



MONTHLY

MAY 2025

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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...

"A son honors his father, and a servant his master. If then I am the Father, where is My honor? And if I am a Master, where is My reverence?" says the Lord of hosts to you priests who despise My name. Yet you say, "In what way have we despised Your name?" Malachi 1:6

Do we recognize the nature of God? As you read the verse today, you will discover that sons are to honor their fathers and servants are to honor their masters. It's the way it works best. Similarly, God says that He is both a father and a master. That's His nature. And He is to be honored as both a father and a master in our lives.

What does the word "honor" mean? In the Hebrew language, the word "honor" signifies something to which we attach weight, seriousness and significance. If you don't take God seriously, worship is going to be a bother and an inconvenience for you. But when you understand that God is your Father, that you've been born into a family by a new birth, and how much He loves you, things will change. You won't approach God with boring or lackluster worship. Instead, you're going to come before the Lord with love and devotion to honor our great God.

Our Lord had rather you not come to church at all than to come to church and not take God seriously. Revelation 3:15-16 says, "I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I could wish you were cold or hot. So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of My mouth."

God had rather have you cold - out and out against Him - than to have you lukewarm, coming to church, insulting Him with half-hearted worship. G. Campbell Morgan said that half-hearted worship or lukewarmness is the worst form of blasphemy. It is worse than not even believing in God. Why? Because lukewarmness says to God that you believe in Him but aren't really interested in worshiping Him. To be lukewarm is to be bored by your relationship with Almighty God.

(taken from Wonder & Worship by Adrian Rogers)

Blessings,

Bro. Don

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

Spring is in full swing, now, and all we lack of being free of cold weather is "blackberry winter." Now, we await the summer with abundant sunshine and hot, humid days ahead. Gardening and grass cutting is in our immediate future. Good days ahead with fresh vegetables and fried chicken on our tables prepared by those who know how to cook those items.

Our Sunday School average attendance for the past four Sundays was 157. We are showing signs of growth and strength in our church's Sunday morning Bible studies and fellowship. Now is the time for your Sunday School class members to reach out and encourage others to attend with you. There are fewer excuses for not attending church and Sunday School right now.

Please, let me encourage all of us to be on time for Sunday School. Our official church's starting time is 9:45 A.M. Teachers, especially, need to be prompt and in their place by this time, if possible. All of us manage to be on time for our weekday jobs or we just might get fired. Surely, studying God's Word and worshipping him is, at least, as important as what we do the rest of the week. Lack of promptness in the Lord's Work gives a poor example of our commitment to Him, who is always ON TIME when we need HIM!! Think about it.

Memorial Day is the last Monday in May. It is set aside each year to remember those who have fought, and some died, to preserve our freedoms in America. We also remember those of our church who have gone to Heaven in the past year. We all have precious memories of those also.

See you at Sunday School and preaching services.



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

This month we celebrate our graduates. We have members of our church graduating from high school, college, and with post graduate degrees. This is a great accomplishment, and we are proud of their hard work and dedication. We pray that God may use what they have learned and the experiences they have gained to advance His kingdom. He uses all things for His glory and our good. As our graduates prepare for their next chapter in life, we pray they may continue to walk in the will of the Lord. Many of you have watched these students grow. You have the privilege to continue to mentor and guide them as they continue to grow up into godly young men and women. Encourage them to seek after the Lord and glorify Him wherever they go and whatever they do. He is our refuge and strength. He will guide them through as they enter this new stage of life.

Here are the important dates to remember:

May 3: UT Martin Graduation

May 4: Graduate Recognition service. Join us as we recognize our high school and college graduates during our Sunday morning service.

May 11: Mother's Day. No Kids Worship.

May 16: Dresden Graduation

May 21: Last Day of School/Youth Fellowship

May 28: No Youth

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

Greetings from the music ministry! God has richly blessed us with a beautiful spring as we have worshipped together. After a busy and blessed April musically, we move into May with excitement.

PRAISE TEAMS, Chime choirs and others who present calls to worship and special music – All 5 praise teams and the adult and youth hand chime choirs, our male and female quartets and soloists continue to lead in worship in wonderful ways. (See Jeanie's column about this).

EASTER CANTATA – I hope you enjoyed our cantata, "By His Stripes We Are Healed," which was presented Easter morning, April 20. We pray that God was glorified. I'm proud of the choir of 33 singers, which included 9 soloists, who all sang from the heart.

ADULT CHOIR – As we move beyond the cantata the choir is focusing again on learning new music and singing some of our favorites that are "almost new," which is always exciting and fun.

As May approaches, we're also preparing for special events, the first of which will be Mother's Day, which this year falls on May 11, and at the end of the month as we observe Memorial Day. I'm so thankful for the dedication of our choir members. We urge you to join this ministry. There could be no better time.

CHOIR BANQUET – Speaking of choirs, those involved in our adult choir and support it will be honored at our annual Choir Banquet, which will take place this year on Thursday, May 15. It's so important to gather the choir family for fellowship and our sincere thanks for their service to God every week throughout the year. We also invite and use this as a means to thank the guys who serve in our sound/video booth (Dennis, Dickie, Craig and Clint), those who play piano and organ (Tommy, Tina and Judy) and Lisa, who helps keep our area spiffy.

THE CHURCH SISTERS ARE COMING! – Sisters Savannah and Sarah Church, award-winning, nationally known bluegrass Gospel fraternal twins, will be featured at the Iris Festival singing set for Wednesday, May 7, at our church. The singing starts at 7:00. Thanks, Tommy Moore, for bringing the duo here! The sisters released their first gospel album when they were 12, and they've had quite an impressive career, starting 18 years ago when they won a national talent competition. They have collaborated with Dolly Parton, Vince Gill and others and have appeared on country TV shows, such as "Larry's Country Diner." God bless you all.



Jeanie Nanney, Call to Worship Coordinator

Our Adult Praise Team opened the first service in April with the singing of "How Excellent Is Thy Name," with all seven team members present! Then on April 13th, the Youth Hand Chime Choir (with the help of three adults) celebrated Palm Sunday by playing "The Old Rugged Cross."



This group has made tremendous strides in their playing abilities in a very short time, and I am so proud of them!



What a joy it was to celebrate Christ's resurrection on Easter Sunday, April 20th. The adult choir presented a 35-minute cantata, "By His Stripes We Are Healed," and the children of DFBC from pre-K through sixth grade shared in the presentation by waving palm branches AND singing with the choir on the second song, "Love Comes to Town." Over the last three weeks, we used some of our TeamKid music time to help the children learn their part of the song, and they perfectly executed what we had practiced. We are grateful to their parents for allowing them to be a part.

The Older Youth Praise Team will finish the month of April when they present the Call to Worship on April 27th. We cannot say often enough how thankful we are for everyone who is a part of the music ministry at our church as it adds so much to the worship experience for all of us.

Outreach Ministries



Submitted by Sheila Swearingen, JOY coordinator

We had a great day at JOY on Tuesday April 15th with 51 in attendance. Our day began with a timely devotion by Bro. Jerry Powell. We then enjoyed a catered meal prepared by Rene Kimsey of Martin. Joan Jones Gregory of Alamo Tennessee was our guest gospel soloist for the day. Joan has sung her entire life and though now a Senior herself, she continues to travel and sing the gospel. Joan blessed us all with her talents and we were thrilled to have her with us.

We continue to have several from our local community churches join us each month and we're thrilled to have them.

On **May 20th** we will have chicken salad on croissants along with vegetables and heath bar cake for dessert. Our program will be Lindsay Rook Gordon and Penny Gallimore from Security Bank and Trust in Paris. They will be speaking on fraud protection, a program that Lindsay has presented to several Senior adult groups in other churches in West Tennessee. Please make plans now to attend and enjoy a good devotion, a good meal, and good fellowship. We'd love to have you. Please let Janet know if you can or can't come. We love our Seniors!



Eight Lively Ones had a glorious time in Branson for the Spring Jubilee 2025! A huge thanks to Larry Pollard for serving as our excellent driver! We enjoyed three days of hearing some of the very best in gospel music, great preaching, and comedians that had us laughing till we cried! A special experience was the live production at the Sight & Sound Theater of "David!" What an amazing story of "the man after God's own heart" beautifully presented on stage! Great food and fellowship were also enjoyed by all!!

Don't forget to check out the Lively Ones board in the north hallway to see what outings are coming up! If you have never joined us for a trip, we'd love to have you! Lively Ones are always ON THE MOVE!

Mark your calendar for:

Friday, May 23 fun evening just down the road to Paris TN for dinner at Tom's, a photo stop at the Eiffel Tower, and a sweet treat at Sweet Jordan's! We will carpool from the church at 5 pm.

Thursday, July 10! Lively Ones will be going to the annual "Jackson Sings the Gospel!" This is a favorite event for those who love good southern gospel music. On stage at the Carl Perkins Civic Center this evening will be Gold City, Karen Peck & New River, Brian Free & Assurance, Tribute Quartet, and The Perrys! The concert begins at 7 pm, and we plan to leave the church at 4:00 pm, stopping at Brooksies Barn for a wonderful meal. Tickets for the concert are \$23, and sign-up deadline is May 4. We invite all senior adults who enjoy gospel music to join us for this great evening!

Lively Ones Coordinators, Judy Cleek and Linda Pollard



Meets each month for fellowship, prayer,
and mission emphasis
Sun. May 18 @ 4:50 pm



Gifts to the Church

In Memory of Larry Moubray by: John & Melanie Johnson, Richard & Barbara Ferrell, Kenneth & Janice Gatewood, Tom & Suzie McWherter

In Memory of Freda Whitworth by: Richard & Barbara Ferrell

In Memory of Irma Taylor's sister and mother by: Pastor's SS Class

In Memory of Wilkins Esch by: David & Carrie Esch

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



- 1st Joe Morgan
- 7th Ashlyn Oliver
- 10th Emmylou Hopper, Rhonda Morgan
- 11th Charley Sawyer
- 12th Timi Woodward, Nash Bynum, Ron Parker
- 16th Ashley Cantrell
- 17th Kenneth Bennett
- 18th Mike Morris
- 19th Darlene Dunning, Thomas Turner
- 20th Jocie Weatherford
- 24th Kim Bailey, Grant Turner, Juniper Rempel
- 25th Michael Turner, Andrew Wilhite
- 26th Kenny Caldwell, Tessica Grady
- 28th Edith Dilday, Beckie Jolley
- 29th James Wetherell, Roane Bynum
- 30th Patsy Mangum
- 31st Kristin Kibbler

May Volunteers

May 4

Nursery AM: Alyssa Bynum, Pam Bennett, JD & Rhonda McDaniel

Kids Worship: Amber VanMeter

Greeters: Kenneth Gatewood, Bonnie Bullock, Keith Forrester

Deacon: Marshall Anderson

Safety & Security: Kelley Swearingen | Wed. 7: Jake Bynum

May 11

Nursery AM: Becky Anderson, Audrea Washburn, Lisa Williams, Misty Gilmer

Kids Worship not meeting

Greeters: Trudy Sanders, John Clark, Cayden Lowry

Deacon: David Bailey

Safety & Security: AM: Jeremy Allen | Wed. 14: James Washburn

May 18

Nursery AM: Pat & Allie Phillips, Janet Robinson, Cathy Carlton

PM: Becky Anderson

Kids Worship: Alyssa Bynum

Greeters: Ben & Jennifer Moore, Grant Turner

Deacon: Nyle Carlton

Safety & Security: AM: Andrew Pritchett | PM: Don Cleek | Wed. 21: Brian Mathis

May 25

Nursery AM: Christie & Ashleigh Greer, Pam Caldwell, Kenra Simpson

Kids Worship not meeting

Greeters: Jay & Claire Oliver, Jim Moseley

Deacon: Jake Bynum

Safety & Security: AM: Richard Ferrell | Wed. 28: Rick Finney

May Offering Ushers: Kenneth Gatewood, Jared Anderson, Adam Harrison, John Clark, Mike Morris, Ricky Kimmel



*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 8-11 am Sew Faithful
4 9:45 am SS Graduate Recognition 11 am Worship No PM Service	5	6	7 Iris Festival Activities 5-6:45 pm Pancake Supper 7 pm Gospel Night w/The Church Sisters	8	9	10 8 am Men's Breakfast
11 Mother's Day 9:45 am SS 11 am Worship No PM Service	12	13	14 5 pm Deacons Mtg 6:30 pm Youth Group 6:30 pm Prayer/Bible Study 7:20 pm Choir practice	15 6 pm Choir Banquet	16 	17
18 9:45 am SS 11 am Worship 4:30 pm Staff Mtg 4:50 pm WOM 5 pm Church Council 6 pm Worship/Business Mtg	19	20 11:30 am JOY Program: Lindsay Gordon & Penny Gallimore w/Security Bank & Trust	21 6:30 pm Youth Group 6:30 pm Prayer/Bible Study 7:20 pm Choir practice	22	23	24
25 9:45 am SS 11 am Worship No PM Service	26 	27	28 6:30 pm Prayer/Bible Study Youth not meeting 7:20 pm Choir practice	29	30	31



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

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

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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

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