

## JANUARY Birthdays

- 1 Casey Bennett  
Brenda Davis  
Beverly Lewis
- 2 Maureen Sledd  
Lisa Williams
- 3 Chris Harris
- 4 Jerrie Moseley  
Ginger Cary
- 5 Jerry Gallimore III  
John Gallimore
- 7 Ron Jackson
- 8 Lori Mathis
- 9 Wanda Eddlemon  
Lisa Odle
- 11 Alex Bynum
- 12 Kathy Simmons
- 13 Conner Evans
- 14 Maddox Kibbler  
Logan Taylor
- 15 Ellie Poole  
Emily Gallimore
- 16 Jonathan Cianfarani  
Ginger Forrester
- 19 Jordyn Ferrell  
Mollie Oliver  
Judy Cleek
- 20 Sheila Cianfarani
- 21 Julie Mathis
- 25 Will Forrester  
Alan McClain
- 27 Ronald Winstead  
Dian Sellers
- 28 Roger Tibbs
- 29 James Brasfield  
Ethan & Alex Cianfarani
- 30 Chase Bennett
- 31 Richard Bennett  
Amy Finney  
Rhonda McDaniel



## JANUARY EVENTS

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	TH	FRI	SAT
			1 Happy New Year No Services	2	3 Jr. High SS Class Party	4 Men's Breakfast
5 WOM Deacons Mtg Jan. Bible Study	6	7 WC Backpack	8 No TK	9	10	11
12 Paint Party Business Mtg	13 WCBA	14 Mission	15 Trip	16 To	17 Puerto Rico	18
19 Church Council	20 Lifeline Screening	21 JOY	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

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### Financial Gifts to the Church

**In Memory of:**  
 Phillip, Violet, & Zachary Jackson (LMCO).....by Duane & Diane Jackson  
 Charles Smith.....by Ron, Pat & Allie Phillips  
 Carol Hutcherson.....by Ann Blackburn & family  
 Al Powers.....by Lou Ann Powers  
**In Honor of:**  
 John Johnson and Bonnie Bennett.....by Agape, Revolution, Lifeworks SS classes  
 Tommy Moore.....by Truthseekers Class  
 Shirley Halliburton,  
 Madge Winstead,  
 Betty Shipton (LMCO).....by John, Melanie, Meredith Johnson

If you would like to be added to the DFBC email, text, or phone tree communication line to receive updates/events, prayer request, inclement weather notice, etc...please let the church office know with your contact information. Reminder to keep the church office current on your membership profile changes (address, contact numbers/emails). You may also submit a picture anytime for the online directory. Thank you! Janet

Sunday School 9:45 am | Sunday Worship 11:00 am & 6:00 pm | Wednesday Youth Group 6:30 pm | Wednesday Bible Study 6:30 pm



# First View

### From the Pastor's Desk

Over the next several months I want to share with you some reasons all of us should believe in the church. If we believe God's word then we should believe in God's church. The church is His bride and body. Christians believe in the church—not for salvation, but because they are convinced the church is one of the things God is doing in the world.

Today, let's consider the "source" of the church. It is God who plants the church. Jesus never asked the disciples to build the church. That was His work alone. "You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church." (Matt. 16:18). He calls us to help, but whatever contribution we make, it is Christ who builds the church.

The church was not an afterthought. From the beginning God's purpose was to create a people who freely accept Him as their God. As a result they freely receive His salvation and in return love Him and their neighbors.

His purpose of creating a people is repeated throughout the Bible. The Old Testament speaks of a covenant. A covenant is a relationship between two entities (marriage/nations). God began with Abraham (Gen. 15) and affirmed it through Moses and David. Later it would extend through Jeremiah (31:31-34) to the house of Israel.

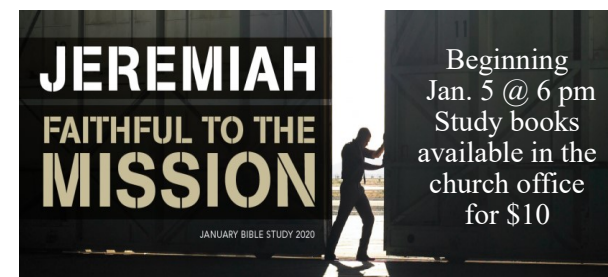
In the New Testament God's purpose is seen in graciously and generously extending this covenant through Jesus and His finished work at the cross. Jesus spoke in terms of the "kingdom". Mark 1:15 Jesus said "The kingdom of God is near."

All of this is to simply say the church is the community of faith, the called out ones. Our buildings are not the church. They simply house the people who make up this community of believers.

We are to believe in the church because God, in fulfillment of His eternal purposes, has brought the church into being. The church is His presence through His people. The question is where is our presence in His house?

See you in church,

*Bro Don*



The focus of this study is to understand the heart of the prophet and the need for believers today to faithfully proclaim the truth of the gospel. Much like Jeremiah, we live in a world filled with rebellion against God. We too are called to proclaim God's judgment against sin and offer the hope found in Christ. In this 2020 Winter Bible Study, we will examine the life and message of Jeremiah to gain insight into how believers today can be faithful to the call of God in our lives.



**LIVELY ONES on the MOVE:** It's time to sign up for Spring Jubilee in Branson MO.—April 22—24, 2020 and the Sight & Sound production of "Noah". Sign up by January 12th and deposit of \$170.00 per person. See Bonnie Bullock or Diann Williams if any questions.



As we close out 2019 and look forward to 2020, the JOY committee rejoices in an enrollment of 83, an average attendance of over 50 per month, motivational and inspirational programs, good food and tremendous fellowship. What a great year the Senior Adult Ministry of First Baptist Church has had!! To God be all the glory!!!

In November, we welcomed Rev. Walter Winchester as our devotional speaker and Mark Maddox who told wonderful stories during our program time. As we celebrated Christmas, our very favorite devotional speaker, Dr. Don McCulley, presented a few moments of joy and reflection and Wendell Verdell entertained all with a Christmas musical program for our December gathering.

If you haven't yet attended a JOY meeting make this a New Year's resolution. Become a part of JOY. We'd sincerely love to have you! See you on January 21st in the FLC at 11:30 am. January menu is homemade chicken noodle soup, mini sub sandwiches, crackers and lemon lush dessert. Our devotional speaker will be Bro. Rick Walker from Oak Grove Baptist Church and his wife, LaDonna Walker will be our musical program.

See you then. Happy New Year!!!!

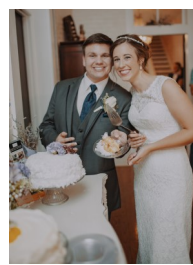
**WOM—Unshakable Pursuit**

Spiritual fruit and spiritual giftings are understood within the Christian community. The fruit of the spirit is listed in Gal. 5:22-23. They are love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, and self-control. This fruit is developed in believers as they allow the Holy Spirit to work in and through them. Spiritual giftings are individual giftings matched to ones abilities and personalities. In January, WOM will explore sixteen areas of spiritual giftings (implementation of giftings is to equip the body of Christ to bring glory to God). An assessment tool will be used to assist & confirm giftings. Any lady who wishes to participate may join the group at 4:50 on Jan. 5th. This assessment can be found at <https://www.lifeway.com/en/articles/women-leadership-spiritual-gifts-growth-service>

## Minister of Education

I wish for all of you a very Merry Christmas as we celebrate the greatest birth ever recorded! Of course, that birth is of Jesus Christ who came to Earth to be our Savior by dying on a cruel, Roman cross. Let us not forget that the precious, tiny Babe born in a borrowed barn grew up to be the Christ of the cross! Have you welcomed Him into your Christmas celebration?? He became our sin-offering and personal sacrifice by being crucified on Golgotha's hill outside of Jerusalem. Thank God for the wonderful plan of salvation, but it is the Man of Salvation, Jesus Christ that we worship today!!

We welcome our new staff member, Christian Carr and his wife, Emily to First Baptist Dresden! He will be our full-time Minister of Students and will begin his ministry with us on January 1, 2020. He is a very impressive young man and has a beautiful wife who supports him in his work. We look forward to seeing what God will do through Christian's ministry among us.



Dear FBC Dresden, As Emily and I enter into this new season of our lives, I just wanted to take some time to introduce ourselves to you and expound upon our excitement to join you in ministry at First Baptist Church Dresden. Emily and I are both originally from the greater Memphis area. During our time in Memphis, we were both members of Kirby Woods Baptist Church, which also happens to be where we met. Emily and I began to date when she was just 15 years old and I was 16. We were so young, but I guess when you know, you know! We both graduated in May 2019 from The University of Tennessee at Martin



and then got married to our high school sweetheart the following September. Having Emily as my wife to do ministry with has been such a huge blessing and is one of the many reasons I am excited about the ministry we are about to partner in at First Baptist Dresden.

Over the past year, I have partnered with First Baptist Church Fulton, KY and helped the youth program as their intern. That experience has taught me so much about what it is like to work in ministry with students. Emily and I both fell in love with working with youth and investing our lives in helping them grow in their relationship with the Lord. Students have such a great opportunity to impact their families, schools, and communities with the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and I love helping equip them to do so with the Scripture.

First Baptist Dresden has given Emily and me the opportunity to continue investing and equipping students in this way. My desire is to train, teach, equip and encourage the students of First Baptist Dresden to obey all that Jesus Christ has taught in His Scripture; to the glory of God the Father. I want us to be a Christ-exalting and God-glorifying testimony to the grace of Jesus Christ. My aim is that the student ministry will be Christ-centered, Scripture oriented, and God-glorifying in all that we say and do. I am so excited to come alongside these students to encourage them to grow in their knowledge and love for Jesus Christ.

First Baptist Dresden, Emily and I can not express the gratitude, excitement, and enthusiasm we have towards you and can not wait to get to know each of you personally throughout this new year.

Grace and Peace,  
Christian Carr  
Minister of Students

The Winter Bible Study will begin on Sunday night January 5, 2020 at 6:00 P.M. The study this year is the old testament book, Jeremiah. The title of this year's study will be, "Jeremiah: Faithful to the Mission." This is scheduled for eight sessions that I will be leading. There will be personal study-guide books available if you wish to get one. Cost will be around \$10.00 each. Please pray about this study and for me as I teach/preach.

Linda and I thank you for your prayerful support and love as we complete our third year serving you as Minister of Education. We are blessed to be serving such a wonderful church family. Thank you for receiving us and loving us the way you do. May God bless you with the best Christmas ever and a bright and prosperous New Year.

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

## Music Ministry

As I write this column, Christmas is less than a week away. It's truly my favorite time of the year, personally and musically. And that is wonderfully revealed in the many opportunities we all have to present and hear the good news of His birth in song. I'm so thankful for all of you who have served so faithfully in our Christmas play, cantata, hand chimes choirs and the soloists and adult choir who have led in worship during the holiday season.

Here are the highlights:

**ADULT CHOIR:** I cannot express how proud I am of our cantata choir, which presented "Song of Joy" on Sunday morning, Dec. 15. They worked so hard and came faithfully to extra practices. The eight soloists did such a great job, as well, and so did our media team in the booth, especially when the computer crashed well into the cantata. The choir fellowship meal that Sunday night was also a blessing for the choir family to get together.



**Hand Chimes:** Christmas is the perfect season for hand chimes, and both our youth and adult hand chime choirs shared beautiful Christmas music in our morning worship services on December 1st and December 8th. The youth hand chimers will take a few weeks off before playing again, and my plan is to get the adults together in the latter part of January. We are always looking for new members, so if you are interested in playing, please let me know!

Jeanie Nanney, Hand Chime Choir Director

**The Christmas Express:** What a blessing it was to see our many weeks of hard work come to fruition in the December 8th performance of "The Christmas Express." As we performed to a nearly full house, my heart was full as I watched our children, youth, and adults present the true message of Christmas in song and drama. So many people willingly gave of their time and talents to build the stage, make and paint the set, organize the costumes, provide refreshments, and supervise the children. I am so very thankful for each one who had a part. It is my prayer that there will be enough interest to continue what has become a beloved tradition in our church. To those who did not participate this year, I truly hope you will join us next year so the Christmas musical will live on!

Merry Christmas,  
Jeanie Nanney,  
Christmas Musical Director



**CHRISTMAS PLAY:** The children, youth and adults also worked hard in rehearsals and blessed hearts as they presented "The Christmas Express" the night of Dec. 8. Check out Jeanie's column elsewhere in this newsletter for more details. And I'd be remiss if I didn't thank my No. 1 music ministry volunteer, Jeanie, for the many hours she devoted since last September to direct the play (and the time she devotes to directing the hand chimes choirs and being my right arm in all of the other phases of the music ministry). See her column about this very special musical.

Looking ahead to January, it always brings reflection about God's blessings and how we can start afresh with the New Year and dedicate ourselves anew to Him. The same goes for the music ministry. If you would like to get involved in the music ministry, just let me know. We will find a place for you. That includes the Adult Choir. There could be no better time to join the choir family! We will be learning exciting new music, too!

As we approach the New Year, our prayers are that it will be the best ever and that God will be glorified more than ever through the music ministry.

From Jeanie and me, Merry Christmas, and God bless you all in the New Year!

Dr. Robert Nanney  
Minister of Music



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We hope you enjoy this new way to contribute to our ministry, and thank you for your support.

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Please see Janet if any questions.