



MONTHLY

DECEMBER 2025

# MESSENGER

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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...

Don't Avoid the Impossible

*"They don't need to go away," Jesus told them. "You give them something to eat." Matthew 14:16*

Jesus asked His disciples to do something that clearly was impossible. There were five thousand men, along with their families, and they were famished. There were only five loaves of bread and two small fish - obviously not enough to feed a multitude. The cost of food for even a portion of the crowd would have far exceeded the disciples' small budget. It may have seemed absurd to the disciples that Jesus should ask them to distribute the paltry amount of food to the massive crowd. Yet that is exactly what Jesus asked them to do. Because Jesus had given the command, the disciples obeyed and witnessed an incredible miracle.

Christ will lead you into many situations that will seem impossible, but don't try to avoid them. Stay in the middle of them, for that is where you will experience God. The key difference between what appears to be impossible to us and what is actually possible is a word from our Master! Faith accepts His divine command and steps out in a direction that only God can complete. If you attempt only things that you know are possible with the visible resources you possess, those around you will not see God at work. You will be the one who receives the credit for a job well done, but God will have no part in it.

Take inventory of your life and the decisions you are presently facing. Have you received a word from the Master that awaits your next step of faith? If you will proceed with what He has told you, no matter how incredible it might seem, you will experience the joy of seeing your Lord perform a miracle, and so will those around you.

(taken from Experiencing God by Henry T. Blackaby and Richard Blackaby)

See you Sunday,

*Bro. Don*

## *Worship in Music Robert Nanney, Min. of Music* [rnanney@utm.edu](mailto:rnanney@utm.edu)

As we enter December, there could be no more exciting, festive and busy time of the year. For the music ministry it provides so many opportunities to celebrate Christ's birth in song. That's such a blessing as we are in the final stages of preparing for two major Christmas musical events on consecutive Sundays.

The first involves almost 50 children, youth and adults who have been working diligently each week to prepare for our Christmas musical play, "In A Galilee Far, Far Away," which will be performed at 6 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 7. Directed by Jeanie Nanney, this event, which has a fun "Star Trek" theme, will bless your heart and make you smile. (See Jeanie's column for details.) Please mark your calendar and come early for a good seat.

We're also looking forward to our churchwide Christmas fellowship meal immediately after the Christmas musical, to again be held in the Family Life Center.

A week later our adult choir will present an exciting, new cantata, "All Is Well," at 10:45 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 14. Note the earlier starting time so that our pastor will still have plenty of time to bring the message. The Gospel-focused message will be clear in this beautiful musical, complemented with images and videos on the screen.

I'm so proud of our cantata choir, which has rehearsed faithfully each week since early September to prepare in addition to working on weekly choir specials. We will also have several soloists.

In addition, all the other aspects of the music ministry – from the weekly TeamKid music to soloists, praise teams and other groups, including hand chime choirs, presenting special music –will take on a Christmas theme this month. It truly is the most wonderful time of the year.

Jeanie and I wish you all a VERY Merry Christmas!



## *Jeanie Nanney, Call to Worship Coordinator - Christmas Musical Director*

FIVE, FOUR, THREE, TWO, ONE...BLASTOFF! Just a handful of rehearsals remain before the DFBC music ministry presents this year's musical, "In a Galilee Far, Far Away." From age four all the way up to retirement age, everyone has been working very hard to bring this production to the stage, and you won't want to miss it! The musical is set in the present time aboard a spaceship called the S. S. Emmanuel. (Think "Star Trek.") It is the world's most advanced spaceship; and when the play opens, the crew aboard the ship is orbiting into deep space. Their mission is to discover, witness, and record the indescribable beauty and size of God's creation. Since the ship can travel at or near light-speed, the crew plans to complete in just six months what would take a "normal" spaceship decades. Their mission motto is Psalm 19:1: "The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands."

When the crew runs into some navigation difficulties, what was once a six-month mission has already lasted nine months. Christmas Eve is upon them, and they are looking for ways to celebrate despite being so far from home. Because everyone wants so badly to be home for Christmas, they decide to utilize the "hyper-active" lever on the spaceship to supposedly have them home within minutes. When things don't go as planned, the crew suddenly find themselves involved in BACKWARDS time travel where they meet some interesting people from the past. It is then that the captain devises a plan to go all the way back to when Jesus was on Earth to celebrate Christmas in "a Galilee far, far away."

You won't want to miss this fun-filled production that clearly presents the story of Jesus' birth and what that means to Christians everywhere. You will laugh with delight at some of the cast's antics while also being moved to tears at our children's depiction of the Nativity. Mark your calendar now for Sunday evening, December 7th, at 6:00 p.m. The production will be followed by a church-wide add-a-snack Christmas fellowship in the Family Life Center.

**CALLS TO WORSHIP IN NOVEMBER:** While rehearsals for the musical are in full swing on Sunday afternoons, preparing and presenting our Calls to Worship continues early every Sunday morning. This month, we have featured our Youth Hand Chime choir, with many first-time chimers, as well as our Youth Praise Team, Older Children Praise Team, and Adult Praise Team. The Younger Children will finish out the month by performing the title song of the Christmas musical, "In a Galilee Far, Far Away," which will give the congregation a sneak preview of the production.

*Note from our Director of Student Ministries, Christian Carr* [chracarr@gmail.com](mailto:chracarr@gmail.com)

Merry Christmas! The year has flown by. During this time of year, your calendar seems empty and yet full at the same time. You get to experience more time with family and friends because you have more time off from work and school. However, your schedule seems to be filled with travel and family gatherings. This is a good change of pace. It is during these times where you get the opportunity to visit family you have not seen in a while. You also get to spend extra time with family and friends because you have more free time. While this is all a good change of pace which can make life feel busy, I would encourage you to use this change of pace to establish some time for you and your family to spend in the Word. As you get extra free time with your family, use it to focus on the Christmas story. Maybe this year you choose to take time with the family you have not seen in a while and read the Christmas story together with some of the younger children in your family. These times together are special and we should seek opportunities to remind each other why we gather during Christmas.

**Dates to remember this month:**

**December 1st: Crossings Camp Registration is open.**

**December 3rd: No TeamKid. Youth Christmas Party 6:30-8:00**

**December 24th: No MidWeek**

**December 31st: No MidWeek. Last day to register for Winter Retreat**

Dear Church,

Words cannot express the way I feel about my years as your Director of Education at FBC Dresden! My gratitude for the reception is deeply felt and the cards, gifts, words and every act of kindness you showed me are dear to me! I love all of you and thank you for letting me serve the Lord by serving you!

FBC Dresden has the best pastor, the best secretary, and the best music program of any church I ever served! - great deacons too!

Please continue to pray for me as I enter the next leg of my spiritual journey with Christ! Love and prayers for all the saints and leaders at FBC Dresden! You are the best!

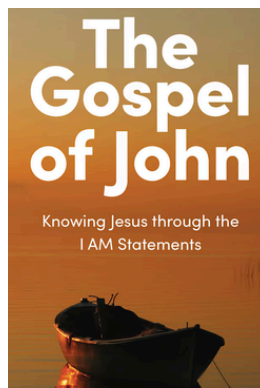
Bro. Wayne Perkins



Wrigley Hopper - baptism  
David Carpenter - letter  
Aneta McDaniel - letter  
Austin Davis - letter  
Heather Davis - letter  
Levi Davis - baptism



TeamKID Schedule  
Dec. 3 Not Meeting  
Dec. 10 100 Days of TK  
Dec. 17 Ugly Christmas Shirt/Snack Bar  
Dec. 24 - Jan 7 Not Meeting



Throughout John's Gospel, Jesus makes seven "I am" statements that provide insight into who He is and what He came to do.

Join us for the Sunday Evening Winter Bible Study starting Jan. 4 at 6:00 pm as Bro. Christian leads this 6 week study as we see Jesus identify Himself with the Father and give us teaching to remember and reflect on who He is.



## Outreach Ministries



Submitted by Sheila Swearingen, JOY coordinator

And just like that The Christmas season is upon us! So many activities are planned for our church family this month! Read your bulletins, texts, and emails so you don't miss anything.

We had a good number in November for our JOY day. Christian Carr gave a heartfelt devotion and we graciously welcome him to our Senior Adult Ministry. Following a very good catered meal we heard from Brianne Williams representing Baptist Hospice of Union City. Brianne spoke then answered questions about Hospice, what it means, services offered, staff positions and continuity of services for families after the loss of a loved one. Such a good informational program.

On December 16th Bro. Don will be our devotional speaker and Kevin Hamilton of Humboldt will be our program. Kevin is the retired worship leader at the Church at Sugar Creek. He is a comedian and super talented. Kevin is a member of the Tennessee Baptist Men's Chorale and we look forward to the program he has in store for us.

As we near the end of 2025 and enter our 8th year, yes 8th year of JOY, we thank each and everyone for your attendance, your support, and most of all your prayers. We can't wait to see how God blesses us in 2026. We love and appreciate each of you. Merry Christmas!!!!

The JOY committee



Submitted by Judy Cleek and Linda Pollard

Lively Ones are beginning the Christmas season with two holiday events that are sure to put you in the Christmas spirit! First, on Friday evening, December 5, we are all set to experience the "Renaissance Christmas" at Bethel University in McKenzie. This is a favorite holiday outing for Lively Ones. We have 10 signed up to go, and there's excitement building not only for the program, but for the possibility of a stop at Dairy Queen after the 7 p.m. performance!! Second, on Saturday evening, December 6, we have 14 Senior Adults going to The Dixie in Huntingdon for their annual "Christmas at the Dixie" production, which showcases the incredible talent of local singers as they bring your favorite holiday songs to life on the stage. We will also enjoy a wonderful meal at Mallard's prior to the 7:30 performance. Be sure to check out the Lively Ones board in the north hallway for pictures of these two outings!

As we look forward to 2026, we welcome ideas and suggestions for Lively Ones! Oh, the places we will go!"

From the Lively Ones to our entire church family, we wish each of you a joyous Christmas filled with hearts of gratefulness for the miracle at the manger!



Every year, Southern Baptist churches collect an offering to send and support missionaries to be steadfastly present among those who have never heard the gospel.

**Church Goal \$8942;** you can give in house or online to help support missions

The turbulent waters of culture can be unsettling. In the sea of voices calling for our attention and allegiance, trying to determine truth from deception is overwhelming and can leave us exhausted. Is there a trustworthy voice? A safe and certain stronghold of truth? Yes, there is. His name is Jesus.

Join us for the **Ladies Winter Bible Study starting Sun. Jan. 11 at 4:50 and Wed. Jan. 14 at 6:10.** Reserve your study book (\$20) through the church office or online.



**Blessing Box** - take what you need, leave what you can, above all be blessed. Donations are appreciated to keep the box full. 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 Chad Parsley by: Truthseekers Class, Kelley & Sheila Swearingen, Richard & Barbara Ferrell, Pastor's Class, Diane Parsley (Bldg.)*

*In Memory of Ronnie Turner by: Truthseekers Class, Richard & Barbara Ferrell (Bldg.), Kelley & Sheila Swearingen (LMCO)*

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



- 1<sup>st</sup> Evelyn Kimmel
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Kim Hutcherson
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Adam Harrison
- 4<sup>th</sup> Mark Gallimore
- 6<sup>th</sup> Carson VanMeter, Samantha Lutz
- 8<sup>th</sup> Pam Turner, Kayla Strain
- 9<sup>th</sup> Wrigley Hopper
- 10<sup>th</sup> Tucker Evans
- 11<sup>th</sup> Diann Williams
- 13<sup>th</sup> Nyle Carlton, Angie Plunk, Penny Gallimore
- 14<sup>th</sup> Richard Ritz
- 16<sup>th</sup> Jennifer Moore, Pam Bennett
- 18<sup>th</sup> Jesse Jackson, Madge Winstead
- 19<sup>th</sup> Ricky Kimmel
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Bentley VanMeter, Merrie Jo Leach, Landon Cantrell
- 24<sup>th</sup> Phillip Davis
- 25<sup>th</sup> Denise Boane, Mace Rempel, Millie Williams
- 27<sup>th</sup> Levi Davis, Wanda Arant
- 30<sup>th</sup> Brian Morris, Joseph Bequette
- 31<sup>st</sup> Craig Woodward

## December Volunteers

### December 7

Nursery AM: Whitney & Tilley Hopper, Lisa & Myra Grace Morgan  
Kids Worship: Amber VanMeter  
Greeters: Jay & Claire Olver, Jim Mosely  
Deacon: Nyle Carlton  
Safety & Security: AM: Kenneth Gatewood | PM: David Esch | Wed.  
10: Jake Bynum

### December 14

Nursery AM: Becky Anderson, Cathy Carlton, Heather Hodges, Jennifer Moore | PM: Lisa Harris  
Kids Worship: Jennifer Brooks  
Greeters: Joe & Lisa Morgan, Kelley Swearingen  
Deacon: Marshall Anderson  
Safety & Security: AM: Nyle Carlton | PM: Duane Jackson | Wed. 17:  
James Washburn

### December 21

Nursery AM: Audrea Washburn, Alyssa & Ella Bynum | PM:  
Becky Anderson  
Kids Worship not meeting  
Greeters: Kerry & Renza Adams, Jerrie Moseley  
Deacon: Eric Allman  
Safety & Security: AM: Kelley Swearingen | PM: Rick Finney

### December 28


Nursery AM: Renza Adams, Keely Vaughn, Kristin, Abigail, &  
Gracie Kibbler  
Kids Worship not meeting  
Greeters: Tommy & Maureen Sledd, Sheila Swearingen  
Deacon: Ron Phillips  
Safety & Security: AM: Mark Williams

**December Offering Ushers:** Anthony Carter, Landon Carter,  
Brent Hopper, JD McDaniel, Denton Friar, Terry Tyner



*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
	1	2	3 Christmas Musical Dress Rehearsal in sanctuary—NO MidWeek Services	4	5 Lively Ones outing to Bethel Christmas	6 8 am Men's Breakfast meet at Kountry Korner Lively Ones outing to Dix- ie Christmas
7 9:45 am Sunday School 11 am Worship 4:50 pm WOM 5 pm Deacons Mtg 6 pm Christmas Musical w/ fellowship following	8	9	10 6 pm TeamKID 6:30 pm Youth Group 6:30 pm Prayer/Bible Study 7:30 pm Adult Choir practice	11	12	13 Pastor's Class Christmas Social
14 9:45 am Sunday School 10:45 am Christmas Cantata & preaching FLC in use 6 pm Worship	15	16 10:30 am SAM mtg 11:30 am JOY	17 6 pm TeamKID 6:30 pm Youth Group 6:30 pm Prayer/Bible Study 7:30 pm Adult Choir practice	18	19	20 FLC in use
21 9:45 am Sunday School 11 am Worship FLC in use 6 pm Worship	22	23	24 NO MIDWEEK		26	27 FLC in use
28 9:45 am Sunday School 11 am Worship No Evening Services	29	30	31 NO MIDWEEK			
 LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING FOR INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS WEEK OF PRAYER NOVEMBER 30—DECEMBER 7 CHURCH GOAL \$8942 CAN GIVE IN HOUSE OR ONLINE TO SUPPORT IMB MISSIONS						



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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



**Online**  
[dresdenfbc.org/Give](http://dresdenfbc.org/Give)



**By Mail**  
PO Box 176  
Dresden

### 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