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# FIRST VIEW

## Monthly Newsletter



### From the Pastor's Desk

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Sunday School 9:45 am

Sunday Worship 11:00 am & 6:00 pm

Wednesday Prayer/Bible Study 6:30 pm

Wednesday Youth Group 6:30 pm

Dear Church Family,

I hope you all are doing well. It is obvious that the seasons are changing. Summer has ended and fall is here. Times have changed. The pandemic continues to plague. Church life has changed. We are still adjusting as we go. We are gradually getting back to some of our meetings and programs. We look forward to Sunday School resuming Oct. 4. Aslo, our choir will be back to singing as well on that date.

With all the changes around us let us be grateful that God is immutable. He never changes! He is the same yesterday, today and forever. Let me remind you that in spite of all the things going on around us you can still make a difference in other people's lives through the presence and power of this God who never changes.

Just recently as I was browsing through an old notebook of outlines, *Quotes and Illustrations*, I came across two stories that serve as proof of what I am saying. I hope they will motivate you and you will find a spark of inspiration from them. Contemplate and ponder.

- *Consider the discouragement of a young missionary named David Brainerd. In the 1700s David Brainerd felt called to bring the message of Christ to the native Americans. Brainerd faced constant discouragement, as he tried to share Christ's love with the native Americans. You see, they'd seen too much American greed and abuse to believe Brainerd's message of grace. Brainerd wrote in his journal, "My heart sunk. It seemed to me that I'd never have any success among the Indians. My soul was weary of my life. I longed for death." For two years nothing happened, as he constantly battled one discouragement. Finally three and half years into his work he saw about 150 native Americans come to faith in Christ. Not much by today's mass evangelism standards, but a real start. Unfortunately, David Brainerd died a year later at the age of 29, and his work seem to stop completely. But that's not the end of the story. Someone published the journals David Brainerd kept during those times of discouragement. Those journals fell into the hands of a guy named William Carey. William Carey is widely known as the father of modern missions, because he ignited the modern missionary movement that continues to this day. Carey's efforts and inspiration have been the impetus for literally millions and millions of people coming to faith in Christ. When someone asked William Carey what inspired him to devote his life to missions, he pointed to the journals of David Brainerd. God used David Brainerd beyond every limit.*
- *Alexander Grigolia had immigrated to America from Soviet Georgia, learned English, earned three doctoral degrees, and became a successful professor at the University of Pennsylvania. But despite his freedom and achievements, he had a misery in his heart that he couldn't dislodge. One day while getting a shoeshine, he noticed that a young man went about his work with a sense of joy, scrubbing and buffing and smiling and talking. Finally Dr. Grigolia could stand it no longer. He said in his funny-sounding accent, "What always you so happy?" Looking up, the young man paused and replied, "Jesus. He loves me. He died so God could forgive my badness. He makes me happy." The professor snapped his newspaper back in front of his face, and the young man went back to work. But Dr. Grigolia never escaped those words, and they brought him eventually to the Savior. He later became a professor of anthropology at Wheaton College, and taught, among others, a young student named Billy Graham.*

The fact is all of us can be used by God to minister to others.

Blessings,

Bro. Don



## Min. of Education | Bro. Wayne Perkins

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Fall is in the air and we look forward to cooler temps, clear blue skies, and landscapes that only God can paint in the foliage! This is my favorite time of the year. How many of us remember the old days of cotton picking, digging 'taters, and gathering ear corn? Fall is the time of harvest now, as it was then, but that is about the only similarity with today's modern methods of harvest.

We are happy to report the intended re-start of Sunday School classes on October 4, 2020. The Corona Virus epidemic has been a challenge for every one of us and to our church in trying to continue to reach out to our community. Many of our members have yet to feel comfortable and safe to return to small group meetings. We encourage them to continue to maintain safety in their health. While they are isolated from us, they can still have access to the Sunday School lesson taught by Judge Tommy Moore each Sunday at 10:00 a.m. This has proved to be a blessing and we thank Judge Moore for going the extra mile to teach that live, plus put a printed portion on our Facebook page.

Our challenge now is to create an inviting and safe place for these to return, who are now getting used to staying at home on Sunday watching the lesson but missing the fellowship of others. We must think of these as our top priority to reach for Sunday School and get them re-involved as before. This will take love, compassion, and work to reach out and put our arms around these and let them know that they are still a critical part of who we are at First Baptist Dresden. Getting everybody back will not happen just because we make an announcement that Sunday School has started back again. It will take teachers, faculty, and class members getting involved and committed to getting all our church family back together as a whole.

This is our challenge now, and it is so important. Would you help me pray that we will rise up and meet this goal of togetherness on October 4th ????

Sincerely,  
Bro. Wayne

## Dir. of Student Ministries | Christian Carr


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As we proceed in our plan to regather for Sunday school, we encourage our students to join us as we regather for Sunday school on October 4th. We will begin Sunday school at the regular hour of 9:45 a.m. for a time of fellowship and Bible study before our church service at 11:00 a.m. Students, I hope you are excited to get back to some normalcy through gathering together with your Sunday school class once again.

As for our children and student activities for the month of October, we are still taking things slow and will keep an eye on how our Sunday school regathering goes before we make a decision on when to regather for our student events. We want to make sure we can keep our children and volunteers safe before regathering for events. The good news is, the schools were able to reopen safely in September and have been able to keep the students healthy. Thank you for praying for our students and teachers as they began their school year. We ask that you continue to pray for their mental and physical health throughout this month.

## GlobalHungerRelief *bread for life.* An Initiative of Southern Baptists

We reveal who we are in the times of crises. The way we respond tells how we feel deep down in our hearts. We are, as Christians are told to feed the hungry both at home and around the world, to respond with love and care - as Christ would have done. Covid-19 has wreaked havoc worldwide on men, women and children. Businesses have closed, jobs everywhere have been lost making it impossible for families to have enough food, water and other essential supplies to live on. There are families living at or below the poverty line all over the world and they need our help. Global Hunger Relief is there to help, but they need our help. One example of the ministry of the Global Hunger Relief is that they have distributed food boxes to more than 200 families helping more than 750 people in the southern part of Asia. This ministry is showing the love of Christ by providing food and supplies for these families and for people in desperate need. There are people that are hurting both in the United States and all over the world. One way we can help out is by contributing to help these people who are wondering where their next meal is coming from.

The bread loaves will be in the lobby beginning Sunday, October 4 and they need to be returned by November 15. This gives you 6 weeks to gather your change to fill your bread loaf box. (Women on Mission hosted churchwide mission project) 

*By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another. John 13:35*

As goes the man, so goes the family. As goes the family, so goes the church. As goes the church, so goes the neighborhood. As goes the neighborhood, so goes the community. As goes the community, so goes the city. As goes the city, so goes the county. As goes the county, so goes the state. As goes the state, so goes the nation. As goes the nation, so goes the world.

So, he asked, how do we reach the world?

We change the world by reaching the nations. We change the nations by reaching the states. We change the states by reaching the counties. We change the counties by reaching the cities. We change the cities by reaching the communities. We change the communities by reaching the neighborhoods. We change the neighborhoods by reaching the churches. We change the churches by reaching the families. We change the families by reaching the men.



## Min. of Music | Dr. Robert Nanney

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Fall is here! We thank God for the milder, crisp weather and His protection as the pandemic continues. All but one aspect of the music ministry remained in operation in September. We're excited that the final piece – the adult choir – will return in October!

We will resume choir rehearsals on **Wednesday night, Sept. 30, at 7:20** in the choir room and sing the following Sunday morning, Oct. 4. We will observe as much physical distancing as possible in the choir room and the choir loft. We encourage our choir members to come back if they feel comfortable in doing so. We know that health issues prevent some from coming back now, so we urge others who are able to join us for the first time. We have missed the choir in many ways, including the fellowship that comes from being in the choir family. Please pray for us during this re-entry phase.

Our other big news is that despite the pandemic, we **WILL** have a Christmas musical this year. It just won't involve the large group on stage all at once. We're calling it the "DFBC Christmas Spectacular," which will involve ALL ages. Jeanie will direct it, and I'll be helping with all of the music. See her column in this newsletter for more details. We're so excited, but we need your participation.

We're so thankful for the praise teams, the Adult Hand Chimes Choir, soloists, quartets and others who have been active in presenting calls to worship and special music and will continue to do so. We appreciate their dedication so much. We also enjoy preparing the weekly productions for TeamKid Music (Wed. nights at 6:30) and Once Upon A Song (Sun. nights at 5:00) for Facebook.

Our homecoming service remains on hold, but with Sunday School and Adult Choir returning, we're hopeful we can schedule it soon.

God bless you all!

Robert Nanney



Sunday Special Music with Abigail Kibbler | Ladies Quartet

**Jeanie Nanney,**

**Hand Chime Choir Director**

**Christmas Musical Director**

**DFBC CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR!!** While the current situation is preventing us from having our annual Christmas musical, we are instead making plans for a night of music and entertainment that will be multi-generational both on and off the stage. On Sunday night, December 13th, we will feature the talent of Dresden First Baptist Church from age three to 103 with short three-to-five minute skits, readings, and all kinds of music: solos, duets, and small groups. In addition, there will be a top-secret surprise appearance by special guests to kick off the evening. The night will end with a fifteen-minute presentation of the story of Baby Jesus' birth in Bethlehem from the points of view of the main characters in the Greatest Story Ever Told and will of course include a Nativity. We are calling on our church members young and old to get involved by signing up to participate, either on or off the stage. There will be an insert in this Sunday's bulletin that will give everyone the opportunity to sign up and indicate your interest.

Please make plans now to join us in what promises to be a hugely entertaining evening for everyone and save the date of December 13th for the DFBC CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR!!

**Hand Chimes:** I cannot thank the Adult Hand Chime Choir enough for your willingness to serve, even in the midst of a pandemic. Your playing adds a special touch to our morning worship services and prepares our hearts for worship. I hope to continue to use you every four to five weeks as long as you are willing and able to participate! Now that Sunday School is on schedule to regather, I plan to try to resume youth hand chimes as well. Be watching for further information on a start date. Hopefully, we can at the very least perform in the DFBC CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR.





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## October Events

3rd.....Men's Breakfast  
4th.....Women on Mission  
4th.....Deacon Meeting  
10th.....Sew Faithful  
11th.....Global Hunger Sunday in the SBC  
17th.....WCBA Fall Conference  
18th.....Pastor Appreciation Day  
18th - 25th.....Week of Prayer for Baptist Associations

## Happy Birthday

1st Irah Cinfarani  
Ashleigh Greer  
Candice Allman  
2nd Jennifer McClain  
Bonnie Bullock  
3rd Linda Pollard  
Hayden McDaniel  
4th Shannon Sawyer  
Lowell Jones  
5th Christina Oliver  
Bendy White  
6th Duane Jackson  
Alex Dunn  
7th Will Kibbler  
8th Sandra Coleman  
Daniel Harris  
10th Randy Coleman  
11th Albert Simpson  
Nella Whilite  
14th Brayton Hodges  
15th Dawson Laws  
16th John Johnson  
17th Misty Gilmer  
18th Maggie Oliver  
Sandra Hazlewood  
21st Steve Biggs  
24th Jimmie Higgs  
25th David Parham  
Melanie Parham  
Madison Powers  
Adison Martin Young  
26th Wayne Perkins  
27th Tommy Wilson  
Bobby Greer  
Meredith Johnson  
28th Ricky Finney  
29th Jerry Gallimore  
Kate Bynum  
Tristen Trevathan  
30th Danny Brown  
Carol Moore  
Mark Williams  
31st Tammy Dunn  
Phil Hutcherson  
Jadon Jones  
Don Duncan

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In Honor of Jodi Gammons by: Sylvia Swearingen

In Honor of Andy Mangum by: Anonymous