

SEPTEMBER 2020

# FIRST VIEW

## Monthly Newsletter



**From the Pastor's Desk**  
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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 came across this short devotion written by Vance Havner. I thought it might be helpful to us all in the times we are living.

*Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you. 1 Peter 5:7*

*Cast not away therefore your confidence, which hath great recompense of reward. Hebrews 10:35*

Alas, we reverse the process: we cast away our confidence and carry all our care! It is His desire that we roll all our burden on Him and be careful for nothing. But we are so cumbered with ourselves that our minds are never free to be occupied with Him. If we can let Him take care of our problems while we attend to His work we shall find our hearts free from that friction that cuts down our service to such a bare minimum. We get so little done for Him, our production is so pitiful, because everything goes into "over-head" and oiling the machinery. Most of our time and energy go into carrying what God asked us to cast on Him. And our confidence, the one thing He said to keep, we cast away.

You keep your confidence: He'll keep your cares!

May God help and bless our church family here at FBC,  
Bro Don

A banner with a dark blue brick background. On the left, the text '2020-21 TENNESSEE MISSIONS EMPHASIS' is written in white and yellow. In the center, a speech bubble contains the text 'See &amp; Tell TENNESSEE' in green and blue. Below the speech bubble is the quote: 'Return home and tell how much God has done for you. Luke 8:39'. On the right is a circular logo for 'Golden Offering for TENNESSEE MISSIONS' with a stylized 'G' and stars. At the bottom right, the website 'GoldenOffering.org' is listed.

Our precious Volunteer state of Tennessee solely receives the funds collected through the Golden Offering. Collection begins September 1st. Our church goal is \$3,000. The state goal is \$1.8 million. These funds provide invaluable financial support for ministries in Tennessee that are not funded through the Co-operative Program. Ministries funded are compassion ministries, disaster relief, Baptist Collegiate ministries on college campuses, evangelism, and much more. In our local area, a dumpster has been purchased for Santa's Helpers with these funds. The Baptist Collegiate Ministry at UTM serves local college students through Golden funding; as well as the Weakley County Baptist Association fund for special needs projects, such as building ramps. The Week of Prayer for these ministries funded by Golden is September 13-19th. For more information about what this offering and prayer accomplishes, you can go to <https://www.tnbaptist.org/missions-ministries/golden-offering-for-tennessee-missions/>

## Min. of Education | Bro. Wayne Perkins

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We had so hoped to restart Sunday School the first of September because that is the beginning of the new church-year. However, the new spike in the new cases of the Corona Virus has changed things again. More local people whom we know have come down with this disease and we have no idea how many others might. We don't want to be the one responsible for crowding people together and have the potential of spreading the pandemic even further. Now, we are looking to start-up the first of October. We are constantly monitoring things and want to make a decision that is best for everybody. Maybe next month's newsletter will have better news. We will keep you posted about when we will start. Please pray for those individuals who have contracted this illness. I am impressed by the faithfulness of those of you who continue to attend our services and contribute financially to meet our budget. I realize there are those who, because of other health problems, should not gather in larger groups. We are blessed by the faithfulness of our pastor, Bro. Don, the audio engineers, those in the music department who continue to lead us in praise and worship, and our minister of students. This is a team effort for all of us pulling together to get the Gospel out to our Jerusalem.

Please pray for our country, America! We are living in perilous times as a nation as well as a church. We all love our country and its freedom, but it requires participation just as our church does to continue to be the wonderful place to live we all have known. Whether it is our home, our church, or our country we need to get serious about being sure to pray, participate, and vote!

See you in church,

Bro. Wayne



## Dir. of Student Ministries | Christian Carr

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As our students began classes on August 17, we ask that you continue to pray for them as they attend school during these challenging times. Pray that the student will be kind, patient, and loving to their teachers and faculty as they have added stress trying to lead the students during a pandemic. And pray that the students will be safe, patient, and enduring as this school year brings new challenges for them.

As for our Student Ministry, we are continuing to lean on the side of caution concerning our events and meetings. All our student ministry leaders desire to get back to having our normal events but we want to make sure it is safe for our students and volunteers to attend our events before we begin meeting. For now, we are continuing to hold off on our Children and Youth activities, but we will let the church know as soon as we make the decision that it is safe to gather again for our different ministry events.

Grace and Peace,

Christian Carr

Our JOY program continues to be on hold. We are sorry for this and miss you so much but like other ministries within the church we just don't know when we will be able to meet again. However, He is sovereign and He has a plan for us. Until then we will rejoice in the Lord. Please contact any member of the JOY committee or the church office should you have a need. Continue to pray for this ministry and others.

In HIS love, The JOY committee

## Min. of Music | Dr. Robert Nanney

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Greetings! We are so thankful for God's provision AND protection that have allowed most aspects of this ministry to continue safely thus far.

*Praise Teams:* It's such a blessing to meet and work with our three praise teams to learn new songs. We appreciate the service and dedication of all 22 folks who sing in this part of the music ministry.

*Soloists/Special Music:* While we miss meeting and serving with the Adult Choir each week, we are seizing the opportunity to encourage and use even more soloists and other small groups to sing specials. It's so gratifying to see folks step up and say "yes" when we ask them to sing. Though they are nervous, as we all are, they do their best for God's glory.

*Adult Choir:* It grieves us terribly that we still aren't able to safely reconvene the Adult Choir. All of the 30-plus choir members want to return when it is safe to do so. Pray for me as I monitor the covid updates and seek God's direction for the best time to start regathering. We will hope to do so by the end of September.

*Once Upon A Song:* We are having fun keeping Adult Choir members engaged and featured each week with our "Once Upon A Song" interviews that are recorded and uploaded to our church's Facebook page by 5:00 each Sunday night. These will extend at least to the end of the calendar year.

*TeamKID Music to resume online:* Jeanie and I had great fun with weekly TeamKID music broadcasts on Facebook last March through May. We will resume those weekly broadcasts in September. We will release those 30-minute programs for all TeamKID ages each Wednesday night at 7:00.

*Homecoming:* As you know by now, our homecoming service is on hold until we deem it safer.

God bless you all!

Robert Nanney

Clint, Cayden, Kerry & Mark in a Sunday night special music



Adult Hand Chime Choir special



### **Jeanie Nanney,** **Hand Chime Choir Director** **Christmas Musical Director**

**Christmas Musical:** After much prayer and careful consideration, we have made the very difficult decision to forego the annual Christmas musical this year. Since it is time to begin practice and we have yet to resume Sunday School or TeamKID, we felt that this decision was in everyone's best interests. This would have been the seventh Christmas musical in which Robert and I have been involved, and although we are both saddened that we cannot have a full-blown musical this year, WE HAVE A PLAN! We are hoping to do some kind of Christmas "variety show" (for lack of a better title at this point) that will feature small groups and/or soloists singing, doing readings, or acting in some short Christmas skits. Our practice schedule will not be as intense, and because the groups performing will be smaller, social distancing should be relatively easy. We will probably begin recruiting interested children, youth, AND adults in October, after which we can set up a practice schedule. The date for this event at this point depends somewhat on whether we are able to have an adult choir Christmas cantata, but it will probably be either December 6th or December 13th. Stay tuned for further announcements about this event and be thinking about what you might like to do!

**Handchimes:** Children's Hand Chimes will remain on hold for the time being, but I am hoping that we can resume in conjunction with the reopening of Sunday School, Children's Church, and TeamKID. Our Adult Hand Chime Choir will continue to perform about once every four or five weeks with those who are willing and available to practice and perform. Until Sunday School resumes, we will practice and perform on the same day with practice at 10:00 before our 11:00 worship service. I am so appreciative of those who have been willing to participate, and I welcome others who would like to join us.



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Becky Anderson, Nursery Director

Janet Robinson, Ministry Assistant

Lisa Harris, Custodian

# September Events

- 5th.....Men's Breakfast
- 6th.....No Evening Service
- 7th.....Labor Day (Office Closed)
- 13th.....Women on Mission
- 13th.....Deacon Meeting/Ordination Service for Larry Pollard
- 13th-20th.....Week of Prayer for GSM
- 20th.....Business Meeting

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 and YouTube through our church website  
 on Sundays at 11 am & 6 pm and Wednesdays at 6:30  
 Sunday 11 am Radio Broadcast on 95.1fm  
 Sunday School lesson 10 am on live stream options



- 1st Betty Smith
- 2nd Bart Laws
- 3rd Tammy Brundige  
Janet Robinson  
Rozanna Robertson
- 4th Hannah Wilhite
- 5th Don McCulley
- 6th Barry Scronce
- 7th Rachel Winstead  
Sheryl Alford
- 8th Keely Mathis
- 9th Jay Oliver
- 13th Chris Poole
- 15th Carrie Scronce  
Alyssa Bynum
- 17th Becky Anderson
- 18th Wade Gallimore
- 19th Richard Hutcherson  
Madelynn Laws
- 20th Brenda Biggs
- 22nd Nancy Poole  
Will Harris  
Mary Myrick
- 23rd Davis Leach
- 25th Shawn Oliver
- 26th Paula Robertson
- 27th Grey Forrester  
Andy Mangum
- 29th Diane Parsley  
Leanna Slusser



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In Memory of Al Powers' birthday by: Lou Ann Powers

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