



MONTHLY

JULY 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

"I AM THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD. ANYONE WHO FOLLOWS ME WILL NEVER WALK IN DARKNESS, BUT WILL HAVE THE LIGHT OF LIFE."

JOHN 8:12

SHINE A LIGHT ON JESUS!

SHINE A LIGHT ON WHO JESUS REALLY IS
ILLUMINATION STATION
JOHN 8:12

Join us for VBS 2026!

 please pre register using code or at dresdenfbc.org

Dresden First Baptist

Place

Sun - Wed
Family Night on Wed
July 12 - 15

Date

light meal each night
6:00 - 8:30 pm

Time

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VBS - the brightest week of the year! While many people claim to know about Jesus, many are in the dark about who He really is. During VBS kids will explore all the ways light brightens, illuminates, reflects, and reveals.

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

We have a busy month ahead of us! The Lord has blessed us in so many ways. One of those ways is the blessing of business. We have so many opportunities to be involved here at Dresden First Baptist. We have opportunities for you and your family to join the family of believers in fellowship with one another. This month is an example of all that we have to offer members of all ages. We have kids and student camps, senior adult events, church-wide family fellowships, mission trips, and so much more. The only thing you need to do is participate. As a member of this church, you have the opportunity to fellowship with others in the bond of Christ. Don't miss out, come join us!

You can also take part in praying for the events we have at our church. You may not be going to kids camp, but you can pray for the kids who are going! You may not be going to student camp, but you can talk with the students about what they expect to learn at camp. Don't neglect to pray for the events of our church even though you may not be taking part in the event. Every event from going away to camps to staying here and having a VBS. What is needed is fervent prayer that God will use these events to draw people to Himself.

Dates to remember:

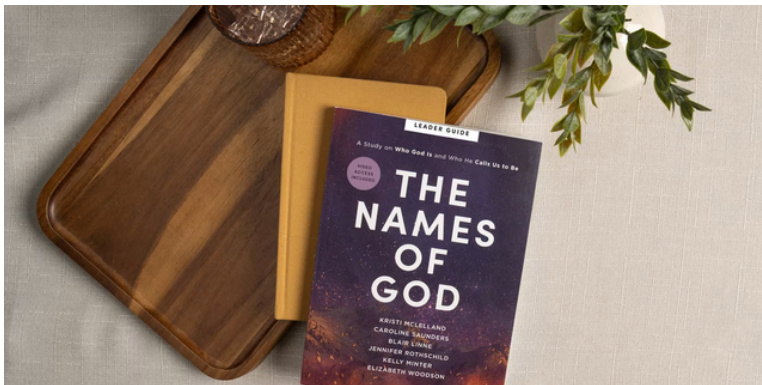
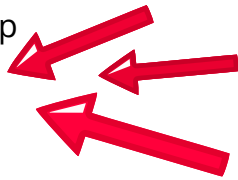
June 28-July 2- Student Camp

July 12-15 - VBS 6-8:30

July 21- Joy Meeting

July 24-27- Kids Crossings

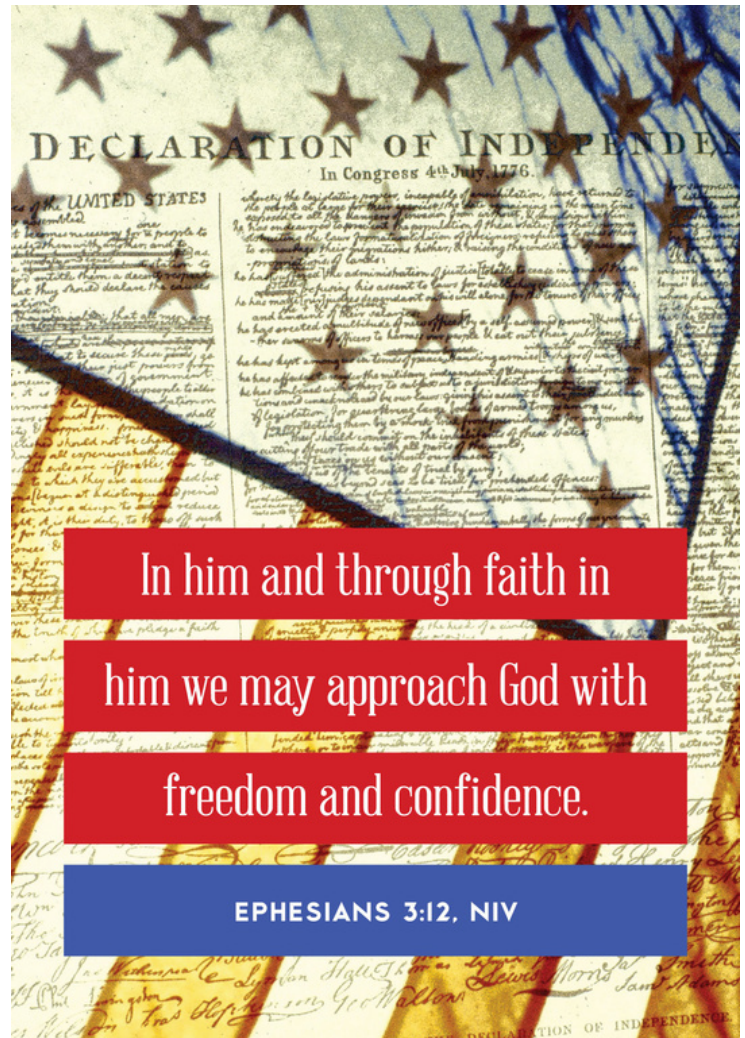
In Christ,



Ladies Bible Study Coming in August

In this 8-session Bible study for women, teachers Kristi McLelland, Caroline Saunders, Blair Linne, Jennifer Rothschild, Kelly Minter, and Elizabeth Woodson will walk you through the pages of Scripture. Together, you'll examine names for the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, and you'll discover the impact each of God's names has on your relationship with Him. Each name you encounter will inspire you to worship God for who He is and challenge you to consider how your life can be transformed in light of His character.

Watch for more details soon to sign up & reserve your study book.



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

Greetings again as we enter the last week of June and prepare for the month of July with exciting musical events in store.

Looking back at June, one of the early highlights was our annual Choir Banquet, held Sunday night, June 7, in the Life Center after our evening service. By not scheduling it on a week night, we had a better turnout with 31 choir members and 23 guests and support staff in attendance. The delicious barbecue meal was catered by CBR, followed by a fun Charades tournament. We have some really talented clue givers and guessers. In a very close contest, Kate Bynum was the champion clue giver, supported by folks at two tables who were outstanding guessers.

As always, everyone is a good sport, and the time of fellowship and community building is as enjoyable as the food. We so appreciate these dedicated (and fun) men and women who serve so faithfully all year.

The following Sunday night, June 14, our Young Adult Praise Team sang on Sunday night before Jeanie and I hosted them for a time of food and fellowship. Jeanie has more details about our praise teams in her column on this page. On June 21, Father's Day, our Adult Choir sang a beautiful and very timely song, "In the Father's Hands." This month the choir has also sung two new songs, including the peppy, contemporary song "Unashamed" and a beautiful medley, "My Redeemer is Faithful and True." It began with an a cappella verse before transitioning to a powerful ballad featuring Marshall Anderson on the solos.

I'm so proud of the choir in its ability to sing the four parts without music and stay on pitch for the second part of the medley when the music begins. I'm eager for the choir to learn other new songs in the coming weeks that I know will bless your heart, including a new patriotic medley, which they will sing on July 5 to commemorate our nation's 250th birthday.

Also in July, Jeanie and I will teach the children's music during VBS on July 12-15. We're also looking forward to the annual Good, Old Gospel Singing, which our church will again host on Friday night, July 31, featuring several groups, soloists and musicians, including Matthew Holt from McKenzie, who is pianist for the Gaither Vocal Band. Mark your calendar.

We appreciate those who serve with us in the music ministry and invite you to get involved.



Calls to Worship with Jeanie Nanney, Coordinator

Ah, summer...the best season of the year for vacations, sports, lake trips, family events, church camp, and so on. For obvious reasons, it's also the most challenging season of the year to get people together for our Calls to Worship. However, we continue to do our best to provide a meaningful Call to Worship to open our morning worship service every Sunday. Often that means pulling in support from adults or older youth to make a group work, and we so appreciate those who have been willing to help us out in this area.

On June 7th, the Older Children Praise Team, with only four out of twelve able to be present, did an outstanding job on a brand new and quite difficult praise song titled "The Name of Jesus" made popular by a youth group out of Seattle, Washington, known as Seattle Bethany Teens. On Flag Day, June 14th, seven youth and ten adults came together to celebrate this occasion with the playing of "You're a Grand Old Flag," first with the chimes and then with kazoos. We had a good time getting the song performance ready, and I think the congregation enjoyed it too. That evening, eight members of the Young Adult Praise Team sang one of their greatest hits, "No Fear," for the special music. After church was over, they all came over to our house for food, fun, fellowship, and games. How we have loved working with them over the last ten years and watching them grow into fine young adults, still willing to serve in their local church. We know from visiting with other music ministry leaders that this rarely happens, and we could not be prouder of them for sticking with us!

Four out of nine Youth Praise Team members were able to sing on Sunday, June 21st, but needed a little reinforcement from three adults since it involved both harmony and a three-part round. A huge thank you to Hannah Wilhite who agreed to sing with us at the very last minute.

We will finish the month of June with a Call to Worship by Under Grace, the ladies quartet. Again, we appreciate all of those who are willing and able to fit us into their busy summer schedules!



Outreach Ministries



Submitted by Sheila Swearingen, JOY coordinator

Our JOY group enjoyed a wonderful day of food, fellowship, and fun on Tuesday June 16th. 35 faithful attendees listened to our own Christian Carr give a timely devotion on the inheritance we receive from God, our Heavenly Father. Following a delicious catered meal, we were entertained by gospel music's Queen of West Tennessee, Joan Gregory Hicks and husband David. Such beautiful duets were performed, and everyone enjoyed their rousing, toe tapping versions of old southern gospel greats. Thanks to Joan and David for a wonderful program.

On July 21st Tommy and Karen Wilson will be our program guests as they tell us about their recent mission trip and work in East Tennessee.

Everyone, 55 and older, is invited to attend JOY. Each month a timely devotion is given, a great catered meal is served for \$5, and a program that is enjoyed by all is given. Please consider joining our group. You'll be glad you did.

The SAM committee (Senior Adult Ministry) also met June 16th for its bi-monthly meeting. Led by Brother Christian, this committee focuses on Lively Ones events and JOY gatherings. Devotions and meals are planned. Trips to gospel singings, Jubilee conferences, and out of town meals are discussed. If you have suggestions, ideas, or thoughts related to Senior adults please contact Bro. Christian or any committee member. Thank you so much. We love you all.

Committee members, Christian Carr, Janet Robinson, Judy Cleek, Bonnie Bullock, Ron and Pat Phillips, Kelley and Sheila Swearingen.



Submitted by Judy Cleek and Linda Pollard, Lively Ones Directors

We are looking forward to "Jackson Sings the Gospel" on Thursday evening, July 9 at 7 pm. We plan to have supper at Cheddar's before the event at the Carl Perkins Civic Center. This will be a great evening of some of the best in southern gospel music.

A Lively Ones tradition is Fall Jubilee in beautiful Gatlinburg!! This year the date is September 28-30, and we would love for you to experience this amazing three days in the Smokies with us, especially if you have never attended the event. Those who have been always want to return for a wonderful time of amazing gospel concerts, powerful speakers, including Dr. Robert Jeffress, pastor of First Baptist, Dallas, and as always, "laugh till you cry" comedy! The conference is designed to encourage and uplift attendees.

Details regarding cost, key performers, sign-up, and deadlines are on the Lively Ones board. We would love for you to join us!!!



WOM met on June 7 with 13 ladies in attendance. We will not meet in July or August; but will be busy helping in VBS serving sandwiches on Monday July 13. We do want to encourage all the ladies of the church that are curious about our meetings to attend September 13 at 4:50 pm. We would love to increase our attendance. Submitted by Denise Boane, WOM Director

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.

**MEN'S
PRAYER
BREAKFAST**

July 11 | 8 am



Give Today to the

WEAKLEY COUNTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
GREAT COMMISSION FUND OFFERING
Supporting our local, national, and international mission endeavors

July is GCF emphasis month

SEW FAITHFUL

Will not be meeting on our regular Saturday in July since it falls on the 4th of July holiday weekend. We will take a short break and come back for workdays on **Friday, July 31, 2026** and **Saturday, August 1, 2026** for the final push before Northside returns to Tanzania at the end of August. We will work from 9:00 am until Noon each day. With your help, we hope to be able to send 125 kits for this trip. Now is a great time to come work with us! We have sewing and non-sewing jobs to complete.

We hope to see you there!!

Gifts to the Church

In Memory of Fred Gatewood by: Betty Gatewood (TBAH)

In Memory of Terry Ward by: Richard & Barbara Ferrell, John & Melanie Johnson, Kelley & Sheila Swearingen (Bldg Fund)

In Memory of Bobbie Coleman by: Richard & Barbara Ferrell, John & Melanie Johnson (Bldg Fund)

In Memory of Mike Blassingame by: John & Melanie Johnson, Debbie Robbins (Bldg Fund)

In Memory of Rayma Peery by: John & Melanie Johnson (Bldg Fund)

In Memory of Dolores Quinton by: Truthseekers Class, Kelley & Sheila Swearingen, Richard & Barbara Ferrell (Bldg Fund)

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

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

In Memory of Carthel Wheeler by: Larry & Linda Pollard (TBAH)

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

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



- 2nd Zach Roberts, Addie Guerrero, Helen Nevil(93)
- 3rd Stephen Gray
- 4th Betsy McDaniel
- 5th Matt Dunn
- 6th Parker Ferrell
- 7th Landon Carter, Lily Jo Leach
- 9th Robert Nanney, Todd Morgan, Kinleigh Harris
- 10th Jean Ainley
- 11th Emmie Clark, Darryl Sims
- 13th Bradley Young
- 14th Larson Esch
- 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 Richard Trevathan, Regina Houston
- 27th Aneta McDaniel
- 29th Jeremy Allen, Cheryl Jackson, Pam Caldwell, Maci Forrester, Sherryl McCulley
- 30th Rick Workman
- 31st Sheila Swearingen

July Volunteers

July 5

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

| Kids Worship not meeting | Wed. 8: Ginger Forrester

Greeters: Sheila Swearingen, Deborah Ams, Rick Workman

Deacon: David Bailey

Safety & Security: AM: Kelley Swearingen, Brent Hopper | Wed. 8: Ben Moore

July 12

Nursery AM: Whitney & Tilley Hopper, Pat & Allie Phillips | PM: VBS

| Kids Worship: Amber VanMeter | Wed. 15: VBS Family Night

Greeters: Phillip & Tina Davis, Kelley Swearingen

Deacon: Ben Moore

Safety & Security: AM: David Boane, Austin Davis | PM: John Johnson | VBS Mon. 13: Martin Dunn | 14: David Esch | 15: David Esch

July 19

Nursery AM: Janet Robinson, Becky Anderson, Alyssa & Ella

Bynum | Kids Worship: Candace Allman | PM: Church Social |

Wed. 22: Lisa Harris

Greeters: Ron & Pat Phillips, Jim Moseley

Deacon: Eric Allman

Safety & Security: AM: Martin Dunn, Jeremy Allen | PM: Travis Davis | Wed. 22: Phillip Davis

July 26

Nursery AM: Rhonda & Hudson McDaniel, Audrea Washburn,

Cathy Carlton | Kids Worship not meeting | PM: Church Social |

Wed. 29: Becky Anderson

Greeters: David & Denise Boane, Keith Forrester

Deacon: Ron Phillips

Safety & Security: AM: Kenneth Gatewood, Thomas Sims | PM:

Duane Jackson | Wed. 29: Jim Mosely | Fri. 31: Kenneth Gatewood, Kelley Swearingen

July Offering Ushers: Albert Simpson, Eric Brooks, Brice Williams, Ron Phillips, Phillip Davis, Troy Hollis



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
Give Today to the WEAKLEY COUNTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION  GCF GREAT COMMISSION FUND OFFERING Supporting our local, national, and international mission endeavors.			1 6:30 Youth 6:30 Prayer/Bible Study 7:20 Choir	2	3	4 HAPPY FOURTH JULY
5 9:45 am Sunday School 11 am Worship No Evening Services	6	7	8 6:30 Youth 6:30 Prayer/Bible Study 7:20 Choir	9 Lively Ones Outing Jackson Sings the Gospel 	10	11 8 am Men's Breakfast WCBA Summer Mission Trip 11th-17th
12 9:45 am Sunday School 11 am Worship 5 pm Deacons Meeting 6-8:30 pm each night 		14	15	16	17	18
19 9:45 am Sunday School 11 am Worship 6 pm Ice Cream Social	20	21 JOY —JUST OLDER YOUTH— 11:30 am w/Tommy & Karen Wilson	22 6:30 Youth 6:30 Prayer/Bible Study/ Business Meeting 7:20 Choir	23	24 CKC July 24-27	25 CROSSINGS KIDS CAMP
26 9:45 am Sunday School 11 am Worship 6 pm Fish Fry	27	28	29 6:30 Youth 6:30 Prayer/Bible Study 7:20 Choir	30	31 9 am Sew Faithful 	



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