

OCTOBER 2022

Dear Church Family,

In Ephesians 4:30 Paul wrote these words, "Grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby you are sealed unto the day of redemption." The word "grieve" is a word of love. You cannot grieve someone who does not love you. This word is in the active voice and means "to cause pain or sorrow." We grieve (cause Him pain) by doing and saying things that are contrary to His holy character.

The "seal" indicates ownership and possession. One of the Holy Spirit's ministries is to keep us safe and secure from the wiles of the devil, the weaknesses of the flesh, and the wickedness of the world until we are "saved to sin no more" - until the day of final redemption. On that day the saints of God will be displayed to the world as the exhibit of God's marvelous grace. We must not grieve Him by refusing to cooperate with Him in His maturing work in our lives.

God Bless,

Bro. Don

Weakley County Baptist Association ANNUAL FALL CONFERENCE

Theme: Being Doctrinally Sound

All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness. II Timothy 3:16

Saturday, October 15, 2022

Mack's Grove Baptist Church
4580 Palmersville Hwy 89
Dresden TN
8:30 am Conference

Week of Prayer for Baptist Associations

As Southern Baptists, we believe we can accomplish more together than we can separately for the Lord. Even before there was a Southern Baptist Convention (SBC), associations were the cornerstone of cooperation among Baptist churches in America.

Pray for your Association during the week of October 16.



October is one of my favorite months of the year because of the cooler temperatures, the high blue skies, and the smell of the harvest in the air. Being from the farm, my nose sometimes brings good memories to me because of the familiar smells. About the only negative smell is the scent of the solid white cotton fields and the eight-foot cotton picking sack!

Our **Sunday School** attendance for the last four Sundays was 126. Many other things in our church are looking better month by month except our attendance in Sunday morning Bible study. Our teachers are faithful and doing a wonderful job of teaching their classes. Tommy Moore is still teaching the lesson via streaming through the internet and reaching out to several. We commend all our faculty and officers for their dedication.

The **Baptist Faith & Message** class is growing with eight students each Sunday morning. This class meets in the Genesis Classroom next to my office. You can still become a member of this class that will last through November. It is my privilege to be leading the discussion in the class.

We have just had the fifth anniversary of the **J. O. Y.** (Just Older Youth) meeting in the family life center the third Tuesday of each month. We began with our first meeting in September of 2017. At the last meeting we saw a total of forty-two people, a wonderful program, and a delicious meal. All Seniors in our church should be taking advantage of this ministry and enjoying fellowship with others of their age group.

See you in church and Sunday School.

Bro. Wayne Perkins, M.o.E.

Sew Faithful Ministry: We had a great meeting in September and invite ladies to join us for our next meeting on **Saturday, October 8th** from 9:00 am until noon. We will be working on kits for Days for Girls and there will be sewing and non-sewing projects. For more information on the Days for Girls kits, you can watch the YouTube video:

<https://youtu.be/SjjsH2Go2Cc>

We hope to see you there!

Our **youth group** has experienced a continual increase in numbers since the beginning of the school year. We want to continue to see growth in our youth and children's programs so if your student or child has been out for a while this is a great month to get them back involved! Our youth group meets on Wednesday nights at 6:30 and is starting a new series entitled, **Peace Amidst Chaos**. We will be studying how we can have peace in a world filled with chaos. We are starting this new series on the first Wednesday of October. It would be a great time for your student to get back involved or come for the first time!

If your child is 3yrs-6th grade, we would love for them to come get involved with our TeamKID. We have TeamKID every Wednesday night from 6:00-7:20. We would love for them to come join us as they learn about Christ through games, lessons, and music. On October 26th we are planning to have our **Fall Fest**. It will be on a Wednesday night which will enable us to incorporate our TeamKID into our Fall festivities. We will have games, pumpkin painting, food, and more! It will be a great time for the whole family to come and enjoy a night of costumes, fellowship, and fun!

In Christ,

Christian Carr, Dir. of Student Ministries



1 Thessalonians 1:1-10: We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers; Remembering without ceasing your work of faith, and labour of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ, in the sight of God and our Father; Knowing, brethren beloved, your election of God.

Fall is here (finally!). We thank God for the milder, crisp weather and the exciting opportunities that await us musically in October.

As our busiest season of the year has arrived, we already have begun rehearsals for our Christmas cantata (each Wednesday night from 7:30-8:00). We have about 30 singers and are always looking for more, but you'll need to join us asap. The cantata, titled **"Love Was Born A King,"** will bless your heart with beautiful, powerful songs and numerous solos supported with inspiring visuals on the screens. We will present the cantata at **10:45 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 11.** Before rehearsals began, we had a wonderful cantata listening party on Monday, Sept. 12, in the Truth Seekers classroom. It's always wonderful to fellowship with the choir family and let them hear the cantata for the first time.



Christmas Cantata listening social

We have also launched preparation for our Christmas play, directed by Jeanie and featuring adults and children. (See more details in her column on this page.) The musical has a wonderful, fun kingdom message that you'll love. We appreciate so much those who have stepped up to volunteer and get involved. The play will be presented at 6 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 11, so you can see that it will be a full – but rewarding and exciting – day. The process will ramp up in October with tryouts for characters and readers, which will lead to weekly rehearsals.

Meanwhile, TeamKid is rolling along well and will continue in October. The children, ranging from age 3 through sixth grade, are especially enthusiastic this fall as we sing some of their familiar favorites and learn new ones.

While all of the other aspects of the music ministry will continue in October, we're especially excited that our JOY group will host the West Tenn. Ministers of Music choir on Tuesday, Oct. 18, at 11:30. Tommy Moore and I are honored to sing in this group, especially for our home folks.

If you're looking for a way to serve in the music ministry, please see Jeanie or me!
God bless you all!

Robert Nanney, Min. of Music

Praise Teams: During the month of September, we were able to have a variety of Calls to Worship to set the tone for our morning worship services. The Goodtime Singers sang one of Bro. Don's favorite songs on September 4th, "When I Get Carried Away." It's always a blessing when these life-long friends can sing together, something they have been doing for over 50 years.

The Adult Praise Team led the congregation in a special song on September 11th, which emphasized the week of prayer for the Golden State Mission offering and the theme, "Do a New Thing." The song, titled "Something New," is a reminder that Jesus has the power to make us and this world we live in brand new.

Our Older and Younger Children Praise Teams finished out the month by singing "Forever" and "I Will Call Upon the Lord."

Christmas Musical: A total of 24 children have registered to participate in the 2022 Christmas program, "A Play in a Manger." There is also an all-star cast of adults who have been enlisted to participate. Between now and October 23rd, the children will be practicing the songs and learning the choreography virtually using recordings. Solo tryouts are Sunday, September 25th at 5:00, and tryouts for characters and readers will be on Sunday, October 2nd.

Jeanie Nanney, Musical Director



"A Play in a Manger"
Christmas Musical rehearsal

?? ? **Bible Quiz** ? ?


It's intriguing to think of people in Bible times experiencing the same cycle of seasons we do. Which of these books *doesn't* mention autumn?

A. Matthew

B. Jeremiah

C. Proverbs

D. Jude



What a great day we had on September 20th for our JOY meeting. Don Cleek held our devotion and spoke with us on Finding God and delivered an emotional testimony on his own life. Our catered meal was delicious as forty two members fellowshiped together. We then heard from Roxanna Smyth representing the Weakley County Cancer Mission. It is so good to know that an organization such as this exists in our county. The mission is to help those who have been diagnosed with cancer and have a financial need to receive needed funds locally. Monies given to this organization stay in Weakley County and are used by Weakley Countians. Our Penny the Pig offering was \$69 bringing our total giving to the Cancer Mission for this quarter to over \$250. If you or you know of someone that this mission could help, there are applications available in the church office.

In October the West Tennessee Ministers of Music will be performing a program for us. They presented a couple of songs during the August BIG singing and we are looking so forward to hearing from them once again. Our meal will be lasagna, green peas, salad and brownies. Please join us on October 18th at 11:30. You will receive a blessing and we will be blessed with your presence. Please let Janet know if you can't attend or if you're not a regular but plan to be with us that day.

The JOY committee, Sheila Swearingen, JOY CoDirector



The Lively Ones...on the move, will be attending a concert featuring The Martins, a well-known group who sings with The Gaither's Homecoming Concerts, on January 21, 2023 at The Dixie in Huntingdon. Tickets are selling fast so we will need to purchase as soon as possible - deadline to signup is October 9th. **SAVE THE DATE:** for the Bethel Renaissance Christmas Concert on December 3, 2022. A sign up sheet will be posted soon.



OCC information will be announced soon with ways you can help pack a shoebox. Operation Christmas Child is a separate mission from the Christmas Backpacks.

Southern Baptist are making a difference impacting the lives of children living in poverty in the USA through Christmas Backpacks. Share a gift of love and the gospel with a child in need.

In Tennessee, 19.3% of children live in poverty. For some of these children, a backpack from Tennessee Baptists may be all they receive for Christmas.

Christmas Backpacks are Child-Focused, Christ Centered and Church Connected. Every effort is made to connect the child and their family with a local church. Each Christmas Backpack provides an opportunity to share the gospel with a child.

How can you be involved? As part of the TN Baptist Mission Board we can:

Pray – Start praying today for the boys and girls who will receive Christmas Backpacks

Participate – You, your family, your organization can become involved by preparing Christmas Backpacks for Children and Teens

Partner – DFBC has committed to 20 Christmas Backpacks. You can help by preparing a backpack and bringing it by Oct. 23. Information on how to pack a backpack is available at the Welcome Center.

Gifts to the Church

In Memory of James Humphreys by: Kelley & Sheila Swearingen, Agape SS Class

In Memory of Bill & Marie Mangum and Jenny Marie Mangum by: Richard & Bonnie Bennett

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



Happy BIRTHDAY

- 1st Irah Cianfarani, Ashleigh Greer, Candice Allman
- 2nd Jennifer McClain, Bonnie Bullock
- 3rd Linda Pollard, Hayden McDaniel, Wilma Morgan
- 4th Shannon Sawyer, Lowell Jones
- 5th Christina Oliver, Bendy White
- 6th Duane Jackson, Alex Sims
- 7th Will Kibbler
- 8th Sandra Coleman, Daniel Harris
- 10th Randy Coleman
- 11th Albert Simpson, Nella Wilhite
- 14th Brayton Hodges
- 15th Dawson Laws
- 16th John Johnson
- 17th Misty Gilmer
- 18th Maggie Oliver, Sandra Hazlewood
- 19th Rickie Young
- 21st Steve Biggs
- 23rd Cathy Carlton
- 24th Jimmie Higgs
- 25th David Parham, Melanie Parham, Madison Powers
- 26th Wayne Perkins
- 27th Tommy Wilson, Meredith Johnson
- 28th Ricky Finney
- 29th Jerry Gallimore, Braylon Lutz, Kate Bynum, Tristen Trevathan
- 30th Carol Moore, Mark Williams
- 31st Phil Hutcherson, Don Duncan

October 2

Nursery Babies AM: Alyssa Bynum, Pam Bennett

Nursery Toddlers AM: Jennifer McClain

Nursery PM: Linda Pollard

Kids Worship: Candace Allman

Greeters Front Foyer: Kim & David Bailey

Greeters LC: Eric Allman

Deacon: Ricky Finney

October 9

Nursery Babies AM: Janet & Bryan Robinson

Nursery Toddlers AM: Bendy & Kayla White

Nursery PM: Lisa Harris

Kids Worship: Christina Oliver

Greeters Front Foyer: Kathy Simmons, Duane Jackson

Greeters LC: Christian Carr

Deacon: Ben Moore

October 16

Nursery Babies AM: Becky Anderson, Carla Hutcherson

Nursery Toddlers AM: Lori & Maci Forrester

Nursery PM: Carol Moore

Kids Worship: Jennifer Moore

Greeters Front Foyer: Cayden Lowry, Keely Mathis

Greeters LC: Emily Carr

Deacon: Larry Pollard

October Serving Schedule

October 23

Nursery Babies AM: Lori & Keely Mathis

Nursery Toddlers AM: Lisa & Myra Grace Morgan

Nursery PM: Becky Anderson

Kids Worship: Allie Phillips

Greeters Front Foyer: Maggie & Mollie Oliver

Greeters LC: Jim Mosely

Deacon: John Johnson

October 30

Nursery Babies AM: Kristin & Abigail Kibbler

Nursery Toddlers AM: Angie Plunk & Courtney Roberts

Nursery PM: Pat Phillips

Kids Worship Not Meeting

Greeters Front Foyer: Miller Moore, Grant Turner

Greeters LC: Jerrie Moseley

Deacon: Jake Bynum

Thank you for serving



October 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 8 am Men's Breakfast
2 9:45 am Sunday School 11 am Worship 4:50 pm WOM 4:50 pm Ladies Bible Study 5:00 pm Deacons Mtg 6 pm Worship	3 Lively Ones Trip to Triumphant Celebration, Kodak TN	4 12 pm WC Backpack	5 6 pm TeamKID 6:10 Ladies Bible Study 6:30 pm MidWeek 6:30 pm Youth 7:30 pm Adult Choir 8 pm Choir Bday Social	6	7	8 4:30 pm Glow Walk: Jack Gallimore Benefit 
9 Global Hunger Day 9:45 am Sunday School 11 am Worship 4:50 pm Ladies Bible Study 6 pm Worship	10	11	12 6 pm TeamKID 6:10 Ladies Bible Study 6:30 pm MidWeek 6:30 pm Youth 7:30 pm Adult Choir	13	14	15 8:30 pm WCBA Fall Conference @ Mack's Grove
16 Pastor Appreciation Day 9:45 am Sunday School 11 am Worship 4:50 pm Ladies Bible Study 6 pm Worship	17 Week of Prayer for Baptist Associations	18 11:30 am JOY	19 6 pm TeamKID 6:10 Ladies Bible Study 6:30 pm MidWeek 6:30 pm Youth 7:30 pm Adult Choir	20 7 pm Lively Ones outing to Chonda Pierce concert	21	22
23 9:45 am Sunday School 11 am Worship 6 pm Worship	24	25	26 6 pm TeamKID/Fall Fest 6:30 pm MidWeek 6:30 pm Youth 7:30 pm Adult Choir	27	28	29
30 9:45 am Sunday School 11 am Worship/Lord's Supper 6 pm Worship	31	 <p>Will be with TeamKID on Wed, Oct. 26 from 5:30—7:30 pm We'll have games, pumpkin painting, food, & more Along with our TK lesson, kids can wear their costumes—family invited!! More information to come...</p>				

WATCH & LISTEN ONLINE SERMONS

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Live Stream available on facebook.com/dresdenfbc-live
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

3 WAYS TO GIVE

IN PERSON
offering boxes in foyer
ONLINE at
dresdenfbc.org/Give
MAIL to
PO Box 176 Dresden

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