

### **FIRST THOUGHTS**

"If you don't take a Sabbath, something's wrong. You're doing too much, you're being too much in charge. You've got to quit, one day a week, and watch what God is doing when you're not doing anything."

These words by Eugene Peterson are important during any season but are especially relevant during the unrest our nation is currently experiencing. The spiritual, emotional, and psychological issues we are experiencing these days can't be easily resolved by additional efforts on our part.

I've been attentive to the numbers and trends relating to the COVID-19 virus. Schools, businesses, and churches are among those determining how best to respond to the data and attempt to keep their constituencies as safe as possible. It's stressful. There are no easy answers for people who are in positions of leadership and tasked with making decisions.

As far as our own church is concerned, the Church Council has voted to continue our current meeting schedule through the month of August. We will meet again in early September to determine what our approach should be after Labor Day. This additional time will allow us to gauge how things are going in our community and schools as it relates to the COVID-19 virus.

In light of the increased COVID-19 cases, the Church Council strongly encourages the wearing of masks and facial coverings in our building. Please also remember that if you are tested for the COVID-19 virus, please do not come to worship until you receive your results.

I'll continue looking to the Church Council to help discern the need to cancel meeting together in the event of a COVID-19 positive result among our people. As such, we will continue following the Re-Gathering Guidelines set forth when we resumed in person meetings on June 7th.

Our church staff eagerly desires to be part of your lives and is discerning how best to do that in these uncertain times. We are missing the rhythms of our life together as children, students, and adults who call First Baptist Church their family and home.

Remember that we are still the church. Please come for in person worship if you are able and/or take part in the online worship opportunities. Don't let your spiritual life suffer during this pandemic—it's important now more than ever.

I'm beginning a sermon series in August called "Hope for Hard Times" which I hope will be timely for the moment. I do not want us to live in fear, and neither do I want us to live in foolishness. Join in praying for the Lord's ongoing guidance for us as a church family.

Thanks for your faithfulness. Philippians 1:3.

Your Pastor and Friend, Danny



#### **NEW SERMON SERIES IN AUGUST**

Pastor Danny will be preaching on "Hope for Hard Times."

This five Sunday series will deal with how

God worked through Abraham, Jeremiah, and Moses to lead the people of God through challenges and hardships.

#### **Sunday Services:**

8:30 a.m. Family Life Center, 10:40 a.m. Sanctuary AND ONLINE

#### **MISSIONS**

Special Thanks

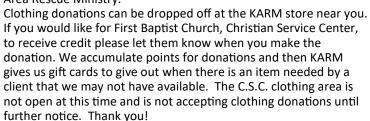
to **Willow Ridge Garden Center & Landscaping** for their \$1,200 contribution to the Christian Service Center on May 7.

• Christian Service Center Drive-Thru Hours Tuesdays

3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Church Parking Lot



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## Christian Service Center Report

The Christian Service Center served an average of 30 families in July at the C.S.C. Drive-thru. This is an important work and we are grateful for the faithfulness of our volunteers. Their creativity in continuing ministry to our community each Tuesday afternoon is a great blessing.



## Prayer Shawl Ministry Report

The Prayer Shawl Ministry delivered 9 blankets in July and 50 since March. We are thankful for their good work and prayers for the individuals who receive these blankets.



## TEACHER DEPOT

## YOUTH

## Youth Zoom Meetings Wednesdays

Jason sends out zoom meeting information weekly.

### Tailgate Party

We had approximately 40 youth attend the Tailgate Party in the church parking lot on July 15. Special thanks to Grill Master, **Johnafred Thomas** and to the Youth Committee for helping with this event.

If you would like to contribute to the Teacher Depot but do not wish to shop, monetary donations and gift cards would be appreciated. You can mail them to the church office or drop them by during the week.

## RENEW RECOVERY

Tuesdays 6:00 p.m. Jaycee Park You may also participate via Facebook Live on ReNew Recovery of Clinton Page.

## **AUGUST BIRTHDAYS**

8/1 Lauren Queener 8/2

Carolyn Cagle Lester Fox Jenny Meredith

8/3 Anna T

Anna Temple John Violette 8/4

Billie Sue Hammer Karen Long

8/5
Ashley Neal

**8/6**Matigan
Wessels

**8/7** Michael Fraker

8/8 Alan Neal

Jeremy Webb 8/9 Doodles Mayes

Zachary Page
Betty Lynn Smith

Greg Wessels
8/10

Zora Bivens Jack Jones

**8/12** Parker Ford

8/13
Larry Daugherty
8/15

Allen Davis Mollie Smith

#### 8/16

Stephen McNally Elizabeth Ryhne David Worthington

ton **8/18** 

Patricia Aylor Bradley Harness Billy Zody

**8/19** Kathy Uzzle

**8/20**Albert Earle
Kristan Wessels

8/21

Wesley Carmichael John Stair, Jr.

8/23

Charles Smith
Anne Worthington

8/26

Phyllis Meredith

8/28

Robert Jameson Abbey Swanner

8/29 .

John Greene Steve Long Mildred Manning Malachi Neal

Malachi Neal Johnafred Thomas

**8/30** Barbara Duncan

Will Hammer James Hylton

8/31

L.W. Webber Mary Wesson

# PRAYER SERVICE & BIBLE STUDY

Join us on Facebook Live Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. Study on the *Parables of Luke* Led by Dr. Chisholm

## **SANCTUARY CHOIR**

Wednesdays 7:15 p.m. In the Sanctuary

## W.E.E. MINISTRY NEWS



Ms. Crystal is teaching the school agers about air cells in chicken eggs as they are getting ready to put the eggs in the incubator!



Marlee is having limbo fun in Ms. Glenda's Class.



## **Congratulations!**

Kim Cook, graduated from Roane State on Saturday, July 25. She received an Associates Degree in Business. Ms. Kim has been the W.E.E. Ministry Cook for 20 years.

#### FRIENDLY FIGURES

• June Financial Summary

Budget Receipts \$ 70,098 2020 Receipts/Wkly Avg. \$ 17,417 2020 Weekly Budget Req. \$ 17,284 Budget Expense \$ 63,803 June Deficit/Income \$ 6,295 2020 Deficit/Income \$ 20,314 TOTAL June 30 \$ 26,609

Please remember that our missing Sundays due to the COVID-19 virus will put additional strain on the church's finances. You may give online via church website or direct mail (P.O. Box 268 Clinton 37717) during this time. For questions or other options call the church office 457-9353.

# JULY BUSINESS MEETING REPORT

The June Financials and June Minutes were approved.

## **BUSINESS MEETING**

Wednesday, August 19 6:00 p.m.
In the Sanctuary

## SCHOLARSHIP PRESENTATIONS

The Ervin & Freddie Queener Scholarship are recipients: Emily Jane Bigler and Mollie Grace Smith. The scholarships will be presented on Sunday, August 9 in both morning services.



# CHURCH-WIDE BABY SHOWER

honoring Katie Green Burnette and baby boy Burnette, due in September. Katie is this daughter of Jack and Beth Green. Sunday, August 9 Drop in 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Family Life Center Registered at Walmart.com

We will practice social distancing.

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# FAMILY LIFE CENTER SCHEDULE

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 9:00 a.m. -1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Wednesday and Friday 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. only This schedule is subject to change.

### **MEMORIAL FLOWERS**

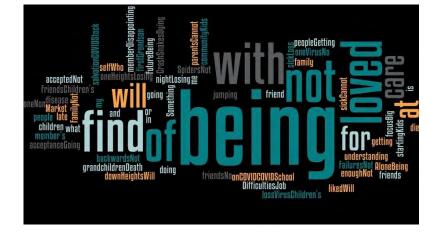
The flowers in the Sanctuary, Sunday, August 9, are in loving memory of **W.A. Bowling, Jr.**, whose birthday was August 15, given by Billie Sue Hammer, Will, Whitney, Morgan, and Millie Hammer, Clay, Ashley, Gabriella, Adiah Hammer and Carolyn Wilson.

The flowers on the altar Sunday, August 16, are given in loving memory of **James and Ernestine Gann** by their children - Larry Gann, Barbara Sanders, Elaine McCall, and Lisa Hackworth.

### **DEACON OFFICERS**

The 2020-21 Deacon Officers are:

Jonathan Childers, Chairman Greg Cooper, Vice Chairman Beth Green, Secretary



## **FRIENDLY GUIDE**

~ AUGUST 2020 ~

### - LARGE GROUP SUNDAY SCHOOL -

LORI CHISHOLM WILL COMPLETE THE "FAITH OVER FEAR"

STUDY SUNDAY, AUGUST 2 AT 9:30 A.M. IN THE FLC.

THE IMAGE ABOVE IS A WORD CLOUD MADE

USING WORDS THE CLASS PARTICIPANTS

LISTED AS THEIR FEARS.

THE LARGE GROUP SUNDAY SCHOOL WILL CONTINUE TO MEET AT 9:30 A.M. IN THE FLC UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

STAY TUNED FOR OUR NEXT LEADER AND TOPIC.

## - SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES -

8:30 a.m. IN THE FAMILY LIFE CENTER
10:40 a.m. IN THE SANCTUARY
AND ONLINE VIA THE CHURCH YOUTUBE
AND SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS!

WE WILL CONTINUE OUR CURRENT MEETING SCHEDULE THROUGH THE MONTH OF AUGUST. OUR CHURCH COUNCIL WILL MEET IN EARLY SEPTEMBER TO GAUGE HOW BEST TO PROCEED AFTER LABOR DAY.