goes to our sound technicians as well. Thanks guys.

Continue to pray for our church ministries.

God bless,

Bro. Don

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- 4th Independence Day
- 5th No Evening Services
- 11th Men's Breakfast
- 12th Sunday School Regathers  
Deacons Meeting
- 15th Business Meeting
- 18th SEW Faithful

Sunday Worship 11:00 am & 6:00 pm  
Wednesday Prayer/Bible Study 6:30 pm  
Wednesday Youth Group 6:30 pm

Be in prayer for 2020-21 Deacon  
Nomination beginning August 2nd

## Education | Bro. Wayne Perkins

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Another month has gone by and still we are hesitant to restart our small group Bible study, called SUNDAY SCHOOL! How we miss the study of God's Word with our Brothers and Sisters in the Lord!! However, as it stands right now, we plan to have Sunday School classes meeting again beginning Sunday July 12, 2020.

I feel sure that all our teachers will begin, at least, the week before contacting all class members and encouraging them to be diligent about returning to faithfully attend Sunday School. Being out of the habit of attending SS may prove difficult to some in returning. We all have enjoyed Judge Moore's teaching of the Sunday School lesson by way of streaming on our Facebook page. But I feel like he would greatly prefer having live, warm bodies in the room with him. I am sure all the other teachers feel the same way. And, after all, it is the responsibility of every one of us who are members of First Baptist Dresden to be faithful in the attendance of services. We should not have to beg people to come back to church. We should "just do it" because we love the Lord and our church!!

Our "Just Older Youth" team has met and feel it is still to early to resume our JOY gatherings. We have certainly missed the sweet fellowship with our senior folks. We look forward to gathering together when the time is right for all involved.

It has been my joy to attempt to teach the New Testament book of James on Wednesday nights since the beginning of May and continuing through June. Thanks for your prayers and participation in that effort. It has been an exercise unlike any I have experienced in over 50 years of ministry. But it has been a blessing to have the opportunity to serve my Savior and my church!

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



## Student Ministries | Christian Carr

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Hello church family! It has been a joy gathering again as a youth ministry on Wednesday nights. We have been able to abide by the social distance regulation while having productive and Christ centered meeting time together. We have been meeting outside when the weather permits, and in the Truthseekers classroom when indoors. We plan to continue to meet in the Truthseekers classroom on Wednesday nights at 6:30 through the month of July. Meeting in the Truthseekers classroom enables us to socially distance and gives me the ability to use the nice television and speaker while I teach (which I really enjoy using!). I have also begun planning some events for us for the month of July. Starting mid-July, we are going to start SUNny D. SUNny D stands for Sunday Night Discipleship. SUNny D will be a time for the youth to gather on Sunday afternoons and have time for discipleship and fellowship. A key component to SUNny D will be a time for guys and girls to separate for gender specific discipleship. I will lead the guy's discipleship group, and my wife Emily will help lead the girl's discipleship group. This structure is meant to help spark more in-depth discussions. I will release more information concerning our SUNny D events in the future, but for now, I wanted to introduce our new event, SUNny D (Sunday Night Discipleship).

Grace and Peace,  
Christian Carr



## Women on Mission - Unshakable Pursuit

Martha Hopper WOM Director

Women on Mission is a division of the Women's Missionary Union. The organization offers many opportunities for expanding knowledge and understanding. Here are some WOM recent activities. On three Tuesdays in May, ladies participated in a virtual tour of Denver that featured twelve church planners who described their strategies and visions. Seven families from Texas moved to Colorado with one planner to start a church. Secondly, the devotionals in the Mission Mosaic magazine feature scripture, insightful and inspiring accounts, and a prayer focus for the day. These daily sessions produce personal strength and spiritual growth. Additionally, a recent study of the book of Zechariah, guided by a Mission Mosaic article, revealed the prophet urging the Jews of Jerusalem to repent and to rebuild the temple. A goal of studying Zechariah was to distinguish the attributes of God and the activities of God. Next, through WOM, a daily prayer guide, "21 Days of Prayer for the Coronavirus," featured 21 categories of people affected by the virus. All these recent learning experiences contribute to becoming more knowledgeable of scripture, current mission work, and prayer. Laura Beth (Chandler) and Aaron Auiler and their children are back in the states after eight years of gospel missionary work in Central Asia. They are currently in Danridge, TN. Unity in prayer for this family as they transition into life in America is appreciated. Rhonda (Gardiner) and Chris Richard will start missionary training in November. They will eventually be assigned to Brazil. Please pray for Rhonda, Chris, and their two daughters as they begin their missionary journey.

# Music Ministry | Dr. Robert Nanney

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What a joy it has been to regather the last few Sundays and, as much as possible, resume services. That has also allowed us to expand our music, adding the younger and older youth praise teams and giving our adult praise team a respite after their singing most every Sunday since the pandemic shutdown started in mid-March.

We appreciate their dedication to serve. It was also wonderful seeing our youth interact during practices after not seeing one another for many weeks. And as Bro. Don has said, it makes such a difference for those of us who lead to look out and see your smiling faces and no longer see just a sea of empty pews. Of course we miss those who aren't able to join us just yet, and we fully understand why.

Since the last newsletter, we have celebrated the 50th anniversary of the Goodtime Singers Quartet and in June will honor our fathers. In looking toward July, we will honor our country and further expand our services with Sunday School slated to resume on July 12.

I'm happy to report that on that same Sunday, we plan to resume our adult choir, assuming nothing has changed that would compel us to do otherwise. Many of our choir members have frequently told me how much they miss practicing, singing and fellowshiping with the other members of the choir family. We will be as cautious as we can through the process and ask for your prayers as we do. We are also excited about bringing back the youth and adult hand chimes choirs.

The bottom line of it all is that these wonderful folks of all ages love to serve in the music ministry. I praise God for their dedication and for His provision that is once again making it possible.

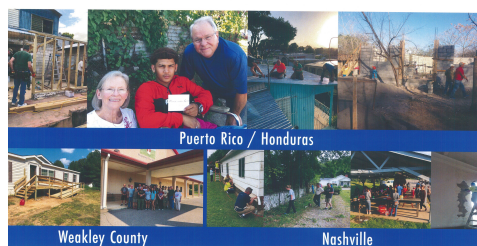
God bless you all!

Bro. Robert



Oh, how I miss the ringing of the chimes! I will be touching base with my adult chimers to see who would be willing to start ringing the chimes again. I have missed everyone so much, and hope we can ring together very soon!

Jeanie Nanney, HC Choir Director



Weakley County Baptist Association Goal: \$25,000

This fund replaces the PACE Fund and the Weakley 1000 Fund. Offering during the month of July can be given through the church. GCF offering envelopes are available at our Welcome Center.

We had previously announced we would begin to gather again in July. However, out of an over abundance of caution for our Senior population, we have decided to cancel the July meeting. We are very eager to begin again but feel it is not in the best interest of our group to assemble together just yet. Hopefully we can meet in August. Continue to watch the newsletter and listen to announcements from the pulpit regarding this ministry. Please know we love you all and are here for you. Please contact any member of the JOY committee if you have concerns or need assistance in any way. We love you all and pray daily for your well being.

Sincerely,

The JOY Committee

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



Dear Church Family,

We just wanted to fill everyone in on where we are with VBS. With Covid 19 concerns we feel it is best not to have a week long event. We do have some other ideas in the works. We are considering the idea of doing a walk-through VBS. This event will be for the entire family. Details are not finalized, and no dates have been set. Once we figure out the best way to do this, we will be having a meeting to get volunteers to help with this event. Please be in prayer for us as we are trying to do the Lord's will and spread God's word. Thank you for your understanding and willingness to serve.

Kim & Clint Lowry, Alyssa Bunum  
VBS Directors

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113<sup>th</sup> Year

# HOMECOMING

Sunday

Aug. 16, 2020

with The Goodtime Singers

...more information to come



2nd Kim Lowry

Helen Nevil

6th Parker Ferrell

Linda Sandefer

7th Karlie Wilson

9th Robert Nanney

Kinleigh Harris

Todd Morgan

10th Jean Ainley

13th Bradley Young

14th Tiffany Browning

15th Asa Woodward

17th Tara Perry

Jackie Powers

18th Derick Williams

20th Paul Hutcherson

21st Ella Bynum

Tommy Moore

Michelle Powers

Stephanie Robinson

22nd Kelsie Stoker

23rd Melanie Johnson

24th Elmer Nevil

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26th Richard Trevathan

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29th Cheryl Jackson

Pam Caldwell

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Sherryl McCulley

31st Sheila Swearingen

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