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Worship Schedule

Sunday School 9:45 am
Sundays 11:00 am & 6:00 pm
Wednesday 6:30 pm
TeamKID 6:00 Youth Group 6:30

From the Pastor's desk...

The Gateway To The Kingdom: *"Blessed are the poor in spirit."* Matthew 5:3

Beware of placing Our Lord as a Teacher first. If Jesus Christ is a Teacher only, then all He can do is to tantalize me by erecting a standard I cannot attain. What is the use of presenting me with an ideal I cannot possibly come near? I am happier without knowing it. What is the good of telling me to be what I never can be - to be pure in heart, to do more than my duty, to be perfectly devoted to God? I must know Jesus Christ as Saviour before His teaching has any meaning for me other than that of an ideal which leads to despair. But when I am born again of the Spirit of God, I know that Jesus Christ did not come to teach only: He came to make me what He teaches I should be. The Redemption means that Jesus Christ can put into any man the disposition that ruled His own life, and all the standards God gives are based on that disposition.

The teaching of the Sermon on the Mount produces despair in the natural man - the very thing Jesus means it to do. As long as we have a self-righteous, conceited notion that we can carry out Our Lord's teaching, God will allow us to go on until we break our ignorance over some obstacle, then we are willing to come to Him as paupers and receive from Him. "Blessed are the paupers in spirit," that is the first principle in the Kingdom of God. The bedrock in Jesus Christ's kingdom is poverty, not possession; not decisions for Jesus Christ, but a sense of absolute futility - I cannot begin to do it. Then Jesus says - Blessed are you. That is the entrance, and it does take us a long while to believe we are poor! The knowledge of our own poverty brings us to the moral frontier where Jesus Christ works.

(taken from My Utmost for His Highest by Oswald Chambers)

Blessings,

Bro. Don



Sun. Aug. 10, 2025

9:45 SS

10:45 Worship

potluck meal to
follow in the FLC

lifelinequartet.com



Note from our Minister of Education, Bro. Wayne Perkins fbcwayne40@gmail.com

Summer is upon us with the sweltering heat of July and the “dog days” of August. But instead of a “summer slump” we are experiencing somewhat of a “summer surge” in our Sunday School attendance. The last four Sundays reflect an average of 178. That’s the highest average for us in over five years. Praise the Lord!! I challenge all of our faculty to begin planning now for a 10% increase in their class for the 2025-2026 church year. It can happen with praying, planning, and performance in outreach. Why don’t you decide today to rise to this challenge for the Glory of God.

Our Nominating Committee has done an excellent job of filling the teachers and officers of the Sunday School department of our church. I thank them and appreciate them for their diligence in completing their task successfully. We have a talented team in place for the coming 2025-2026 church year. Good leaders build great classes. Let’s decide to make 2026 the best ever in Sunday School and soul-winning!

Our annual Sunday School teachers and officers’ banquet is planned for Tuesday, August 26, 2025, in the Family Life Center at 6:30 P.M. This will be a catered meal so, just bring yourself and a good appetite. This banquet is to honor all who served in 2024-2025 and those who will serve in 2025-2026. Please, let Janet know that you will be coming to the banquet to be able to determine for how many to prepare. You will hear more about this in the coming days.

I am sure we all are grieving and praying for and about the over 100 people who died in the flooding Texas, many of whom were children 8-9 years old. It reminds us of how fragile and fleeting life on earth is. Those families are very much in need of our prayers.

See you at Sunday School and preaching.



SS Teacher Appreciation Banquet
Tues. Aug. 26, 2025
6:30 pm FLC
Please rsvp by Aug. 17
All SS Faculty are invited

Note from our Director of Student Ministries, Christian Carr chracarr@gmail.com

As the students’ summer break comes to a close, I hope you take the time to reflect on the extra time you were able to spend with your family during the summer. You will begin to get back into the normal rhythm of life. Take time to reflect on the time you spent with your family. Maybe you were able to take a vacation. Look back at some pictures together. Maybe you were able to spend some time on the lake. Think back on the fun you all had together. Maybe you had some relaxing days at the house where the entire family was able to take some much needed time together. Sit together for a meal and remember those days where life felt less busy. As your family’s life begins to speed up again and you are not able to spend as much time together, be sure to remember those special memories you made as a family during the summer. The greatest gift you can give your child is your time. Don’t let that stop even though the summer is coming to an end. You may not have a family vacation or time to hang out together all day like you were able to during the summer. However, take the time your family does have and spend it together. God created the family and He intends for your family to honor Him by spending time together.

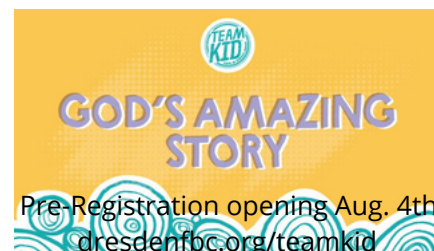
Keep these dates in mind for the month of August.

August 6th: First Day of classes

August 13: TeamKid begins

August 13: Youth Pizza Party

August 25: First Day of classes at UTM



Worship in Music Robert Nanney, Min. of Music rnanney@utm.edu

August is almost here with the start of the new school year and exciting musical events and opportunities for all ages.

This very busy musical month will signal the return of TeamKid each Wednesday night. Jeanie and I will again go from room to room, sharing and teaching music to each age group.

We're also excited about our annual **Homecoming celebration on Sunday, Aug. 10**, featuring the Southern Gospel quartet Lifeline from New Albany, Miss. As is our custom, **we will start the worship service a bit early, at 10:45**, and the group will present a 40-minute concert before Bro. Don preaches. One of its members, Matthew Turnbow from Martin, is familiar to those of us who have attended the Good Old Gospel Singing at our church each July because we've watched him grow up as he has sung solos and with various groups. Also in August, with school starting and the new church year approaching, we will again provide an opportunity for folks of all ages to **get involved in one of several aspects of our music ministry**. We will place surveys in the front foyer giving everyone the opportunity to express interest in serving on one of our five praise teams, the adult and youth hand chime choirs, the children's tabletop bells choir, the adult choir and participating in the Christmas musical. This includes all ages, from first-graders through senior citizens.

Looking ahead to September, we'll start rehearsing our **Christmas cantata**. We'll also have a listening party prior to rehearsals beginning with the date to be determined. Jeanie is in the process of choosing the **Christmas musical/play**, which will again involve all ages.

Before signing off, I want to look back a bit to July 25, when our church once again hosted the Good Old Gospel Singing. Tommy Moore did a great job of organizing and hosting it, joined by the inimitable Wayne Perkins. Matthew Holt blessed us again with his gifted and heartfelt piano playing, joined by many folks from the area who brought special music.

We were also blessed in July with special music from various praise teams and other groups (see details in Jeanie's column).

God bless you all!



Jeanie Nanney, Call to Worship Coordinator

In observance of the Fourth of July holiday, the Adult Praise Team opened the service on Sunday, July 6th, with "God Bless the USA." What better way to celebrate our independence than by singing this always appropriate patriotic song!

It's always a bit tricky during the summer to have enough hand chimes on hand to play the Call to Worship, so on Sunday, July 13th, we formed a hybrid choir of eight youth and five adults to play "Come, Christians, Join to Sing."

Our Younger Children Praise Team, with five singers present, performed "God Is So Good" on Sunday, July 20th. Some of our singers were just getting back from camp and were unable to join us to sing. We were happy to welcome Maddox Kibbler to the group, who sang with us for the first time that day.

On the final Sunday of July, the Young Adult Praise Team presented an upbeat song by Jon Reddick titled "No Fear." We were especially pleased to have Keely Mathis with us since her availability is limited while she's in college at Ole Miss.

Robert and I will soon be recruiting new members for our Praise Teams, the Adult Choir, and our two Hand Chime Choirs, so we encourage everyone who is interested to sign up!

Outreach Ministries



Submitted by Sheila Swearingen, JOY coordinator

We had a great day at JOY on July 15th. 43 were present to listen to Bro. Doug Morris's devotion on REJOICING. After enjoying a delicious catered lunch, Dale Hutcherson, our county Mayor, gave an awesome testimony about his life growing up at Dresden First Baptist Church. He then enlightened us on some of the things occurring in Weakley County and informed us regarding plans for economic growth in the county. Dale is a humble genuine servant who truly loves Weakley County and its residents. His desire is to put God first in his life and to see to the needs and growth of our county to make it an even better place to live, worship, and raise our children.

On August 19th we will meet again and enjoy pork tenderloin, green bean casserole, corn, rolls, and chocolate cake. Brent Callicott, a local weather enthusiast, hobbyist, and weatherologist from Union City will be presenting a program of Bringing Weather Awareness To Others. Brent tells us he actually has pictures and footage of the December 10, 2021 tornado as it approached Dresden. This should be a very interesting program for all.

September 17th Bro. Wayne Foropoulos, a minister from Jackson Tennessee, will be our speaker and will be presenting a musical program. More to come about Wayne, his family and ministry in next month's newsletter.

As always we invite all our Seniors age 55 + to attend. Please please let us know if you will be attending or if you can't be present we need to know so we can be accurate with our number to the caterer. We love and appreciate our Seniors.

The JOY committee. Submitted by Sheila Swearingen



Lively Ones enjoyed a wonderful evening on July 10 in Jackson. We had 10 attending Jackson Sings the Gospel at the Carl Perkins Civic Center, which featured a stellar lineup of some of the best Southern gospel groups and artists. We also enjoyed a delightful buffet meal at Brooksie's Barn prior to the event. Lively Ones love to fellowship around the table!

Check out the Lively Ones Information Board for pictures of previous trips and outings and news of upcoming adventures! Fall brings thoughts of Reelfoot Lake and catfish dinners at Boyette's, so be on the lookout for sign-up sheet soon. This is a Lively Ones' favorite! You won't want to miss it!!

We invite all Senior Adults to join us, and we are especially in need of those who still drive. Many of our group no longer drive at night, and for our evening events, we have a need for drivers. If you are a Senior Adult who enjoys experiencing a variety of events, eating at great restaurants, and enjoying fellowship with other seniors, we hope you will consider joining us. Your ability to drive would be a great asset to the Lively Ones ministry!

Lively Ones Coordinators, Judy Cleek and Linda Pollard



In this 7-session study, we'll go into the daring faith modeled by Esther and her cousin Mordecai—a faith rooted in the goodness of God, lived out through extraordinary circumstances, and used to change the world.

Ladies join us for our next Bible Study, led by Sherryl McCulley, beginning Sun. Aug. 17th. Reserve your study book by Aug. 3 (\$21). Study will again be offered on Sun. & Wed. evenings.



Meets each month for fellowship,
prayer,
and mission emphasis
JOIN US AS WE MEET BACK
SEPT. 7 @ 4:50pm.

Gifts to the Church

In Memory of William Halliburton by: Shirley Halliburton (TBAH)

In Memory of Richard Dean Williams and Richard Finney by: Derick & Lisa Williams (TBAH)

In Memory of Edward Hicks by: Pastor's Sunday School Class (Bldg.)

In Memory of Laurie Pritchett by: Kenny & Pam Caldwell (Bldg.)

In Memory of Wilkins Esch by: David & Carrie Esch (Nursery)

In Honor of Larson Esch by: David & Carrie Esch (Nursery)

In Honor of Andrew, John, & Richard Pritchett and family by: Kenny & Pam Caldwell (Bldg.)

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

- 1st Ron Phillips
- 2nd Josie Gallimore
- 3rd Jim Moseley, Beverly Foster, Suzie McWherter
- 4th Kerry Adams
- 6th Jeanie Nanney, Kourtney Sawyer, Lisa Morgan
- 7th Kenneth Gatewood, Tom McWherter, Donnie Cantrell
- 8th Tommy Sledd, Marty Dunn
- 11th Richard Ferrell
- 13th Audrea Washburn, Albany Cianfarani, Robbie Perkins
- 14th Michael Markle
- 17th Donald Perkins
- 18th Shelley Green
- 19th Leanna Clark
- 20th Eric Brooks, Lee Young
- 24th Asher Guerrero
- 25th Gerald Caldwell, Jonathan Davis, Kale Rempel
- 26th Benjamin Pettit
- 27th Carrie Esch
- 29th Clint Lowry
- 31st Ella Brooks



August Volunteers

August 3

Nursery AM: Kristin, Abigail, & Gracie Kibbler, Pam Caldwell, Kenra Caldwell

Kids Worship: Albany Cianfarani

Greeters: Andrew & Hannah Wilhite, Sheila Swearingen

Deacon: Jake Bynum

Safety & Security: AM: Kelley Swearingen | PM: John Johnson | Wed.

6th: Jake Bynum

August 10

Nursery AM: Courtney Workman, Deborah Ams, Adam & Tamara Harrison

Kids Worship not meeting

Greeters: Ron & Pat Phillips, Keith Forrester

Deacon: John Johnson

Safety & Security: AM: Keith Forrester | Wed. 13th: Duane Jackson

August 17

Nursery AM: Renza Adams, Keely Vaughn, Gwen Joyner, Carrie Esch

PM: Pat Phillips

Kids Worship: Kristin Kibbler

Greeters: David & Denise Boane, Cayden Lowry

Deacon: Clint Lowry

Safety & Security: AM: Kenneth Gatewood | PM: David Esch | Wed.

20th: John Gallimore

August 24

Nursery AM: Becky Anderson, Pam Bennett, Lisa & Myra Grace Morgan | PM: Becky Anderson

Kids Worship: Jesse Gallimore

Greeters: Richard & Barbara Ferrell, Grant Turner

Deacon: Ricky Finney

Safety & Security: AM: Mark Williams | PM: Jim Moseley | Wed.

27th: Brian Mathis

August 31

Nursery AM: Alyssa & Ella Bynum, Lisa Williams, Misty Gilmer

Kids Worship not meeting

Greeters: Mitch & Bendy White, Jim Moseley

Deacon: Ricky Finney

Safety & Security: AM: Nyle Carlton

August Offering Ushers: Kelley Swearingen, Alex VanMeter, Kermit Hopper, Stephen Gray, David Boane, Austin Davis



If you would like to serve on any of these ministries, please see Janet in the church office to be added to the rotation.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Please be in prayer for the 2025-2026 Deacon Nomination Process/Election of new Deacons					1	2 8 am Men's Breakfast 9-12 Sew Faithful
3 Blessing of the Backpacks 9:45 am Sunday School 11 am Worship 2-3:30 Bridal Tea for Lexie Dunn 5 pm Deacons Mtg 6 pm Worship	4	5	6 6:30 pm Youth Group 6:30 pm Prayer/Bible Study 7:20 pm Adult Choir practice	7	8	9
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24 9:45 am Sunday School 11 am Worship 5 pm LBS 6 pm Worship	25	26 6:30 pm Sunday School Teacher Appreciation Banquet	27 6 pm TeamKID 6 pm LBS 6:30 pm Youth Group 6:30 pm Prayer/Bible Study 7:20 pm Adult Choir practice	28	29	30
31 9:45 am Sunday School 11 am Worship/Lord's Supper No PM services						



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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

Three Ways to Give



At Church
offering plates or
boxes in foyer



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dresdenfbc.org/Give



By Mail
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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

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