

★NATIONAL★ DAY of PRAYER

“Pray for God’s glory across the earth.”

For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. Habakkuk 2:14

Thursday, May 7th, is the National Day of Prayer. We are planning to fill all 24 hours of that day with prayer. Prayer times are in 15-minute increments beginning 12:00 a.m. Thursday. You don’t have to go anywhere to be a part of this. We are asking that you pray wherever you are for your 15-minute slot. Please contact the church office or message the church on Facebook to reserve your spot. We will post updated sign-up sheets to Facebook regularly so that you know what times are still available. Thank you for joining together to pray for our nation!

SOCIAL MEDIA

We are learning a lot in this time of social distancing and dealing with the corona virus. One of the new things we are doing is utilizing media and social media to stay connected. If you are on Facebook, please be sure you are following our church page so you can be a part of our devotions, Sunday morning services and other videos we will be posting. If you don’t have Facebook, please be sure the church has your email address and we will send you the link to our Sunday morning service every week.



KID’S CORNER

**Hey guys! We are going to move forward hoping and praying summer plans for Look Up are still possible. I need everyone to sign up before May 7th with a \$60 payment. Sign-ups are open to everyone (members and guests) from rising 3rd grade-rising 6th grade. Please drop forms and money off at the office door ASAP! It will be so much fun! You will be reimbursed if we don’t end up going.

**Please check in the blue containers under the breezeway at the Leda Poore Learning Center to pick up your Sunday School materials. There is new material each week!! You can follow along on BFBC Kids Page on Facebook.

~ Jennifer

🎵 MUSIC IN MINISTRY 🎵

During these weeks when we have not been able to gather together as a congregation, we have still been able to worship our Lord, only in a different way...by video, Facebook, etc. I want to thank those who have been a part of the music for these special worship services: Alison Anderson, Austin and Rebecca Finley, Katy Sauceman, Doug Finley, Wendy Jones, Donna Finley, Elizabeth Stone, Jacob Wurst, Patti Rowe and Matt Limbaugh. We are blessed to have such talented and dedicated individuals who lead us in worship!

In these days when things are so different, many people may be anxious or even afraid. Hear these words to the modern song “I Will Not Be Shaken,” written by Jacob Park and Tommy Walker:

*He is my Rock, my Shield, my Fortress,
He’s my Salvation and my Strength.
The cords of death, they were surrounding me,
But He heard my cry for help.*

*He is my Refuge, my High Tower,
He’s my Deliverer, so strong.
The snares of death, they were confronting me,
But He heard my cry for help.*

***So, I’ll stand and trust, I’ll stand in faith.
I will not be shaken.
So, I’ll stand and trust, I’ll stand in faith.
I will not be shaken.***

*Our God will not be moved! Our God will never change!
Our God will reign forevermore!
Our God will not be moved! Our God will never change!
Our God will reign forevermore!*

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I look forward to the day when we can again gather together and worship our Mighty God! ~ Robert



FINANCIAL NEWS

Sunday Receipts (4-26-20)	\$	7,397.00
Year to Date Requirements	\$	244,413.25
Year to Date Receipts	\$	248,952.25
Easter Home Missions Offering Goal	\$	7,000.00
Easter Home Missions Receipts	\$	5,665.00

PRAYING FOR OUR DEACON FAMILIES

Mike & Mykael Bibb and Henry
Russell & Robin Blackston,
Will and Alex
Jay & Sadie Ellen Blake,
Ellen, Mamie Louise, Gus, and Augusta Lyles
Paula Blake
Angela Blakely
Bart & Lynita Boatwright, Chandler & Hayden
Bill & Kay Boatwright
Pat Bocook
Roger, Sr. & Nancy Bolt
Carrie Branyon, Colt & Elle
Joseph & Tara Brice, Elizabeth & Caroline
Leland Brooks
Donald & Barbara Brown
Martin & Debbie Brown
Elizabeth Stone – Deacon

PRAYER CONCERNS

Greenville Memorial
Gaynelle Kay – (Randy Fagg, deacon)

SUNDAY SERVICE

May 3, 2020

Prelude Matt Limbaugh
What a Friend We Have in Jesus / My Jesus I Love Thee

Welcome T. Dale Lynch

Hymn Robert Beaver
How Great Thou Art
*O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
 consider all the worlds Thy hands have made, 3:ds1015
 I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
 Thy power throughout the universe displayed.
 Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee:
 How great Thou art, how great Thou art!
 Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee:
 How great Thou art, how great Thou art!
 When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
 and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
 Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
 and there proclaim, "My God, how great Thou art!"*

Reading of Scripture: Ecclesiastes 3:1-15 Matt Wurst

Invocation

Children's Message Nick Kirby

Ministry in Song Jack Kay & Robert Beaver
Amazing Grace Arr. Ovid Young

Message *Aging / Living* T. Dale Lynch

Ministry in Song Austin Finley

Benediction T. Dale Lynch

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SUNDAY IS COMING

“The world is winning”; “People are sinning”; “Evil is grinning”
 Wellington defeated Napoleon at Waterloo. The devil’s
 Waterloo was when Christ stepped out of the grave. The world
 says that you can’t get out of your situation. But you can because
 Christ came out of that grave. His victory can be our victory.
 The only way Satan wins is if one believes Christ never arose
 from the grave.
 When our Fridays come, and they will, just tell the devil he is a
 liar and remind him that your Sunday is coming. When Christ
 comes the graves will not hold those who are saved by His grace
 and love and covered by His blood.
*But thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord
 Jesus Christ. Therefore, my dear brothers, be steadfast,
 immovable, always excelling in the Lord’s work, knowing that
 your labor in the Lord is not in vain. 1 Corinthians 15:57-58*
 ~ Randy Fagg

ONLINE GIVING OPTIONS

Website giving - you can click on the giving tab at the top of
 the page and then follow the prompts from that point forward.
Text giving - you will text *fbcbeltonsc* to the number 73256.
 You will receive a link that will guide you through the process
 for a one-time donation or to set up recurring giving. You will be
 prompted to create a “New Account Password” if you choose to
 set up recurring giving or to save your payment information.
 You can change this information anytime by using Abundant
 platform.
App giving - go to the app store on your phone or tablet, search
 for Abundant giving, download the app and follow the prompts
 to set up your account.



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OUR JOURNEY CONTINUES...

It is a great blessing to be able to serve this church family with
 our amazing church staff at such an unusual time for all of us. I
 am having numerous conversations with our staff, church
 leadership and others about when we will be able to re-gather for
 worship. As for right now, we will stay with our plan and follow
 the guidelines we set back in March until the governor opens the
 state. This means we will continue to lead worship services in
 an empty sanctuary and live-stream into your homes.

Thank you for being consistently faithful and generous in
 supporting the ongoing ministries of First Baptist Church. Some
 of you have discovered and are using a new way of giving
 through our online giving platform. We are learning and
 growing together as we seek to meet the challenges of “being
 the church” without the blessing of being able to gather.

In the meantime, we are seeking faithful and responsible ways to
 move forward in offering care and support to our church family
 and community. These days require a balance of wisdom and
 caution as we seek to follow God’s guidance. Please pray that
 we will experience the love, power and presence of Jesus in
 ways that still us and comfort us. Also, pray that God will
 enable us to find the most faithful ways to share Christ’s love
 and extend His peace that surpasses all understanding.

Your pastor and friend,

T. Dale Lynch