MONTHLY

MESSENGER

MARCH 2026

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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:

Dear Church family,

As I write this I'm thinking (and hoping) "old man winter" is moving out and "new man spring" is just around the corner! That means daylight savings time (yay!), March Madness (go UCLA Bruins), and warmer weather (golf)!

We have a lot of great things happening in our church. Pray for our building campaign. We will have numbers coming out soon.

Easter is not far away. I am beginning a new series for the month of March entitled "The Journey". We will trace some of the steps of Jesus from the time of His temptations to the empty tomb.

God bless all of you,

Bro. Don

For a devotional thought - observe what Vance Havner wrote in "Day by Day":

Bought With An Infinite Price

Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot. I Peter 1:18-19.

Salvation is free but not cheap. The gift of God cost God His Son and the Son His life. With His own precious blood He bought us in the market, bought us out of the market, bought us never to return to the market. We are not redeemed by anything we are or have or can do.

The New Testament theme is a glorious Three R's - Ruin, Redemption and Regeneration. There is a tendency today to make much of Christ as teacher and example, but when the Greeks came to see Him He spoke immediately of His death. Modern Greeks need the message of redemption by His blood.

It is also the incentive to consecration and service. Not the copying of an Example or following a Teacher, but because we are not our own, but are bought with a price - for that reason we are to glorify God in our body and spirit, which are God's.

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

As we extend our Winter Bible Study into March, thanks to the snow and ice, I am reminded of Christ's Deity as we have studied in our study of the I AM statements in John's Gospel. We have learned through studying the I AM statements of John; Jesus is God. The Son is coeternal and coequal with the Father and the Spirit.

In our study, we have seen Jesus declaring that He is One with the Father. This is good news for us. God the Son dwelt among us. This is truly an amazing fact if you think about it. God came and taught us about who He is and how we are to follow Him. God taught us how to honor and love God. God taught us how to live in obedience to Him. And then amazingly, God offered Himself as an atonement for our sins because He loved us. God loved us enough to die for us. This immense love of God was displayed as Jesus died on the cross.

As we continue our study in the book of John, do not let the reality of Christ's Divinity go unnoticed. It is clear in John's writing and Jesus' teaching that He is God. I hope you relish the fact that God the Son, in love, laid down His perfect life for you. You are deeply loved by Him.

Here are some dates to remember:

March 8th: Daylight Savings Starts
March 13-14th: D3 Conference
March 17th: Joy Meeting
March 29th: Palm Sunday
*April 4th: Community Egg Hunt at Wilson Park
In Christ,
Christian Carr

Journey Through The Bible
2026 Bible Reading Plan - never too late to start
available at the Welcome Center Hub or online
https://dresdenfbc.org/resources/1-year-bible-reading-plan/

Cecelia "Cece" Dunn
Baptism

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.

"There is joy and urgency in the mission to take the gospel to the most under-reached and under-served parts of North America. What you give to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering is invested on the front lines where it will make the biggest gospel impact."
Kevin Ezell, President NAMB

Week of Prayer March 1-8: North American missionaries take the gospel to unreached communities throughout the U.S. and Canada. They depend on your prayers to open hearts and help them disciple new believers.

Church Goal $7793: To fuel their work, missionaries also need your gifts to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering.

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

The buttercups are blooming, and hints of spring are in the air with all the excitement and anticipation that brings. The same holds true for the music ministry as we're halfway through rehearsals for one of our main special events of spring, the Easter cantata, while all the phases of the music ministry continue to roll along each week.

Speaking of our Easter cantata, it's an awesome, powerful, worshipful new musical, titled "Risen Savior, Conquering King." It has a nice mix of mostly new songs that features the choir and several soloists. This again involves a mix of folks who have sung solos for years and newer folks whom we're equally excited to provide that opportunity. We kicked off rehearsals with our customary listening party on Monday, Jan. 19, with food and fellowship before hearing the cantata for the first time, enhanced by the DVD images. Easter comes two weeks earlier than last year. **We will present the cantata on Easter morning, April 5, at 10:45 a.m.**

Speaking of the Adult Choir, I'm so proud of the 30-plus men and women who are dedicated to this ministry and work hard each week to prepare without complaint and always with great attitudes. We're still looking for others to join our choir family.

Looking ahead a bit to later in April and May, after the cantata, we'll be scheduling our annual **choir banquet** and preparing for the **TeamKid** closing ceremony, showcasing their favorite songs. We'll also be learning new **VBS** songs and finding and preparing new songs for the choir and all praise teams.

And looking WAY ahead to Sept. 27 to Oct. 6, Tommy Moore and I will take part in a 10-day mission trip to Bonn, Germany, as part of the Tennessee Baptist Convention's partnership with Bonn Bible Seminary. During this trip, the Tennessee Baptist Men's Chorale, with which we sing, will partner with Bonn Bible Seminary to present ministry concerts, engage in community-building with local worship pastors, and collaborate with seminary students. Please pray for us as we prepare.

We appreciate you all and look forward to others getting involved in our music ministry. If you're interested, please let Jeanie or me know. We need you!

God bless you all!

Bro. Robert

Calls to Worship: In spite of the fact that many of us were still iced in on Sunday, February 1st, our always dependable Adult Praise Team showed up in full force to sing the Call to Worship, "Trust in You." We were happy to welcome our newest member, Jared Anderson, to the team.

On February 8th, eight members of our Youth Praise Team tackled a new song, "Won't Stop Now," with lyrics that emphasize how faithful God has always been and "He won't stop now," no matter what.

Sixteen members of our Adult Hand Chime Choir played "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" on February 15th. With numerous time signature changes and challenging holds throughout the song, the group remained undaunted and performed the song beautifully. They did, however, threaten to sneak into the music files and secretly dispose of this song so they don't have to play it again.

We ended the month of February with a mini children's choir as we combined the Younger Children Praise Team with our fourth graders so that we had 12 singers. They performed a fun worship song about the wise man and the foolish man titled "The Building Song."

Jeanie Nanney

Call to Worship Coordinator

Outreach Ministries

Submitted by Sheila Swearingen, JOY coordinator

The SAM (senior adult ministry) committee had their regular bimonthly meeting on Tuesday the 17th of February to discuss programs, devotions and meals for the upcoming months. Everyone is saddened by JOY having not met since December due to the heating unit being out in the family life center. Thankfully that situation is making positive progress and we WILL meet again on March 17th regardless.

Bro. Wayne Perkins will be our devotion speaker in March and Larry Porter from Greenfield will be our program speaker. Larry is a great man of God, and he will be sharing his powerful testimony with us. Our lunch will be barbeque, buns, pineapple casserole, baked beans and heath bar cake.

Our Penny the Pig offering for March, April, May and June will be going to the Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes.

We're so excited to meet again and we trust you will make every effort to attend. Spring is upon us and we're looking forward to a great year ahead! In April we will welcome Sheila Hart , a harpist, from Camden. This will be a program you do not want to miss. May will bring soloist JoAnn Gill and in June we will be entertained by David and Joan Gregory Hicks. Wonderful programs ahead so mark your calendars for the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 11:30 in the family life center for JOY. We love you all and we'd love to have you. Just let us know you're coming!

Submitted by Judy Cleek and Linda Pollard

Peeking into Spring, the Lively Ones are anxious to break out of the cold and snow and once again, get "On the Move!!" We enjoyed a "close to home" outing on Friday, February 20, as we gathered at the Cine Theater for a " Movie Night in Martin." We watched the movie sequel, I Can Only Imagine 2, which portrayed the continuing inspirational, true story of Bart Millard, the lead singer in the popular Christian band, Mercy Me. Supper and discussions about the movie provided the perfect ending to a fun evening !

Janet already has our tickets for April 24, for the sold-out Mark Lowry and Friends (Endless Highway) concert at the Dixie in Huntingdon. There are 11 signed up to attend this event, so if you haven't paid the $35 for your ticket, you may do so at your convenience.

As we look into summer, July 8-11 is the annual Jackson Sings the Gospel ! We'll be deciding soon which night to attend, always a tough decision.

We invite all Senior Adults to join us for fun and fellowship as Lively Ones enjoy multiple outings throughout the year! Check out our board in the north hallway for Lively Ones' events and outings! You just might see your picture posted there!!

First of all I want to thank everyone for their donations to the Lottie Moon offering, we have reached our goal. Thank you!

Our next meeting is Sunday, March 1, 2026, all ladies are welcome to attend.

We will serve noonday at the BCM on Thursday, March 12, 2026, we are expecting around 100 students.

It is time for our Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. Week of Prayer is March 1-8. Our goal for the Church is $7,793.00. There will be more information to come. Denise Boane, WOM Director

Gifts to the Church

In Memory of Paula Robertson by: Melanie Winstead (JOY, Lively Ones, Sew Faithful, Bldg., Nursery, Funeral Meal Funds)
In Memory of Paula Robertson by: The Ladies of Sew Faithful (Sew Faithful Fund)
In Memory of Dean Stow by: Pastor's Sunday School Class, Richard & Barbara Ferrell (Bldg)
In Memory of Vann Carr by: Richard & Barbara Ferrell (Bldg)
In Memory of Eugene & Paula Norman by: Kenny & Pam Caldwell (Bldg)
In Honor of Denise & David Boane by: Pastor's Sunday School Class (Bldg)
In Honor of Janet Robinson by: Robbie & Donald Perkins (Bldg)
In Honor of Martha Hopper by: Kelley & Sheila Swearingen (LMCO)

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

- 1st Anita Dunn, Kermit Hopper
- 3rd Temmis Guerrero, Bonnie Bennett, Brad Robinson
- 4th Emerson Lane Grady
- 7th Courtney Workman
- 8th Allie Phillips, Alana Owens
- 9th Keith Forrester, Kent Forrester, Gene Foster, Larry Jolley
- 13th Abigail Kibbler, Linda Walker
- 14th Susan Sims
- 15th Teresa Jackson, Joyce Hurt
- 16th Anthony Carter, Emily Carr
- 18th Whitney Hopper
- 19th Kenseth Esch, Janice Gatewood, Garry Mansfield
- 21st Dennis Moon
- 22nd Karlee Beth Forrester
- 24th Miriam Hollis
- 26th Mike Wilson
- 27th Holly Wilson
- 28th Terry Tyner
- 29th Heather Davis, Ally Bizzle, Gail Rogers, Martha Hopper, Dannyelle Williams
- 31st Cooper Allman

March Volunteers

March 1
Nursery AM: Lisa Williams, Misty Gilmer, Pam Caldwell, Kenra Simpson |PM: Becky Anderson | Kids Worship: Emily Gallimore
Greeters: David & Kim Bailey, Will Kibbler
Deacon: Ron Phillips
Safety & Security: AM: Jeremy Allen | PM: David Esch | Wed. 4: John Johnson

March 8
Nursery AM: Janie Clark, Becky Anderson, Heather Hodges, Jennifer Moore | PM: Pat Phillips | Kids Worship: Candace Allman
Greeters: Debbie Anderson, Kathy Simmons, Brandon Strain
Deacon: Larry Pollard
Safety & Security: AM: Kelley Swearingen | PM: Jim Moseley | Wed. 11: Keith Forrester

March 15
Nursery AM: Pat & Allie Phillips, Gwen Joyner, Carrie Esch | PM: Janet Robinson| Kids Worship: Anita Dunn
Greeters: Tommy & Karen Wilson, Kayla Strain
Deacon: Rick Finney
Safety & Security: AM: John Gallimore, Larry Pollard | Wed. 18: Adam Harrison

March 22
Nursery AM: Bendy White, Kayla Strain, Adam & Tamara Harrison | PM: Becky Anderson | Kids Worship not meeting
Greeters: Kenneth Gatewood, John Clark, Jerrie Mosely
Deacon: Ben Moore
Safety & Security: AM: Richard Ferrell | PM: Don Cleek | Wed. 25: Andrew Pritchett

March 29
Nursery AM: Jennifer McClain, Becky Anderson, Christie Carpenter, Ashleigh Greer | PM: Lisa Harris | Kids Worship not meeting
Greeters: Bonnie Bullock, Joan Stephens, Jim Moseley
Deacon: James Washburn
Safety & Security: AM: Kenneth Gatewood | PM: Ben Moore | Wed. April 1: Brian Mathis

March Offering Ushers: Ron Phillips, David Bailey, Tommy Sledd, David Boane, Thomas Sims, Brandon Strain

SMALL ACTS. BIG IMPACT.

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

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
MARCH 1—MARCH 8 WEEK OF PRAYER FOR AAEO—GOAL $7793 Theme: Your Generosity Is more than a gift Verse: Eph 3:20-21						
1 9:45 am Sunday School 11 am Worship 4:50 pm WOM 5 pm Deacons Mtg 6 pm Worship	2	3 12 pm WC Backpack	4 6:00 TK 6:30 Youth 6:30 Prayer/Bibe Study 7:30 Choir	5	6	7 **8 am Men's Breakfast** **9 am Sew Faithful**
8 Daylight Savings Starts 9:45 am Sunday School 11 am Worship 2-3:30 pm Baby Shower for Keely Vaughn 4:50 pm LBS 6 pm Worship/Business Mtg	9	10	11 6:00 TK 6:10 LBS 6:30 Youth 6:30 Prayer/Bibe Study 7:30 Choir	12 12 pm BCM Noonday hosted by WOM	13 D3 Conference Southern Louisville 9th—Young Adults	14 10 am Ladies Paint Party D3 Conference Southern Louisville 9th—Young Adults FLC in use 2-4 pm
15 9:45 am Sunday School 11 am Worship 4:50 pm LBS 6 pm Worship 2 pm WCBA VBS Clinic @ Bethel Baptist	16	17 St Patrick's Day 11:30 am JOY—Program Guest—Larry Porter	18 Robert Nanney—8 years DFBC Min. of Music 6:00 TK 6:10 LBS 6:30 Youth 6:30 Prayer/Bibe Study 7:30 Choir	19	20 First Day of Spring	21
22 9:45 am Sunday School 11 am Worship 6 pm Worship	23 Spring Break Week	24	25 No TK 6:30 Youth 6:30 Prayer/Bibe Study 7:30 Choir	26	27	28
29 Palm Sunday 9:45 am Sunday School 11 am Worship—Lord's Supper 4:50 pm LBS 6 pm Worship	30	31	MARCH IS PASTOR'S WIFE APPRECIATION MONTH THANK YOU MRS. SHERRYL FOR ALL YOU DO!			who's your ONE?

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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
dresdenfbc.org/Give

By Mail
PO Box 176
Dresden

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

DFBC Staff available if we can help in anyway

Dr. Don McCulley, Pastor
Christian Carr, Associate Pastor
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