



MONTHLY

JULY 2025

M E S S E N G E R

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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...

But if it doesn't please you to worship Yahweh, choose for yourselves today the one you will worship: the gods your fathers worshiped beyond the Euphrates River of the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living. As for me and my family, we will worship Yahweh. Joshua 24:15

Serving God was not Joshua's only option. He could have adopted the religious beliefs and practices of his family heritage in the pagan land of Egypt. He could have accepted the idolatrous religion of his neighbors in the region where he now lived. These options probably looked like easier choices than worshiping God. But Joshua had witnessed God's faithfulness (Josh. 23:14). He was convinced that his Lord was the only true God and that serving Him would bring victory and blessing.

Joshua decided to serve God alone. He was determined to teach his entire household to honor his Lord as well. He had trusted God for victory on the battlefield, and he knew that God could also give him spiritual victory in his home.

You, too, must decide whom you will serve. An assortment of popular religions clamors for your allegiance. If you come from a Christian heritage, you may choose to embrace the faith of your parents and grandparents. If you did not grow up in a Christian home, you can decide, as Joshua did, to reject your heritage of unbelief and begin a generation that serves the Lord.

If you set your mind wholeheartedly on serving God, your example will bring a tremendous blessing to your family. If you place your confidence in God, those around you will witness your faith, and they may decide to trust Him too. Choose, as Joshua did, to serve God unashamedly with all your heart, and then watch to see how God blesses your family.

(taken from Experiencing God Day by Day: Henry & Richard Blackaby))

Blessings,

Bro. Don

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

Summer is finally here and with it comes the hot sultry days. We dreamed of these warm days back in the winter. Enjoy!

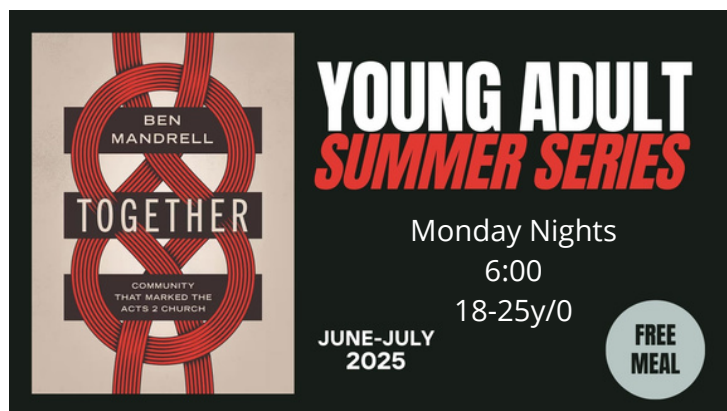
Our Sunday School attendance is holding up well for the summertime. May we continue to be diligent and faithful in the few months ahead in Sunday School.

We are planning our yearly **Sunday School Appreciation banquet** for Tuesday, August 26, 2025, at 6:30 P.M. in the Family Center. The meal will be catered, so, just bring yourself and a good appetite! This banquet always honors both old and new Sunday School teachers and officers. Please let Janet know if you are planning to come so we will be able to give the caterer a count so we will have plenty of food for everyone,

We will celebrate Independence Day on July 4, 2025. It is a day set aside to remember the establishment of our great country, AMERICA!! What a blessed land and country we are privileged to have to live in freedom and worship according to the way God leads us. We must never forget to thank God daily for all the blessings we enjoy in the United States.

Please, join me in prayer for a great revival in our church and nation. God wants us to return to Him in America. May it begin in FBC Dresden and in me!

See you at Sunday School and preaching.



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

The summer months don't slow down for the student ministries here at DFBC, in fact, in many ways, they become even busier. We just wrapped up VBS last month and we were so encouraged by the number of kids who attended this year.

Our students also will return from camp at Crossings at the beginning of this month. Student Camp is a great opportunity for our students to get away for a week of worship and focusing on the Word. Please be in prayer for them as they return from camp.

Later this month, we'll be sending our children to kids camp. We have a great group of kids going, and this only adds to the busyness of our summer, but in the best way possible.

With all of that being said, none of this would be possible without our incredible volunteers. The people who give their time to pour into the lives of our students and kids at DFBC deserve all the gratitude we can offer. They work tirelessly, and events like VBS and our summer camps simply could not happen without them.

Thank you to all our volunteers for the dedication and love you show to our student ministries!

Here are a couple of important dates to note this month:

July 2- Students return from Camp. There will be no Youth midweek.

July 17-20- Crossings Kids Camp

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

Greetings from the music ministry as we look forward to a busy and exciting July. We had another rewarding VBS in June as we taught music to children from 3 years old to those who will enter first grade. We pray that the songs we taught them will encourage them now and in the future. Most of them were our TeamKid regulars, so we look forward to seeing them in the fall.

As we move into July, it provides a wonderful time to join the Adult Choir as we focus on learning new music. If you're in high school or older, please join us at 7:20 each Wednesday night (during summer months) in the choir room. It's so rewarding and fun to come together as a choir family to practice songs each week to sing on Sunday mornings. Our praise teams and hand chime choirs also will continue to practice and present their call to worship songs, as well (see Jeanie's column).

Also in July, we will again host the Good, Old Gospel Singing, co-hosted by Tommy Moore and Wayne Perkins. We're thrilled that Gaither Vocal Band pianist Matthew Holt will again attend and anchor our praise band. Tommy and Wayne will be releasing more details soon.

Looking ahead, we look forward to hosting the Southern Gospel quartet Lifeline from New Albany, Miss., on Sunday, Aug. 10, during our Homecoming celebration. 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. And looking even farther ahead, we've already ordered our Christmas cantata. It's a powerful, brand-new one that I know you will enjoy.

If any of you want to get involved in the music ministry, just let Jeanie or me know. We'd love to have you, and we need you.

God bless you all!



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Jeanie Nanney, Call to Worship Coordinator

The Goodtime Singers began the service on June 1st with a peppy rendition of "Over on the Other Side." These lifelong friends have sung together since they were all in high school, and it is a blessing that they continue to share their faith and talent whenever they sing.

To go along with Bro. Don's series of messages about the importance of strong homes and families, the Older Children Praise Team sang "The Building Song" on June 8th, a contemporary version of "The Foolish Man and the Wise Man," which was written in 1958. Before jumping into the new version, the OCPT sang a snippet of the old song which most of the congregation had sung at some point in their lives.

On June 15th, our youngest children played "How Firm a Foundation" on Table Top Bells with backup from the guitar (Bro. Robert) and the piano (Bro. Tommy). Several in this group will be moving up to the Youth Hand Chime Choir in the fall. The Adult Hand Chime Choir played "Come, Christians, Join to Sing" on June 22nd, and I so appreciate their willingness to serve. Although there were several regular chimers on vacation, some of our youth stepped up to give us enough to play.

The Adult Praise Team is planning to sing "Jesus, Messiah" on June 29th, a very fitting song to prepare our hearts for the Lord's Supper that morning. We are blessed with talent at Dresden First Baptist, and this has enabled us to spotlight all ages and use a variety of mediums to share God's message.

Outreach Ministries



Submitted by Sheila Swearingen, JOY coordinator

We had a great day at JOY on June 17th. 46 were in attendance for an inspiring devotion given by our own Richard Ferrell. Following a grilled burger lunch with all the trimmings we were entertained by local musical talent Larry Morgan of Sharon. He brought a program of religious music plus a stirring rendition of God bless the USA. Larry was an audience favorite and we were very appreciative of him sharing time and talent with us.

On July 15th we will meet again for a devotion and a catered meal of Monterey chicken breast, pasta salad, peas, rolls and berries and stars trifle. Dale Hutcherson, Weakley County Mayor, Dresden native and home grown FBC member will be speaking to us on the news, the activities, and the status of our great county. Please make plans to join us on July 15th in the Family Life Center for a great time of food and fellowship.

Also mark your calendars for the August 19th meeting. Brent Callicott of Union City and a local weatherologist will be joining us for a very interesting program.

Be sure to let the church office know if you can't attend or if you've missed a few months but plan to attend this month.



Lively Ones enjoyed a fun 'Evening in Paris' on May 23. There were 14 who joined us for a wonderful supper at Tom's, a stop at the Eiffel Tower, and on to Sweet Jordan's for a tasty ice cream treat!!

We have 10 Lively Ones going to Jackson on Thursday, July 10, for the annual "Jackson Sings the Gospel!" Featured will be Gold City, Karen Peck & New River, Brian Free & Assurance, Jeff & Sheri Easter, and The Guardians. We'll be having supper before the event at Brooksie's Barn. What a great evening of fellowship and gospel music it will be!!

Please check out the Lively Ones board in the North hallway for future events and trips! You may even see pictures of some of our past adventures!!

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

SUMMER BREAK - JOIN US AS WE MEET BACK
SEPT. 7 @ 4:50pm.

SEW FAITHFUL

We would like to say THANK YOU to all of you who have given monetary contributions and your time and talents to work in Sew Faithful this year. Because of you, we were able to deliver 91 kits to Northside Church to go to Tanzania in July. This makes a total of 220 kits we have delivered to them in the last 10 months and that means 220 girls will be able to stay in school.

Thank you again!!

Sew Faithful is taking a little break and will not have our regular meeting in July. Our next meeting will be Saturday, August 2, 2025 at 9:00 am.

We hope to see you there!!

Gifts to the Church

In Memory of Larry Moubray and In Honor of Family by: Diann Williams

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In Memory of Virginia Tinin by: Richard & Barbara Ferrell

In Memory of Don Bullock by: Bonnie Bullock (TBAH)

In Memory of Phillip, Violet, & Zachary Jackson by: Duane & Jesse Jackson (TBAH)

In Memory of Issac Prince and in Honor of Tommy Moore by: Larry & Linda Pollard (TBAH)

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



- 2nd Zach Roberts, Addie Guerrero, Kim Lowry, Helen Nevil (92)
- 3rd Stephen Gray
- 4th Betsy McDaniel
- 5th Matt Dunn
- 6th Parker Ferrell
- 7th Landon Carter, Lily Jo Leach
- 9th Robert Nanney
- 10th Jean Ainley
- 11th Emmie Clark, Darryl Sims
- 13th Bradley Young
- 15th Ashley Guerrero, Kolten Allen
- 18th Derick Williams
- 20th Jared Anderson, Paul Hutcherson
- 21st Ella Bynum, Tommy Moore, Stephanie Robinson
- 23rd Melanie Johnson
- 24th Waylon Gallimore, Kelley Swearingen
- 26th Theresa Ryan, Richard Trevathan, Regina Houston
- 29th Jeremy Allen, Cheryl Jackson, Pam Caldwell, Quinn Lutz, Maci Forrester, Sherryl McCulley
- 30th Rick Workman
- 31st Sheila Swearingen

July Volunteers

July 6

Nursery AM: Lisa Williams, Misty Gilmer, Bendy White, Jennifer Moore

Kids Worship not meeting

Greeters: Joe & Lisa Morgan, Grant Turner

Deacon: James Washburn

Safety & Security: Bruce Slusser | Wed. 9: Alex VanMeter

July 13

Nursery AM: Lori & Maci Forrester, Pat & Allie Phillips | PM: Becky Anderson

Kids Worship: Audrea Washburn

Greeters: Kerry & Renza Adams, Jim Moseley

Deacon: Marshall Anderson

Safety & Security: AM: Andrew Pritchett | PM: James Washburn | Wed. 16: Don Cleek

July 20

Nursery AM: Janet Robinson, Becky Anderson, Whitney & Tilley Hopper | PM: Carol Moore

Kids Worship not meeting

Greeters: Nyle & Cathy Carlton, Jerrie Moseley

Deacon: David Bailey

Safety & Security: AM: Jeremy Allen | PM: Ben Moore | Wed. 23: Rick Finney

July 27

Nursery AM: JD, Rhonda & Hudson McDaniel, Audrea Washburn, Cathy Carlton | PM: Lisa Harris

Kids Worship: Amber VanMeter

Greeters: Tommy & Maureen Sledd, Kelley Swearingen

Deacon: Nyle Carlton

Safety & Security: AM: Richard Ferrell | PM: David Bailey | Wed. 30: Adam Harrison

July Offering Ushers: Albert Simpson, Brice Williams, Eric Brooks, Ron Phillips, Ryeson Greer, Phillip 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
WCBA Great Commission Month		1	2 6:30 pm Prayer/Bible Study 7:20 pm Adult Choir practice	3		5 Men's Breakfast not meeting Sew Faithful not meeting
6 9:45 am Sunday School 11 am Worship No Evening Services	7 6 pm Young Adults Study	8	9 6:30 pm Youth Group 6:30 pm Prayer/Bible Study 7:20 pm Adult Choir practice	10 Lively Ones—Jackson Sings the Gospel	11	12 WCBA Summer Mis- sion Trip East TN July 12-July 18
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Sunday 11 am Radio Broadcast on 95.1fm
Sunday School lesson 10 am on live stream options

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

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