



MONTHLY

APRIL 2026

MESSENGER

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Worship Schedule

Sunday School 9:45 am
Sundays 11:00 am & 6:00 pm
on Wednesday 6:30 pm
TeamKID 6:00 Youth Group 6:30
Adult Choir 7:25

From the Pastor's Desk:

"He reached out his hand and took the dove and brought it back to himself in the ark." Genesis 8:9

Worn out by her wanderings, the dove returns at length to the ark as her only resting place. How heavily she flies - she will drop - she will never reach the ark! But she struggles on. Noah has been looking out for his dove all day long, and is ready to receive her. She has just enough strength to reach the edge of the ark, she can hardly alight upon it, and is ready to drop, when Noah reaches out his hand and brings her back to him. Notice that: "brought the dove back to himself." She did not fly right in herself, but was too fearful, or too weary to do so. She flew as far as she could, and then he reached out his hand and brought her back to him. This act of mercy was shown to the wandering dove, and she was not reprimanded for her wanderings. She was brought into the ark just as she was. So you, seeking sinner, with all your sin, will be received. "only return" - those are God's two gracious words - "Only return." What! nothing else? No, "only return." She had no olive branch in her mouth this time, nothing at all but just herself and her wanderings; but it is "only return," and she does return, and Noah brings her back. Fly, you wanderer; fly you fainting one, dove as you are, though you think yourself to be as dark as the raven with the mire of sin, back, back to the Savior. Every moment you wait only increases your misery; your attempts to plume yourself and make yourself fit for Jesus are all vanity. Come to Him just as you are. "Return, backsliding Israel." He doesn't say, "Return, repenting Israel" (there is no doubt about an invitation of this kind), but "you backsliding one," as a backslider with all your backslidings about you, Return, return, return! Jesus is waiting for you! He will reach out His hand and "bring you back" - back to Himself, your heart's true home.

(taken from Morning & Evening - Charles Spurgeon)

God bless all of you,

Bro. Don

Note from our Associate Pastor, Christian Carr chracarr@gmail.com

Christ has risen! Christ has defeated death and rose from the grave victorious. This is truly good news. Our Lord and Savior is not dead in a grave somewhere. He has risen.

Is there someone you have been meaning to share this hope of Christ with but have not found the right way to share with them? Is there someone you wish would grasp the transformational message of the gospel, but they just haven't yet? This time of year, the Easter season, is the perfect time to share the gospel with that person. You have an opportunity to bring up in normal conversation the hope of Easter. You can mention to them why you are celebrating Easter as a family. You can ask them if they do anything for the Easter holiday. You then have a prime opportunity to share about Christ's death, burial, and resurrection. Will you share how he defeated death for all? Don't miss the opportunity to share, Christ has risen, this Easter season.

Dates to remember:

April 4th: Community Egg Hunt at 10:00 at Wilson Park. Children 6th grade and under will gather at Wilson Park for an egg hunt on the ball fields. We will open with an Easter Devotional for the children. After the devotional, we will separate into age groups to search for Easter Eggs.

April 5th: Easter Sunday.

April 21st: JOY meeting.

April 22nd: TeamKid Store.

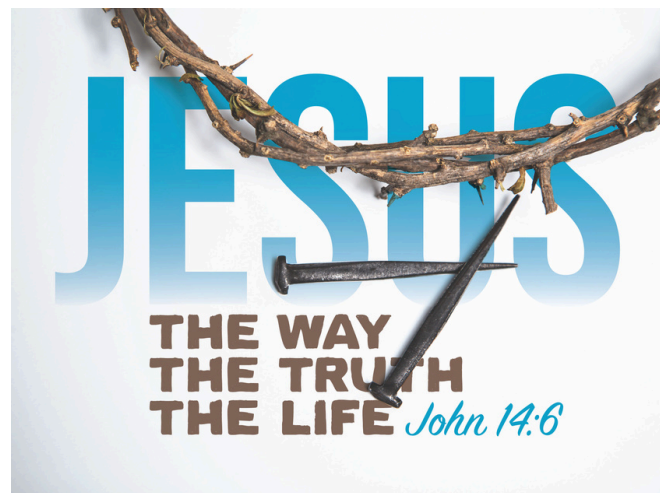
April 29th: TeamKid closing ceremonies in the Sanctuary. There will be no youth.

In Christ,
Christian

WELCOME New Member
Brendan Patrick
Watch Care Ministry

Class of 2026

**Graduate Recognition Service is Sun.
May 3. Profile for participation
should be turned in no later than
April 19. Profile is online or in church
office. Open to DFBC member/active
in Youth Group graduates.**



Community Easter Egg Hunt

Sat. April 4, 2026

10am @ Wilson Park Pavillion
for kids up to 6th grade

hosted by Dresden First Baptist Church Children's Committee

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

Greetings! God has richly blessed us with beautiful (albeit chilly) spring days and the excitement and renewed hope that it has brought after a long winter. It's an extremely busy and rewarding music season with the glorious celebration of Easter on the horizon.

PRAISE TEAMS, HAND CHIME CHOIRS – We're thankful that our praise teams and hand chime choirs continue to be active and will do so in April. See Jeanie's column for more details.

ADULT CHOIR – The choir continues to pull double duty, preparing for the weekly special music and rehearsing for the Easter cantata. I appreciate so much their spirit and dedication. Weekly attendance has been great with most of our 30-plus members present. We always need more and would love to have you!

EASTER CANTATA – We are in the final rehearsals for a brand, new Easter cantata, "Risen Savior, Conquering King," which we'll present on Easter morning, April 5. The worship service will again begin a bit earlier, 10:45, so that we can leave time for Bro. Don to preach. This 43-minute cantata will bless your heart and will be enhanced by a DVD video. I'm proud of the choir and the several soloists who are involved.

CHOIR BANQUET – Another exciting event in April or early May will be our annual Choir Banquet. The date has yet to be determined, but we'll again gather for a yummy catered meal, fellowship and entertainment. Our sound/video crew is also invited because of the invaluable service they provide throughout the year.

THANK YOU! – On March 15, I completed nine years of service in the music ministry at this church. The first year was as the interim, and the other eight were as the "official" minister of music. The service and blessings have been the same throughout. As I start my tenth year, I'm thankful for the opportunity to serve and appreciate so much the children, youth and adults who step up each week to serve with us. I also appreciate Jeanie, who is so wonderful to help me in every aspect of the ministry. Of the five churches that I've served since I began my music ministry in 1972 (at age 18), my tenth year will match my second longest tenure at a church, and for that I'm also thankful.

God bless you all!

Bro. Robert



Calls to Worship: We were thrilled to have ten members of our Young Adult Praise Team present on March 1st to sing the Call to Worship. What a blessing it has been for Robert and me to watch them develop their singing talents, stage presence, and the ability to sing harmony over the last ten years! They did a beautiful job singing the Chris Tomlin song, "How Good It Is." I think we can safely say that not many churches in our area have TEN young adults from high school, college, and the career world who will commit to singing a Call to Worship on Sunday morning AND being there at 9:15 to practice. We are incredibly blessed at DFBC!

The Adult Praise Team sang a new version of "It Is Well" on March 8th. The words of the song are so meaningful and should bring comfort and hope to our hearts: "This mountain that's in front of me/Will be thrown into the midst of the sea/So let go, my soul, and trust in Him/The waves and wind still know my name/It is well with my soul."

On March 15th, the Youth Hand Chime Choir (with the help of some adult volunteers) played a challenging medley of "Pachabel's Canon" and "Seek Ye First." We had to do a little scrambling on Sunday morning when several of our youth chimers woke up not feeling well enough to play. Thanks to some quick responses by some adult chimers, we were able to pull everything together. I am so proud of all the chimers, but especially those who were playing for the first or second time. Well done!!

We will finish the month of March on Palm Sunday, March 29th, when the Adult Hand Chime Choir plays an appropriate Easter song to lead us into Holy Week as we celebrate the death, burial and resurrection of our Savior.

Jeanie Nanney

Call to Worship Coordinator

Outreach Ministries



Submitted by Sheila Swearingen, JOY coordinator

JOY was finally able to meet March 17th for the first time this year. We had 40 in attendance and welcomed Bro Wayne Perkins as our devotional speaker. It was great to have him back in our fellowship.

After a delicious meal of barbeque, buns, baked beans and pineapple casserole we heard from Larry Porter, a retired businessman from Greenfield and member of Bethel Baptist Church. At age 22 he suffered a debilitating stroke leaving him to relearn walking, talking, and all the basics. Larry delivered a heartwarming testimony on how God has helped him become bold in his every day living and in sharing the plan of salvation with others. He challenged us to become more bold in our witness. It was a joy to have Larry with us.

In April we will welcome Sheila Hart, a harpist from Camden Tennessee. May will bring us JoAnn Gill a soloist from Martin and in June we will have Joan Gregory Hicks and David Hicks. You all loved Joan when she presented a gospel music program last year. Now she and husband, David, are performing as a duet endlessly in the West Tennessee area. We are thankful they have agreed to be with us. We are excited about these upcoming music programs and pray you will mark your calendar now for these events.

We have good food and fellowship at each meeting. Our next meeting is April 21st at 11:30. Please join us. You'll be glad you did! Love to all.

The JOY committee submitted by Sheila Swearingen



Submitted by Judy Cleek and Linda Pollard

Happy Spring!! The beautiful colors of the season are popping up everywhere, and Lively Ones are getting ready to get out and GO!! We'll be heading to The Dixie in Huntingdon on Friday, April 24, for the much anticipated "Mark Lowry and Friends" performance. Eleven DFBC Senior Adults will enjoy an evening of incredible music and an abundance of laughter from the multi-talented singer, songwriter, and Christian comedian, Mark Lowry. Appearing with him will be the popular gospel group from Trenton, Endless Highway. It promises to be a memorable evening! Prior to the event, we will enjoy a wonderful meal together at Mallard's.

Mark your calendar for Thursday, July 9, when Lively Ones will be going to the Civic Center in Jackson for the annual "Jackson Sings the Gospel!" A fantastic lineup of gospel greats will be sharing the gospel message in song for the entire evening. Joseph Habedank, award winner for Best Soloist in gospel music will be featured, along with the popular groups Triumphant Quartet, Karen Peck & New River, Tribute Quartet, and the Down East Boys. Before the event, we will gather around the table for great food and fellowship at Cheddar's. Look for the Sign-Up Sheet on the Lively Ones board in the North hallway. Tickets are \$23, and may be paid to Janet upon sign-up. We invite you to join us as we plan outings throughout the year for our DFBC Senior Adults. Your ideas and suggestions for places to go and things to do are always welcomed!! We like to stay "ON THE MOVE!"



On Thursday March 12, we had 7 ladies and Larry Pollard to help serve about 80 students at the BCM @ UTM. On Wednesday April 8, we will take the collected encouragement cards and deliver them to the Elementary School Teachers along with a platter of cookies, as a moral booster during the State Testing month.

WOM will meet in April on the third Sunday, April 19, 2026 at 4:50. All ladies are welcome to attend. Submitted by Denise Boane



Blessing Box - take what you need, leave what you can, above all be blessed. Donations are appreciated to keep the box full; a donation box is in the church front foyer. Ideas of donations are at the Welcome Center table. You can also give monetary donations through the church office or online to help purchase items.



Gifts to the Church

In Memory of Sue Blow by: Kenneth & Janice Gatewood, Don & Judy Cleek, Pastor's SS Class, Robbie & Donald Perkins, Richard & Barbara Ferrell (Bldg), Kelley & Sheila Swearingen (AAEO)

In Memory of Dean Stow by: John & Melanie Johnson (Bldg)

In Memory of Vann Carr by: John & Melanie Johnson (Bldg)

In Memory of Shirley Gilliam by: John & Melanie Johnson, Richard & Barbara Ferrell (Bldg), Kelley & Sheila Swearingen (AAEO), Don & Judy Cleek (SEW Faithful)

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



- 2nd Kaitlyn Ritz
- 3rd Andrew Pritchett
- 4th Karen Wilson, Sheila McGowan
- 5th Donivon Sawyer, Gwen Joyner
- 6th Hudson McDaniel, Ryan Evans, Shirley Halliburton
- 7th Marlee Scronce
- 11th James Washburn
- 14th Gracie Kibbler
- 18th BJ Wetherell, Renza Adams
- 19th Carla Hutcherson
- 20th Mitch White
- 21st Don Cleek
- 24th Martin Dunn
- 26th Chris Harper, Deborah Ams, Zachary Garner, Donna Ferrell
- 28th Jennifer Brooks
- 30th Amber VanMeter

April Volunteers

April 5

Nursery AM: Courtney Workman, Deborah Ams, Becky Anderson, Jennifer McClain | Kids Worship: Kristin Kibbler
Greeters: Ben & Jennifer Moore, Grant Turner
Deacon: Kenneth Gatewood
Safety & Security: AM: Brian Mathis, Troy Hollis | Wed. 8: Jake Bynum, Phillip Davis

April 12

Nursery AM: Alyssa & Ella Bynum, Josh & Anita Dunn | PM: Janet Robinson | Kids Worship: Brittany Forrester
Greeters: Jay & Claire Oliver, Keith Forrester
Deacon: Marshall Anderson
Safety & Security: AM: Bruce Slusser, Randy Morgan | PM: Richard Ferrell | Wed. 15: Duane Jackson, Chris Poole

April 19

Nursery AM: Kristin, Abigail & Gracie Kibbler, Lisa & Myra Grace Morgan | PM: Becky Anderson | Kids Worship not meeting
Greeters: Travis & Paige Davis, Rick Workman
Deacon: David Bailey
Safety & Security: AM: Mark Williams, Brent Hopper | PM: James Washburn | Wed. 22: Rick Finney, Rick Workman

April 26

Nursery AM: Whitney & Tilley Hopper, Rhonda & Hudson McDaniel | PM: Lisa Harris | Kids Worship not meeting
Greeters: Codie & Leanna Clark, Sheila Swearingen
Deacon: Nyle Carlton
Safety & Security: AM: David Bailey | PM: Kelley Swearingen | Wed. 29: Keith Forrester

April Offering Ushers: Austin Davis, Nyle Carlton, Bruce Slusser, Eric Allman, Cooper Allman, John Gallimore



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



April 2026

connect with us



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> 2026 Graduate Profiles are to be turned in by April 19th Profile available in office or dresdenfbc.org/Youth Graduate Recognition Sun. morning May 3 with breakfast with Seniors in FLC 9am—10:45am. </div>			1 6:00 TK 6:10 LBS 6:30 Youth 6:30 Prayer/Bibe Study 7:25 Choir	2	3 Good Friday	4 8 am Men's Breakfast 9 am Sew Faithful 10 am Community Egg Hunt @ Wilson Park
5 EASTER CELEBRATION 9:45 am Sunday School 10:45 am Worship No Evening Services	6	7 12 pm WC Backpack	8 6:00 TK 6:30 Youth 6:30 Prayer/Bibe Study 7:25 Choir	9	10	11
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19 Volunteer Appreciation 9:45 am Sunday School 11 am Worship 4:50 pm WOM 6 pm Worship	20	21 11:30 am JOY—Sheila Hart (harpist)	22 6:00 TK Store 6:30 Youth 6:30 Prayer/Bibe Study 7:25 Choir	23	24 Lively Ones outing Dixie-Mark Lowry	25 6 pm Exalt His Name Worship with Trustory & Mychal Hunt
26 9:45 am Sunday School 11 am Worship 6 pm Worship	27	28	29 6:00 TK Closing will take place in Sanctuary 7:25 Choir	30		



Sermons available online
www.dresdenfbc.org/resources/sermons

DFBC Staff available if we can help in anyway

- Dr. Don McCulley, Pastor
- Christian Carr, Associate Pastor
- Dr. Robert Nanney, Min. of Music
- Becky Anderson, Nursery Director
- Janet Robinson, Ministry Assistant
- Lisa Harris, Custodian

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 Live Stream available on facebook.com/dresdenfbc-live
 and www.dresdenfbc.org/Live Stream
 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



Online
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By Mail
 PO Box 176
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Thank you for your faithful giving . 2 Corinthians 9: 6-8