



MONTHLY

MAY 2026

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
on Wednesday 6:30 pm
TeamKID 6:00 Youth Group 6:30
Adult Choir 7:25

From the Pastor's Desk:

In the book "Illustrating the Gospel of Matthew" which was compiled by James E. Hightower, Jr., a story is recorded by preacher and author Brian L. Harbour which reads:

A salesman wrote a letter to his boss which said:

Dear Bos:

I seen this outfit which they ain't never bot a dim's wurth of nothin from us and I sole them a cuple hundred thowsand dollaws wurth of guds. I'm gwine to Chawgo."

Two days later, a second letter arrived at the home office:

"Dear Bos:

I cum hear and I sole them half a milyon."

Both letters were posted on the bulletin board with a note appended by the company president. "We been spendin to much time hear tryin to spel instead of tryin to sel. Let's watch these letters from Gooch who is on the rode doin a grate job for us, and you go out and do like he dun!"

Performance, and not promises, is what counts in life. So it is in the Christian life. Jesus is not interested in profession as much as he is interested in performance. Not talking about our faith but demonstrating it is the singular challenge that comes to us all. Jesus said it like this: "Not every one who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven; but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven" (Matt. 7:21).

Something to think about, wouldn't you say?

God bless all of you,

Bro. Don

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

The senior class has waited for this month for a long time. While we consider this the month of May, our seniors consider this graduation month. This is the month they have waited for as they finish their papers, study for their tests, and wake up every morning to get ready for school. The graduating class of 2026 is ready and excited for May 15th.

We also are excited for them! As a church body, we celebrate the accomplishments of those within our congregation. Our seniors are vital members of our church body who serve in this church faithfully every week. I hope you make it a point to celebrate the many seniors we have graduating this May. They are excited, and so are we. Make sure you show your excitement for them in their great accomplishment. Encourage them with kind words and sweet gestures. And make sure they know you are grateful that they are a part of this church. It is a true blessing to have members of all ages within this congregation. Don't let this month pass by without congratulating the graduating class of 2026.

Dates to remember:

- May 3rd: Graduate Recognition
- May 6th: No TeamKid through the Summer
- May 15th: Graduation
- May 19th: Joy Meeting

In Christ,
Christian



DHS

- Cooper Allman
- Landon Carter
- JohnRobert Ferrell
- Grey Forrester
- Abigail Kibbler
- Brad Mathis
- Myra Grace Morgan
- Kaitlyn Ritz

UTM

- Samantha Hutcherson
- Maggie Oliver

A promotional graphic for a Mother's Day offering. It has a pink and white striped background. At the top left is a circular floral emblem. The text "May 10th" is in a large, bold, black font, with "Mothers Day Offering" in a smaller, cursive font below it. A photograph of a smiling baby in a blue shirt is on the right. At the bottom left is a QR code and the text "Give a gift on Mother's Day to support the kids at TBCH!". At the bottom is a blue banner with a house icon and the text "TennesseeChildren.org".

Children matter. TBCH provides Christ-centered homes for children in hard places across Tennessee through compassionate on-campus homes and foster families.

Mission Statement:

Tennessee Baptist Children's Homes ministers the love of Jesus Christ to children and families in crisis.

Vision Statement:

Tennessee Baptist Children's Homes envisions and strives to be a ministry to children and families that leads them to become whole persons in Christ through faith, hope and love.

Pray to support/give throughout the month of May to TBCH Mother's Day offering, in house or online.

A "Save the date" graphic. It has a yellow background with pink diagonal stripes. The text "Save the date for UBS!" is written in a large, pink, cursive font. To the right is a small square icon of a sun. Below the main text, the dates "July 12-15" and "6-8:30 pm" are written in a pink, sans-serif font, separated by horizontal lines.

A graphic for an event. It has a dark blue background with a white iris flower. A white rounded rectangle contains the text: "Join Us for Iris Festival Gospel Night @ 5-6:45 Pancake Supper/donations at the door @ 7 Concert free admission featuring Dawson & Tanea Hull on the piano & clarinet".

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, "Risen Savior, Conquering King," which was presented Easter morning, April 5. We pray that God was glorified. I'm proud of the choir of 31 singers, which included 11 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, including Mother's Day, which this year falls on May 10 and also includes Baby Dedication Day, and on May 24 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. As we honor our high school and college grads on the morning of May 3, our Adult Praise Team will present a very special song.

CHOIR BANQUET – Speaking of choirs, those involved in our adult choir and support our music ministry will be honored at our annual Choir Banquet, which will take place in May in the Life Center. We're still nailing down the date. 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 Cody), those who play piano and organ (Tommy, Tina and Judy) and Lisa, who helps keep our area spiffy.

God bless you all.

Robert Nanney



CALLS TO WORSHIP: After celebrating Easter Sunday on April 5th, our first Call to Worship for the month, which was on April 12th, featured ten members of the Older Children Praise Team. They did an outstanding job with their singing of "Thank You, Jesus," a song made popular by Hillsong Kids. For the first time ever with this group, we stepped up our game by adding some harmony!

On April 19th, seven members of our Youth Praise Team sang a relatively new contemporary Christian song by Caleb and John called "Finished." We continue to try to challenge this group with songs that are a bit more difficult as well as popular in the world of Christian music.

The Young Adult Praise Team will finish the month of April when they sing on the 26th. Four members of this group are high school seniors, and we have had the privilege of working with them for over ten years. What a blessing it has been for Robert and me to watch them grow in their faith while continuing to serve the Lord and their church. We wish them all the best in what lies ahead for them after graduation.

Jeanie Nanney

Call to Worship Coordinator

Outreach Ministries



Submitted by Sheila Swearingen, JOY coordinator

What a joyous day we had on April 21st at JOY. Our devotion was led by James Satterfield, UTM-BCM Campus Men's Missionary and we were so grateful he joined us and presented such an interesting and timely message.

Following a delicious catered meal of chicken spaghetti, green beans, rolls and dessert, we enjoyed a musical program presented by Sheila Mitchel Hart, a harpist from Holladay, Tennessee. What a blessing! Such talent! Sheila studied at Vanderbilt, Blair School of Music, and in Ireland. She owns and teaches at Birdsong School of Music, does workshops and conferences, and enjoys entertaining for groups such as JOY. Sheila is a member of Missionary Grove Baptist Church in Camden where she plays the keyboard. We were very honored to have Sheila present her harp renditions of beautiful sacred music.

In May we will welcome soloist and local talent **Mrs. JoAnn Gill** from Martin. Mrs. Gill has been with us before, and she is one of our very favorites. You don't want to miss this JOY meeting. Call now and make your reservations for **Tuesday, May 19th!** We all look forward to seeing you then.

Please remember our Iris Festival gospel singing and pancake supper on Wednesday night **May 6**. The pancake supper will be from 5 to 6:45 (donations at the door). The singing, beginning at 7:00, will feature Dawson and Tameea Hull, pianist and clarinetist from Germantown Baptist Church. We hope you will join us for all these activities. Love you all.

The JOY committee submitted by Sheila Swearingen



Submitted by Judy Cleek and Linda Pollard

Eleven DFBC Senior Adults enjoyed an evening of incredible music and an abundance of laughter from the multi-talented singer, songwriter, and Christian comedian, Mark Lowry, along with the popular gospel group from Trenton, Endless Highway. It was a memorable evening! Prior to the event, we enjoyed a wonderful meal together at Mallard's.

Mark your calendar for **Thursday, July 9**, when Lively Ones will be going to the Civic Center in Jackson for the annual **"Jackson Sings the Gospel!"** A fantastic lineup of gospel greats will be sharing the gospel message in song for the entire evening. Joseph Habedank, award winner for Best Soloist in gospel music will be featured, along with the popular groups Triumphant Quartet, Karen Peck & New River, Tribute Quartet, and the Down East Boys. Before the event, we will gather around the table for great food and fellowship at Cheddar's. Look for the Sign-Up Sheet on the Lively Ones board in the North hallway. Tickets are \$23, and may be paid to Janet upon sign-up.

We invite you to join us as we plan outings throughout the year for our DFBC Senior Adults. Your ideas and suggestions for places to go and things to do are always welcomed!! We like to stay "ON THE MOVE!"



WOM ladies teamed up with the LIFT ladies and delivered cookies to the teachers at Dresden Elementary as a morale booster for the state testing month. We realize this is a stressful time and wanted to encourage our teachers with cards and cookies.

Four of our WOM enjoyed gathering with other mission minded women from across the state for the TBMB Missions Get Together in Dickson April 17 & 18th. They returned home inspired & empowered to connect, tell, disciple, lead & serve @ DFBC.



THE MOTHER'S DAY OFFERING



BENEFITTING TENNESSEE BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOMES

show your love for the kids in our care by participating in the Mother's Day Offering this year - through the month of May



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.



Gifts to the Church

In Memory of Mary Caldwell by: Kenny & Pam Caldwell (Bldg)

In Memory of Wilkins Esch by: David & Carrie Esch (Nursery)

In Honor of Kenseth Esch by: David & Carrie Esch (Youth)

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



- 1st Joe Morgan
- 2nd Wyatt Davis
- 3rd Doris Dean
- 4th Tyler Hutcherson
- 5th Melissa Cobb
- 7th Ashlyn Oliver
- 9th David Dilday
- 10th Emmylou Hopper, Bryce Wilson, Derick Leach, Chuck Brundige, 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
- 23rd Maurine Eaton
- 24th Kim Bailey, Grant Turner, Juniper Rempel
- 25th Michael Turner, Andrew Wilhite
- 26th Lana Eaves, Kenny Caldwell, Tessica Grady, Tracy Robins
- 27th Isla Strain
- 28th Edith Dilday, Beckie Jolley
- 29th James Wetherell, Emily Lewellen, Claire McClain, Roane Bynum
- 30th Patsy Mangum
- 31st Kristin Kibbler

May Volunteers

May 3

Nursery AM: Renza Adams, Lisa Williams, Pam Caldwell, Kenra

Simpson | Kids Worship Alyssa Bynum

Greeters: Ricky Finney, Lisa Williams, Michael Turner

Deacon: Eric Allman

Safety & Security: AM: Jeremy Allen, Martin Dunn | Wed. 6: John Gallimore

May 10

Nursery AM: Becky Anderson, Tamara & Adam Harrison, Pat & Allie Phillips | Kids Worship not meeting

Greeters: Mark & Dannyelle Williams, Kelley Swearingen

Deacon: Ron Phillips

Safety & Security: AM: David Boane, Travis Davis | Wed. 13: Adam Harrison

May 17

Nursery AM: Bendy White, Kayla Strain, Heather Hodges, Jennifer Moore | PM: Lisa Harris | Kids Worship Amber VanMeter

Greeters: Jeremy & Heather Allen, Will Kibbler

Deacon: Larry Pollard

Safety & Security: AM: Kenneth Gatewood, Austin Davis | PM: David Esch | Wed. 20: Jim Moseley

May 24

Nursery AM: Audrea Washburn, Carrie Esch, Courtney

Workman, Deborah Ams | Kids Worship not meeting

Greeters: Joe & Lisa Morgan, Brandon Strain

Deacon: Rick Finney

Safety & Security: AM: Thomas Sims, Phillip Davis | Wed. 27: John Johnson

May 31

Nursery AM: Becky Anderson, Jennifer McClain, Alyssa & Ella Bynum | PM: Becky Anderson | Kids Worship not meeting

Greeters: Kerry & Renza Adams, Kayla Strain

Deacon: Ben Moore

Safety & Security: AM: Troy Hollis, Nyle Carlton | PM: Larry Pollard | Wed. June 3: Jake Bynum

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



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



May 2026

connect with us



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
THE MOTHER'S DAY OFFERING		BENEFITTING TENNESSEE BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOMES				1 Iris Festival 1st—6th
3 9:45 SS 11 Worship/Graduate Recognition w/ procession No Evening Services/Cemetery Walk	4 Teacher Appreciation Week	5	6 No MidWeek 5-6:45 pm Pancake Supper 7 pm Gospel Singing	7 	8	2
10 Mother's Day—TBCH offering 9:45 SS 11 Worship/Baby Dedication No Evening Services	11	12	13 6:30 Youth 6:30 Prayer/Bibe Study 7:20 Choir	14	15 	16
17 9:45 SS 11 Worship 5 Church Council 6 Worship/Business Mtg	18	19 JUST OLDER YOUTH 11:30 am JoAnn Gill—music guest	20 Last day of school 6:30 Youth 6:30 Prayer/Bibe Study 7:20 Choir	21	22	23
24 9:45 SS 11 Worship No Evening Services		26	27 6:30 Youth 6:30 Prayer/Bibe Study 7:20 Choir	28	29	30
31 9:45 SS 11 Worship/Lord's Supper 6 Worship						



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

DFBC Staff available if we can help in anyway

- Dr. Don McCulley, Pastor
- Christian Carr, Associate Pastor
- Dr. Robert Nanney, Min. of Music
- Becky Anderson, Nursery Director
- Janet Robinson, Ministry Assistant
- Lisa Harris, Custodian

Connect with DFBC on www.dresdenfbc.org
 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