



MONTHLY

NOVEMBER 2025

MESSENGER

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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 we enter this "Thanksgiving Season" let us be reminded of Paul's exhortation to the church of Thessalonica in I Thessalonians 5:18, "In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."

We concede that we should give thanks in "some things", but "everything" and "all" things? Please note, Paul says give thanks "in" everything, and not "for" everything. It speaks more about our perspective toward life than it does about our attitude toward our circumstances.

Perhaps, some of us need to adjust our view of God's providence. One theologian wrote "God embraces us in Christ so tenderly, that He turns to our advantage and welfare everything that befalls us." He takes every detail and weaves each one into His perfect plan. Another writer penned these words "Providence affirms that no detail is irrelevant or insignificant." God is using everything for our ultimate good and His everlasting glory. To give thanks "in" everything is to affirm our resolute belief that God is over-seeing every detail of our lives. It pleases Him to know we trust Him so much that we are willing to live life constantly thankful.

On a couple of other notes; first, let me express my deep gratitude to Bro. Wayne for his excellent work in the years of ministry here at FBC. Godspeed to you my dear friend!

Secondly, the month of November is being designated as the season of prayer for our building emphasis. As you know, we have voted to expand our facilities. How much will be dependent on what the church family is willing to give. The months following will be pledge and process. Let's just call this - Prayer - Pledge - Proceed.

See you Sunday,

Bro. Don



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

November ushers in the wonderful season of Thanksgiving. We have so much to be thankful for as a church and within the music ministry. Jeanie and I are especially thankful for the participants of all ages who are involved year 'round (singing and/or playing chimes or bells), not counting the more than 50 children and adults participating in this year's Christmas musical. Several are involved in more than one group, but in all they fill many roles in the music ministry. For that we're so thankful.

This is always the busiest time of the year musically as we continue preparation for the two major Christmas programs.

Christmas Cantata practice began on Sept. 24 as an extension of Wednesday night choir practice, and we're more than halfway through the process. We appreciate those who are singing with us. Mark your calendars for Sunday, Dec. 14, as we present the cantata "All Is Well" at 10:45 during the morning worship service. There will still be time for Bro. Don to bring his message afterward. It's a beautiful cantata musically and visually with the DVD accompaniment, but more important, it presents a clear Christmas story in a way that will bless hearts. You'll also hear several soloists.

The other big news involves in-person rehearsals, which start in November, for our Christmas musical with a Star Trek theme titled "In A Galilee Far, Far Away." See Jeanie's column on this page for more details. This will be presented the evening of Sunday, Dec. 7, at 6:00. I appreciate Jeanie's hard work to oversee all aspects of the musical, including adding lines of script where needed to add characters or new parts of the plot.

Meanwhile, our Adult Choir continues to rehearse and sing each week, and I appreciate their dedication. We're always looking for more, so please see us if you're interested.

Jeanie and I wish you all a wonderful Thanksgiving!

God bless you all!

Jeanie Nanney, Call to Worship Coordinator - Christmas Musical Director

CALLS TO WORSHIP IN OCTOBER: The Older Children Praise Team delighted the congregation on October 5th with their singing of "The Butterfly Song." We had nine singers that morning, and they performed the song beautifully!

Fall Break always makes Calls to Worship a challenge because so many families are traveling, but we were able to pull together enough adult chimers (and one youth) on October 13th to play a TeamKid favorite, "You Are My All in All." On October 19th, the final Sunday of Fall Break, we had four of our Adult Praise Team members lead with "Sing to the King."

We will close out the month of October with the Young Adult Praise Team, who will sing a lively new song by Micah Tyler called "God Did It."

CHRISTMAS MUSICAL: It's audition time for the Christmas musical as the children try out this week for characters, soloists, and readers. Practice will begin in earnest on November 2nd giving us five Sundays to get everything ready before dress rehearsal on December 3rd.

This year's Christmas musical, "In a Galilee Far, Far Away," is set in the present time aboard a spaceship called the S. S. Emmanuel. (Think "Star Trek.") It is the world's most advanced spaceship; and when the play opens, the crew aboard the ship is orbiting into deep space. Their mission is to discover, witness, and record the indescribable beauty and size of God's creation. Since the ship can travel at or near light-speed, the crew plans to complete in just six months what would take a "normal" spaceship decades. Their mission motto is Psalm 19:1: "The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands."

Through an unforeseen series of events, the crew finds themselves traveling back in time to different eras in history as they attempt to find their way to Bethlehem where they hope to witness the birth of Jesus. Their journey does not go as planned, however, and the result leads to some interesting encounters with various people from the past. You won't want to miss this delightful Christmas musical that will feature both adults and children from our church, so be sure to SAVE THE DATE of December 7th at 6:00 p.m.!



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

During this time of year, we are reminded of the blessings of the Lord. We are thankful for his many blessings to us that we know in his mercy we do not deserve. God has blessed us with a church that loves the Lord and is devoted to doing the work of the kingdom. He has blessed many of us with a family that loves us and supports us when in need. He has blessed us with friends who care for us and are a shoulder to lean on. These are but a few of the blessings of the Lord we should be thankful for this season.

I hope you take the time to be with your church family, your family, and your friends this season. Take the time to express your thankfulness to them for being a part of your life. There is no better time to tell people in your life that they are a blessing from the Lord. And as you express your thankfulness to them, don't forget to express thanksgiving to the one who gave them to you.

Do not forget to express your thankfulness to the Lord for his blessings in prayer. O give thanks to the Lord in this season, for he is so good.

Here are some dates to remember this month:

Nov. 1st - Registration for our Youth Winter Retreat is open. The Youth Winter Retreat will be at the Reelfoot Retreat Center on January 9th-10th. The cost is \$40, and you can register online.

Nov. 2nd - UTM BCM Impact Team during evening service.

Nov. 13th - DFBC serves lunch for the BCM at UTM.

Nov. 19th - Church-wide Operation Christmas Child box packing during TeamKid.

Nov. 26th - No TeamKid or Youth

Nov. 27th - Thanksgiving Day



Be sure to check bulletin, emails/text each week up to Nov. 19 for list of shoebox items to bring. Donations are also needed to help with the \$10 postage for each box we pack.

Goal of 300+ - Our traveling OCC trophy will be given to the SS class who brings the most items to pack the most boxes.

SEW FAITHFUL

Will Meet

Saturday, November 1, 2025

Beginning at 9:00 am

We will be working on feminine hygiene kits for girls in Tanzania.

Women on Mission are honoring us with a luncheon that day beginning at 11:00 am. We need a count of how many will be attending. If you have not already signed up, please contact Sherryl at 731-514-0696 by Sunday, October 26, 2025 to let her know if you will be attending.

We hope to see you there!



Dresden FBC Ladies Ministry to host
Sun. Nov. 16, 2025 | 1:15 pm

A light lunch will be served at Noon until 1:00 pm followed with the virtual event - you'll be immersed in an atmosphere of worship, encouragement, and teaching that will inspire you to create room in your heart, home, and community for the transformative power of Jesus Christ.

This is a free event to all ladies in the community - we do ask that you rsvp by Mon. Nov. 10th for program and food count.

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Outreach Ministries



Submitted by Sheila Swearingen, JOY coordinator

This Autumn weather has been gorgeous. I know Winter is around the corner but the colors this year have been beautiful and the weather picture perfect. We are so blessed.

The attendance numbers for JOY are staying in the low to mid-forties. We are so grateful for our many visitors that continue to come and enjoy the programs, food, and fellowship with our Seniors.

We were SO blessed this past month in having Dr. Phil Mitchell as our devotional speaker. We were then blessed by the powerful testimony of Gleason native, Allison Bowers. What grace Allison displays in the wake of grief in the untimely death of her husband. Only GOD!

Please join us November 18th for a wonderful program given by Baptist hospice personnel. Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, green beans, biscuits and pumpkin squares are on the menu. Tom McWherter will be delivering our devotion.

We are winding down the year, and December promises to be an exciting time for JOY with comedian and former worship leader Kevin Hamilton. Our pastor, Bro. Don McCulley will bring the devotion. If you haven't joined JOY or haven't been in a while, make plans to be with us. We'd love to have you.

On a final note, I must pay tribute to our fearless JOY leader for the past 8 years, Bro. Wayne. He has been the backbone of this ministry. When some of us first presented the idea of JOY to him he was on board with both feet! He has arranged our devotion speaker for nearly 100 meetings and emceed most of those as well. What a great servant of God! We will miss you Wayne Perkins. Your leadership, wisdom, judgment, recommendations, and humor will be absent from us, but we wish you the very very best in this next chapter of life. We love you dearly.

The JOY and Senior Adult Ministry



Submitted by Judy Cleek

The fall season will take the Lively Ones to beautiful Reelfoot Lake on Saturday afternoon, October 25, for a lovely scenic drive along the lake and a tasty meal at Boyette's. We have 15 to date to join us for this fun outing that senior adults always enjoy so much. The food and fellowship will be superb!

Now we look forward to two Christmas events the first weekend in December. Bethel University's "Christmas with Renaissance" in McKenzie is Friday, December 5 at 7 p.m., and "Christmas at The Dixie" in Huntingdon is Saturday, December 6, at 7:30. We will enjoy a meal at Mallard's before the production at The Dixie. As you can see, Lively Ones will be getting in the Christmas spirit with these two very special holiday events!

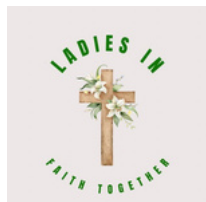
Please check the Lively Ones bulletin board in the north hallway for photos of our outings and information about future trips and events! We look forward to a great 2026 as we stay "On the Move!" Ideas for outings for our senior adults are always welcomed!! Please contact Judy Cleek or Linda Pollard, Lively Ones Coordinators, if you have any questions or ideas to share.



Submitted by Denise Boane, WOM Director

We have had 15 in attendance the last two months. All ladies are invited to attend the first Sunday of each month at 4:50 pm; as we focus on prayer & missions.

This past meeting Carol Moore read the prayer calendar and Bonnie Bullock had a program on Eastern Europe, sharing some interesting facts about the countries. On November 1 we will host a catered lunch to recognize the volunteer work that the Sew Faithful group are doing. We will meet on Sunday Nov. 2 at 4:50 pm to finish the planning for BCM Noonday lunch on Thurs. Nov. 13. We will also be planning our Christmas bag pack day for the nursing home and shut-ins.



The goal of L.I.F.T. is to encourage young women to live out their Christian values through service and make a positive impact on the lives of others, encourage church involvement, and support community outreach.

Ladies 18-54ish come join us; we will gather Wed. Nov. 12 at 6 pm to work on our first project

Gifts to the Church

In Memory of Hycinth Smith by: Ron & Pat Phillips (Bldg)

In Memory of Delbert Rainey by: Ron & Pat Phillips (Bldg)

In Honor of Kelley & Sheila Swearingen and Brad & Stephanie Robinson by: Debbie Plumlee (Bldg)

In Honor of Tommy & Carol Moore by: Richard & Barbara Ferrell (Bldg)

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

NOVEMBER



- 1st Peyton Oliver
- 3rd Tate Moore, Tyler Moore
- 4th Kurt Ferrell, Miller Moore, John Cianfarani
- 6th Heather Allen
- 8th Myra Grace Morgan
- 9th Remi Kate Sloane
- 10th James Edgar Washburn
- 11th Alex VanMeter, Ryeson Greer, Trudy Sanders
- 13th Samantha Hutcherson, Jase Gallimore, Melissa Morris, Larry Houston
- 15th Cece Dunn, April Cashion
- 16th Thomas Sims
- 17th Tamara Harrison
- 20th Jayson Ritz, Marshall Anderson
- 22nd Kenra Simpson
- 23rd Tilley Hopper, Barbara Ferrell, Mary Robertson
- 26th Tanna Wetherell
- 27th Drake Lutz, Denton Friar
- 28th Christian Carr, Jake Bynum, Gerline Mansfield
- 29th Betty Shipton, Randy Morgan
- 30th Finley Strain, Marylou Tibbs

November Volunteers

November 2

Nursery AM: Christie Carpenter, Ashleigh Greer, Lisa Williams, Misty

Gilmer | PM: Janet Robinson

Kids Worship: Tamara Harrison

Greeters: Ricky Finney, Lisa Williams, Kelley Swearingen

Deacon: Ricky Finney

Safety & Security: AM: Keith Forrester | PM: Ben Moore | Wed. 5: Alex VanMeter

November 9

Nursery AM: Becky Anderson, Jennifer McClain, JD, Rhonda, & Hudson McDaniel | PM: Lisa Harris

Kids Worship: Brittany Forrester

Greeters: Donny Smith, Brian Mathis, Sheila Swearingen

Deacon: Ben Moore

Safety & Security: AM: Bruce Slusser | PM: Larry Pollard | Wed. 12: Adam Harrison

November 16

Nursery AM: Bendy White, Kayla Strain, Anita & Josh Dunn | PM: Pat Phillips

Kids Worship: Kristen Kibbler

Greeters: Codie & Leanna Clark, Keith Forrester

Deacon: Kenneth Gatewood

Safety & Security: AM: Jeremy Allen | PM: Don Cleek | Wed. 19: Richard Ferrell

November 23

Nursery AM: Pat & Allie Phillips, Janie Clark, Janet Robinson

Kids Worship not meeting

Greeters: Jeremy & Heather Allen, Rick Workman

Deacon: James Washburn

Safety & Security: AM: David Bailey

November 30

Nursery AM: Becky Anderson, Courtney Workman, Lori & Maci Forrester

Kids Worship not meeting

Greeters: Mark & Dannyelle Williams, Grant Turner

Deacon: Marshall Anderson

Safety & Security: AM: John Gallimore | Wed. Dec. 3: John Johnson

November Offering Ushers: David Bailey, Will Kibbler, Grant Turner, Rick Workman, Codie Clark, 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
MONTH OF PRAYER FOR BUILDING CAMPAIGN						1 8 am Men's Breakfast 9 am Sew Faithful 12 pm Sew Faithful luncheon by WOM
2—Daylight Savings Time Ends 9:45 am Sunday School 11 am Worship 4:50 pm WOM 5 pm Deacons Mtg 6 pm Worship w/ BCM Impact Team	3	4 12 pm WC Backpack	5 6 pm TeamKID 6:30 pm Youth Group 6:30 pm Prayer/Bible Study 7:30 pm Adult Choir practice	6	7	8 Agape Class social
9 9:45 am Sunday School 11 am Worship 6 pm Worship/Business Meeting	10 	11 Veterans Day	12 6 pm TeamKID 6 pm LIFT 6:30 pm Youth Group 6:30 pm Prayer/Bible Study 7:30 pm Adult Choir practice	13 12 pm BCM Noonday hosted by WOM	14	15
16 9:45 am Sunday School 11 am Worship 12 pm Prepare Him Room virtual event 6 pm Worship	17	18 11:30 am JOY	19 6 pm Church Wide OCC Shoebbox Packing Party	20	21	22
23 9:45 am Sunday School 11 am Worship 6 pm Community Wide Thanksgiving Service @ Dresden Methodist	24	25	26 NO MIDWEEK		28	29
30 9:45 am Sunday School 11 am Worship/Lord's Supper No Evening Services						



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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and [www.dresdenfbc.org/Live Stream](http://www.dresdenfbc.org/LiveStream)
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

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