



# MESSENGER



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## JANUARY 2023



### *Worship Schedule*

Sunday School 9:45 am  
Sundays 11:00 am & 6:00 pm  
Wednesday 6:30 pm  
TeamKID 6:00 pm Youth Group 6:30 pm

No Evening Services Jan. 1  
No TeamKID Jan. 4

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### *Note from our Pastor*

Dear Church family,

Merry Christmas! May this time of the year remind of us all of the great and wonderful gift God has given to us through His Son and that is the free gift of salvation. Oh that men, women, boys and girls would repent, receive, reflect and rejoice over it. Romans 6:23 tells us "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." Golfing great Lee Trevino once told a reporter "Someone has to win this tournament, may as well be me!" God grants pardon to all who will come, confess and call. May as well be you.

As we are about to close out the year of 2022 and embark on a new year let me encourage you who have been absent from church to find your way back to God's house. "Forsake not the assembling of yourselves together..." The church will welcome you back with open arms. Get the new year started right by making this a priority in your life. For those not actively involved in Sunday School find you a class. There are blessings that come from the support one gets from having a small group of caring people.

Blessings,  
Bro. Don



## *Note from our Min. of Education*

The end of December is always a busy time of family, food, fellowship, and parties. While for most, this is a most happy time. But for lots of other people, it is a time of sadness, despair, and depression because of the recent death of a loved one, sickness or ill health, and financial struggles. May we be reminded to visit, encourage, and be generous to those who may be going through the roughest time of their entire life. The true spirit of Christmas is the Spirit of Christ.

We continue to only maintain Status Quo in our Sunday School attendance. Someone said recently, "Status Quo" is Latin for, "the mess we are in!" Maybe we are not that bad – yet, but we must do our best to win the lost, reach out to the unchurched in our area, and minister to our members who have not returned to our fellowship since the pandemic. Those things are what our present "turf" is, and it should demand that we be faithful to our calling as Christians.

The Winter Bible Study will begin Sunday night, January 8, 2023, at 6:00. The study this year is the book of Ephesians, using the book, "Who We Are in Christ" as a reference. I will be leading these sessions each week for four or five weeks. I would appreciate your prayers and support in this critical study because I need them.

For anyone interested in Bible doctrine, the 10-week course, "The Baptist Faith & Message" will be offered beginning Sunday morning January 8, 2023 at 10:00 A.M. in the Genesis classroom. Please, let me know in advance if you are interested.

Thanks for your prayers and other Christian responses to Linda's recent illness and brief stay at the hospital and Cane Creek Rehab Center. She is doing better day by day. We wish you all a very Merry Christmas, and a joyous and prosperous new year in the Will of God!

See you in Sunday School and church.

Bro. Wayne, M.o.E

## *Note from our Director of Student Ministries*

Happy new year to our church family. By God's providence, we have made it to the year 2023. As we look ahead into the new year, we already have great events planned for our youth here at DFBC. There are some events coming up that you need to get your student registered for! First, we have our Youth Winter Retreat on February 10-11. This is an event where our youth will have a weekend to get away, spend time with God, and fellowship together. We will be going to Reelfoot Youth Camp for our overnight retreat. The cost is \$50, and you can register by visiting our website.

We also have our Youth Evangelism Conference in March. YEC will be held in Murfreesboro again this year and the dates are March 10-11. This is a time for our youth group to hear God's Word and worship with other students from around the state. More information and the registration for YEC will be released this month. We will need volunteers for both of these youth outings so please consider coming as a volunteer for these events. We cannot participate in overnight events like these without people like you coming and helping volunteer!

Lastly, the youth are selling shirts to raise money for Christians in Afghanistan. The Christians in Afghanistan are suffering under the new rule of the Taliban. We have the opportunity to raise money by selling shirts to help them obtain Bibles and much-needed resources. We encourage you to pray for the Christians in Afghanistan and consider purchasing a shirt from one of our youth to help raise money in support of our brothers and sisters in Afghanistan.

In Christ,

Christian Carr, Dir. of Student Min.





Christmas week is upon us as you read this. Once again, our overwhelming feeling is deep thankfulness for God's sending His son to save us. And what a special gift this year that Christmas is on a Sunday. Our choir and Adult Praise Team are rehearsing extra special songs for this blessed event, which won't happen again for 12 years. We hope you will worship with us!

Looking back a bit, we are so very thankful for the opportunity to present our cantata and Christmas play on the morning and evening of Dec. 11. There aren't words to thank all who were involved, especially the adults who served double duty as they sang in the cantata and had acting roles in the play. I appreciate their faithfulness and hard work with their extra rehearsals all through the fall and especially the last couple of weeks leading up to the performances of both events. They were: Rick Finney, Tommy Moore, Kate Bynum, Clint Lowry, Jake Bynum, and James Washburn.

I also want to thank my No. 1 music ministry volunteer – my wife, Jeanie – for her many, many hours preparing, writing extra parts/dialogue to the script and directing the play, as well as singing in the cantata and helping me so much during its rehearsals. Jeanie and I are also especially proud of the children and youth who stepped up to be in the play, some of whom have stayed with us and participated every year since we started doing these in 2013.

Now as we look to January, we are again excited about what the new year will bring with its fresh hope and new beginnings. I've already chosen the Easter cantata for 2023. Easter is April 9 next year, so our rehearsals for the cantata will begin in early February. In the meantime, when school resumes, we'll crank back up with TeamKid music. Our adult choir will also continue its weekly rehearsals. We invite you to join our choir family. There's no better time than the new year. We'll be learning some brand, new music as well!

Jeanie and I praise God for you all and wish you and your family a happy, healthy, and safe New Year!

Bro. Robert, Min. of Music

### "A PLAY IN A MANGER"

As they say in the theater and movie industry, "That's a wrap!" I am so very thankful for all of those who were a part of our annual Christmas musical AND for all of those who attended the performance. It meant so much to all of the participants, especially the children, to see their church family as well as their own families and friends in the audience. As we were waiting to line up before the show, they were chattering a mile a minute about who all was in the audience to see them, so a huge thank you to all of you who made the effort to attend. It did not go unnoticed.

All of the actors did SUCH a good job portraying their characters and memorizing their lines. Both the children and adult actors were outstanding in their roles, and the children who sang the sweet songs and portrayed the Nativity absolutely made the play. It never failed to touch my heart, even in rehearsal, when all of them gathered around the manger to worship the newborn King. This, after all, is what Christmas is all about.

Behind the scenes, we were blessed to have hard-working parents of the children as well as some church members without children involved who stepped up to organize costumes, get the T-shirts ordered, paint and build the set, find props, provide refreshments, manage the little ones when they were not on stage, assist with cleanup, and practice with their children at home. The play couldn't have happened without all of you. I am especially grateful to Alyssa Bynum for teaching the children the choreography for some of the songs. She has a gift, and she is willing to use it!

While our having two productions on the same day (the adult cantata and the musical) was an incredible challenge for both Robert and me, we could not be more pleased with the end results. We wish for all of you the happiest Christmas and blessed New Year as we remember and celebrate that Jesus truly is the reason for the season.

Jeanie Nanney, Christmas Musical Director

*Worship in Music*





# Senior Adult Ministries



## *Just Older Youth*

December sure went out with a bang and here we are in January 2023 already. God was certainly faithful to Dresden First Baptist Church in 2022 and we look forward to what HE has in store for us this next year.

On December 20th we enjoyed a devotion from Eddie Joe McKelvy of Greenfield, a delicious lunch of ham, green beans and sweet potatoes with cheesecake for dessert, and then a beautiful Christmas program of music delivered by Dr. Elaine Harriss and Carla Fields of Martin. It was a great day to put all of us in the wonderful spirit of Christmas.

JOY will meet on January 17th at 11:30. If you have not attended or know someone that hasn't we would love to have you. Our menu that day will be loaded potato soup, cornbread, cole slaw and chocolate cake. Angela Hall, a newcomer to FBC, will be bringing our program. Angela has had amazing experiences working for Habitat for Humanity. This will be a great program that you will not want to miss.

Our Penny the Pig offerings have been awesome this past year. Last quarter monies went to Operation Christmas Child for the shoeboxes. During the first quarter of 2023 we will be collecting to purchase Bibles for the jail ministries in Weakley County.

JOY is a wonderful time for our Seniors to gather together for a devotion, lunch and a program. The meal is only \$5 and you can't beat that anywhere. Make it a matter of prayer and feel free to join us anytime. Just please let Janet know if you're on the list but can't make it. We hope to see you in 2023!!!

Sheila Swearingen, JOY Co-Director

*Springtime* 2023 | Don't Miss It!  
**JUBILEE**

## *Lively Ones on the go...*

Each Spring, thousands of Senior and Mature Adults from all over the country converge the town of Branson MO for Jubilee. It's a wonderful time of singing, laughing and preaching where countless lives have been encouraged and changed. This year is going to be the best yet, and we would like to invite you to join us! Make plans now to join us! It's Jubilee Sign up time for Spring Jubilee 2023 April 26-28 with Sights & Sounds "Queen Esther" \$155 deposit due by January 30th Sign up and more details at Information Station Board

<https://www.jubileeconferences.com/spring/index.html>



## Gifts to the Church

*In Memory of Helen Pentecost by: The Pentecost family*

*In Memory of Kim Carroll by: Dean & Diann Williams*

*In Memory of Marty Plunk by: John, Melanie & Meredith Johnson, Gertie Sheffield, Dean & Diann Williams*

*In Memory of Betty Ferrell by: John, Melanie & Meredith Johnson, Gertie Sheffield*

*In Memory of Donna Winstead and Sylvia Swearingen by: Kelley & Sheila Swearingen*

*In Memory of Wanda Sherwood Sheffield by: Phyllis Parrott*

*In Honor of Kathy Simmons, Emily Lewellen, Edward Hicks by: John, Melanie & Meredith Johnson*

*In Honor of Tom McWherter by: Kelley & Sheila Swearingen*

*In Honor of Tommy Moore by: Truthseekers Class*

*Thank you cards to the church family are posted at Information Station Board*

- 1st Beverly Lewis
- 2nd Maureen Sledd, Lisa Williams
- 3rd Ivy Grogan, Chris Harris
- 4th Jerrie Moseley
- 5th Tommie Pettit, Jerry Gallimore, John Gallimore
- 6th Dane Brasfield
- 7th Ron Jackson
- 8th Lori Mathis
- 11th Alex Bynum
- 12th Kathy Simmons
- 14th Maddox Kibbler, Logan Taylor
- 15th Ellie Poole, Emily Gallimore
- 16th Jonathan Cianfarani, Ginger Forrester
- 19th Mollie Oliver, Judy Cleek
- 20th Bailee Griffith, Sheila Cianfarani
- 21st Julie Mathis
- 25th Will Forrester, Alan McCalin
- 27th Ronald Winstead
- 28th Roger Tibbs
- 29th James Brasfield, Ethan & Alex Cianfarani
- 30th Chase Bennett
- 31st Addison VanMeter, Richard Bennett, Bruce Slusser, Amy Finney, Rhonda McDaniel



# JANUARY

## BIRTHDAYS

## January Volunteers

### **January 1**

Nursery Babies AM: Jared & Becky Anderson

Nursery Toddlers AM: Alyssa Bynum

Kids Worship: Not Meeting

Greeters Front Foyer: Richard Bennett, Bonnie Bullock

Greeters LC: Kelley Swearingen

Deacon: Richard Bennett

### **January 8**

Nursery Babies AM: Pam Bennett

Nursery Toddlers AM: Pam Caldwell, Kenra Simpson

Nursery PM: Pat Phillips

Kids Worship: Leah Bennett

Greeters Front Foyer: Nyle & Cathy Carlton

Greeters LC: Sheila Swearingen

Deacon: Don Cleek

### **January 15**

Nursery Babies AM: Christie & Ashleigh Greer

Nursery Toddlers AM: Jennifer McClain

Nursery PM: Janet Robinson

Kids Worship: Lisa Morgan

Greeters Front Foyer: Mark & Dannyelle Williams

Greeters LC: Eric Allman

Deacon: Dennis Moon

### **January 22**

Nursery Babies AM: Lori & Maci Forrester

Nursery Toddlers AM: Carla Hutcherson

Nursery PM: Paula Robertson

Kids Worship: Leanna Slusser

Greeters Front Foyer: Brian & Lori Forrester

Greeters LC: James Washburn

Deacon: Brian Mathis

### **January 29**

Nursery Babies AM: Janet & Bryan Robinson

Nursery Toddlers AM: Emily Carr

Kids Worship Not Meeting

Greeters: Front Foyer: Ron & Pat Phillips

Greeters LC: Audrea Washburn

Deacon: Ron Phillips



*Thanks to our  
Volunteers*

*If you would like to serve*  
please see Janet in the church office  
to be added to the rotation

| Sun   | Mon                                       | Tue                             | Wed   | Thu | Fri | Sat  |
|---|---|---------------------------------|---|-----|-----|--|
| 1<br>9:45am SS<br>11am Worship<br>NO PM                                       | 2   | 3<br>WC Backpack                | 4<br>NO TK<br>6:30 MidWeek<br>6:30 Youth<br>7:25 Choir  | 5   | 6   | 7<br>Men's Breakfast                             |
| 8<br>9:45 am SS<br>11am Worship<br>4:50 pm WOM<br>5 pm Deacons<br>6pm Worship | 9<br>TBC Pastor's Conf.<br>10 am DFBC-FLC | 10                              | 11<br>6 pm TK<br>6:30 MidWeek<br>6:30 Youth<br>7:25 Choir   | 12  | 13  | 14<br>WCBA Mission Trip<br>Puerto Rico 14th-20th |
| 15<br>9:45 am SS<br>11am Worship<br>6pm Business Meeting                      | 16  | 17<br>11:30 JOY                 | 18<br>6 pm TK<br>6:30 MidWeek<br>6:30 Youth<br>7:25 Choir   | 19  | 20  | 21<br>Lively Ones outing                         |
| 22<br>Sanctity of Human Life<br>9:45 am SS<br>11am Worship<br>6pm Worship     | 23  | 24<br>7 pm WMU Qt Mtg @<br>WCBA | 25<br>6 pm TK<br>6:30 MidWeek<br>6:30 Youth<br>7:25 Choir   | 26  | 27  | 28   |
| 29<br>9:45 am SS<br>11am Lord's Supper<br>5 pm Church Council<br>6pm Worship  | 30  | 31                              | <div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> <p><b>WELCOME</b><br/><i>New Members</i></p> </div> <div style="background-color: black; color: white; padding: 5px; display: inline-block; margin-left: 10px;"> <p>Kenseth Esch</p> </div> |     |     |  |



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and [www.dresdenfbc.org/Live Stream](http://www.dresdenfbc.org/LiveStream)  
on Sundays at 11 am & 6 pm and Wednesdays at 6:30 pm  
Sunday 11 am Radio Broadcast on 95.1fm  
Sunday School lesson 10 am on live stream options

**DFBC Staff available if we can help in anyway**

Dr. Don McCulley, Pastor  
Bro. Wayne Perkins, Min. of Ed.  
Dr. Robert Nanney, Min. of Music  
Christian Carr, Student Minister  
Becky Anderson, Nursery Director  
Janet Robinson, Ministry Assistant  
Lisa Harris, Custodian

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### WAYS TO GIVE

**IN PERSON**  
offering boxes in foyer  
**ONLINE** at  
[dresdenfbc.org/Give](http://dresdenfbc.org/Give)  
**MAIL** to  
PO Box 176 Dresden

Thank you for your faithful giving . 2 Corinthians 9: 6-8