

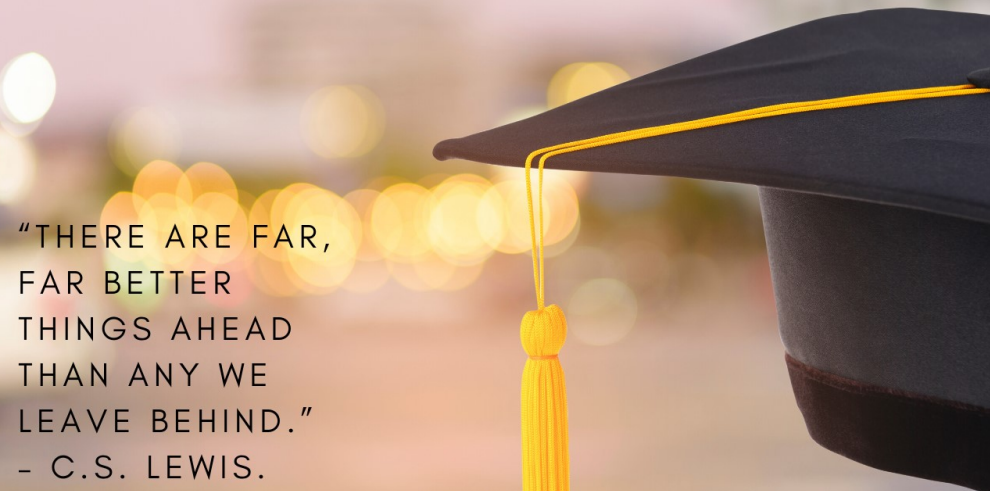


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- C.S. LEWIS.



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Tyler Hutcherson |
| 5 | Melissa Cobb |
| 7 | Ashlyn Oliver |
| 10 | Bryce Wilson
Joy Hazlewood
Derick Leach
Rhonda Morgan |
| 11 | Charley Woodward |
| 12 | Nash Bynum
Ron Parker |
| 16 | Ashley Cantrell |
| 17 | Kenneth Bennett |
| 18 | Mike Morris
Joe Bryant |
| 19 | Thomas Turner |
| 23 | Maurine Eaton |
| 24 | Kim Bailey
Grant Turner |
| 25 | Micheal Turner
Andrew Wilhite |
| 26 | Lana Eaves
Kenny Caldwell
Tessica Dunlap |
| 28 | Edith Dilday
Beckie Jolley |
| 29 | James Wetherell |
| 30 | Claire McClain
Roane Bynum |
| 30 | Patsy Mangum |
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From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Church Family,

We are certainly living in challenging and uncertain times. But come to think of it, we have always lived in such times. While we cannot fathom what the future days may hold, these days are not challenging or uncertain to the omnipotent God. Psalm 103:19 says, "The Lord has established His throne in heaven, and His kingdom rules over all."

Someone may ask the question "What can I do in these challenging and uncertain days?" Let me direct your thoughts to Jeremiah 33:1-3 and give you a little bit of a running commentary.

V. 1 "Moreover the word of the Lord came to Jeremiah a second time..." (God is always speaking and revealing Himself. The word "Lord" here refers to the sovereign creator of the earth and the one who established it. It refers to the one who exists and causes to exist). "While he was still shut up in the court of the prison, saying..." (can you say quarantined?)

V. 2 "Thus says the Lord who made it, the Lord who formed it to establish is (the Lord is His name": (He is referring to the earth He established. See Jeremiah 32:17. The one who created this world has the power to restore the nation.)

V. 3 "Call to Me, and I will answer you, and show you great and mighty things, which you do not know." (These words are directed to the people as a whole. They are addressed to a plural audience. It is a remarkable reminder that God's knowledge far exceeds ours and that He is always ready to hear our appeals. This verse links revelation with prayer. Divine revelation becomes reality when it is sought. The word "mighty" means unsearchable or inaccessible. These are things beyond our imagination. God can reveal what He desires to whom He desires and when He desires.)

Call on Him today. Trust His promises. Lean on Him for strength. Expect Him to hold you up.

See you—hopefully soon!

God bless,

Bro Don

BLESSED ASSURANCE

Frances Jane Crosby

1820-1915

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

Perfect submission, perfect delight,
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
Angels, descending, bring from above
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

Perfect submission, all is at rest,
I in my Savior am happy and blest,
Watching and waiting, looking above,
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love

This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.



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Hello church family, I hope you are all doing well as we end the month of April. What a month it has been, right? It was a month of change and uncertainty as we were all living life week by week waiting to hear new information concerning the Coronavirus.

As you have taken things week by week so has the student ministry here at FBC Dresden. I have so dearly missed being able to meet with our students weekly and I cannot wait until we will be able to all meet again. Nonetheless, I have been pleased with how we have been able to keep in touch through weekly Zoom meetings and on Instagram. Through our weekly Zoom meetings, we have had the opportunity to catch up with each other, play fun games, laugh with each other, encourage each other, and have a short devotion together. I am so thankful to have that time with our students each week.

Looking ahead to May, we will continue taking things week by week. My hope is by the end of May we will have a little more normalcy in our routines. Things may look a little different for a while within the student ministry, but we will continue to glorify God in whatever means we are able. For this season let us all continue to say and believe in our hearts lest we forget, “God is good all the time; and all the time, God is good.”



Grace and Peace,
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We are still living in a quarantined world. Social distancing, handwashing, wearing masks and gloves and staying home has become the new norm. However, for the elderly, Covid-19 is an even greater threat. For those living alone, the separation time from family and friends can be especially difficult. Even more difficult is the situation for those confined to nursing and assisted living facilities. Let’s pray for this group and check in with them from time to time as best we can. We all struggle with the current situation, but we don’t have to live in fear or let fear control our thoughts and actions or our life. Jesus offers a peace that passes all understanding. Let us pray that those whose hearts and minds are weary will find His peace.

At this writing we do not know what the church schedule will look like for May. If at all possible JOY will meet on the 3rd Tuesday, May 19th at 11:30. A catered meal will be furnished and Kenny Presley will be our musical guest for the month presenting the Elvis gospel. This will be a very good program so make plans now to attend. We will notify you as soon as possible if we are not able to convene on this date. Until then, keep the faith!

Love all our JOY members.
Sheila Swearingen
JOY Team



There is a lot of praying going on right now due to the coronavirus epidemic and all the problems it has created for the world, more specifically, for America and our churches, businesses, and economy. We have discovered that the church is far more than a building or a congregating mass of people. We are a band of saved, baptized people of God carrying on the task of spreading the good news of Christ to the world. Our church has not lost its power or influence – just the blessing of assembling visibly in the church building.

We have come through Easter with its annual cold snap (sometimes called dogwood winter) and are now ready for blackberry winter in May. After that, nice weather for while and a good time for physical attendance to soar at our church, together. I really miss seeing all of you as I make my rounds to the Sunday School classes on Sunday morning. So sorry we had to cancel our Appreciation Banquet for our Sunday School faculty. At some point in our future we will get back to that.

Another thing that I really am missing is our J. O. Y. fellowships each month. So far we have missed March and April, and I feel like May is in serious question for that meeting.

Mother’s Day is a significant day in May. There is no one like a Godly mother who loves and cares for her family every day. If your Mother is still with you, be nice, thoughtful, and generous to her! Just a simple “thank you” is always a blessing to good mothers.

Please, do not forget a couple of issues. First, of all people, we should keep our hearts attuned to God and our eyes on Jesus for our comfort and encouragement. Our church is proactive in pursuing the opportunities of getting the Gospel out through other vehicles besides our church building. Second, we must not forget to support the Kingdom of God through our church in tithes/offerings and in prayer. We cannot function without both!

See you in church soon (maybe)!

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WOM—Unshakable Pursuit: As we pray for our nation., other countries, our state and local community, lets remember to be unified in prayer for the missionaries and their families, both in the states and abroad. They continue to meet needs and share the Gospel during the pandemic in their assigned location. In 2 Peter 3:9, he writes, “The Lord is not slow in keeping His promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.”

During this time, let’s unify in prayer as the church did for Peter when he was imprisoned. “So Peter was kept in prison but the church was earnestly praying to God for him.” Acts 12:5 Suddenly an angel appeared and guided Peter out of the prison into the street.

Let us follow the example of the early church to pray earnestly in unity for the Gospel to be shared for repentance and salvation for many so none will perish. To God be the glory!

Greetings from your minister of music. It was just over a month ago that we had to suspend in-person corporate services and pivot to livestreaming of our services. Somehow it seems ages ago that we began adjusting to the shifting sands caused by the coronavirus. I know we all can relate to the days running together, but if we're paying attention, we can also see God's blessings each day. And for that we remain so thankful, motivating us to worship him with a new, fresh fervor.

I'm thankful that, despite scaling back in numbers for safety, the music ministry has continued each week. I have blessed to continue to come to God's house each Sunday and Wednesday and participate in livestreamed services, all the while realizing that the vast majority of you have not been so blessed. I don't take that for granted, and Jeanie and I think of you as we enter God's house each time.

On Sunday mornings it has been my privilege to lead in worship as "normal," while thinking of you all as I look into the livestream camera and sing the songs of praise. Joining me to sing the call to worship most Sundays has been the Adult Praise Team. I can't express how much I appreciate their service and dedication. My brothers in the Goodtime Singers quartet have also sung a couple of times as have four members of the APT forming the ladies quartet last Sunday morning.

All of these folks have been working even harder than before to help keep the music ministry going. I can't thank them -- and pianist Tommy Moore -- enough, along with Dennis and Dickie in the AV booth. They've been coming early and working hard to keep us on the air.

On Wednesday nights at 6:30, Jeanie and I have had such fun keeping the TeamKid Music going with a 30-minute Facebook Live broadcast, singing first half songs for younger children and the second half songs for older children. We appreciate the online comments and the song requests. We've tried to keep the broadcast fresh with new songs, special guests and even Jeanie's debut playing the ukulele. We appreciate Dennis Moon for producing those broadcasts. We will continue a few weeks more. Keep watching at 6:30 each Wednesday. We're thankful those broadcasts are available for replay in Facebook for whenever you and your children want to watch and sing and do the movements. We've included a photo from a recent broadcast.

We still miss all of our brothers and sisters in our church family and especially our Adult Choir family, which year 'round serves each week as faithfully as any other aspect of the music ministry. I've tried to stay in contact via our choir's social media group, but we ramped that up last Sunday afternoon when we had a Zoom fellowship meeting with the choir. Almost 25 of them were able to join us, and that number will grow when we have our next Zoom fellowship soon. Check out the photo from the Zoom meeting that accompanies this column. It was SO good to see and hear the choir family as we visited online. We are thankful for that technology.

As I write this, we have some encouraging news that the restrictions may be relaxed in May. I'm so eager to see you all again. Pray for the church leadership as we consider the safest ways to assemble again in person. Because social distancing is much harder in the choir loft, we will be extra cautious and be in no rush to resume the adult choir. But it will be so wonderful when we do.

Until then continue to pray for us as we do for you. Stay positive, stay well and trust God to continue to see us through.

God bless you.
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I have been told by so many of you that you are more than ready to get back to "normal," and returning to regular church activities is at the top of your list. It is for me too. Please know that we will resume hand chimes just as soon as we possibly can, and everyone's safety and well-being will be our primary concern.

I have been blessed to be able to participate in our virtual church services as part of the Adult Praise Team and other special music, but all of us who are involved in these services will readily admit that we long to see a sanctuary full of smiling faces again. It is my prayer that when regular services do resume, we will all return with a renewed passion for corporate worship and praising the Lord together. It will be a glorious day, but until then, may you find peace in knowing that God is still in control, and He is worthy of our praise!



Jeanie Nanney
Hand Chime Choir Director