



MONTHLY

MESSENGER

OCTOBER 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...

Renew Your Mind

Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God - this is your spiritual act of worship. Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is - his good, pleasing and perfect will. Romans 12:1-2

The Bible tells us that we need to renew our minds. Have you ever wondered why that is? It is because what we think is what we become. In the Old Testament, it says, "For as he thinks in his heart, so is he" (Prov. 23:7 NKJV). What we think about is what we are going to yearn for and what we will become. Rene Descartes famously wrote, "Cogito, ergo sum," or "I think, therefore I am." What we think about is also what we worry about; what we worry about is what we are afraid of, and that will become our idol. What do you think about? Do you think like a Christian (taking every thought captive to obey Christ), or do you think as the world thinks and just add a Christian tagline or motto to your thoughts?

When we renew our minds, we start to think in a Christian way. This changes the way we do things, It changes the way we parent, how we treat our spouse, how we talk and act in our workplace, and how we live our lives. It is not enough to just keep thinking the same way we used to think before, adding a few touch-ups and shining it all up. That will not make a difference. We need to renew our minds entirely.

It is so important for us to understand that the way we think affects our lives. It is the difference between living a life of worry and anxiety and living a life of freedom and peace. I want to encourage you to read the Scriptures and fill your mind with the Word of God. Worship and listen to preaching. Fill your mind with the things of God, so it will be renewed in a godly way, and then you will respond to things in a godly manner.

I realize this is easier said than done. But it has to be a fight we continually wage. So much is coming at us each day, so much to worry about. This is all the more reason to renew our minds. To seek an obtainable peace in Christ. He loves you and is in control. Let your mind rest and renew in Him.

(taken from Capture the Moment: Gregg Matte)

Blessings,

Bro. Don

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

God has truly blessed our student ministry here at Dresden FBC. We have seen God use our students in incredible ways to be a light to this community. Our children and students are challenged by our fantastic volunteers to live their lives for the glory of God in this community. Our children and youth are making an eternal impact amongst their friends and peers. God loves children and youth, and He loves to use them for His kingdom.

If you would like to take part in serving in any of our student ministries, please let me or the office know. We can always use more volunteers. We can get you involved in multiple ways. It is hard work, but you will take part in making an impact on the children and youth in our community by investing in the children and youth of this church. God has called all Christians to serve His church. Have you found your place of service yet? If not, come join the amazing ministries we have for our children and youth here at DFBC.

Dates to remember this month:

October 13th-17th: Fall Break

October 15th: No TeamKid

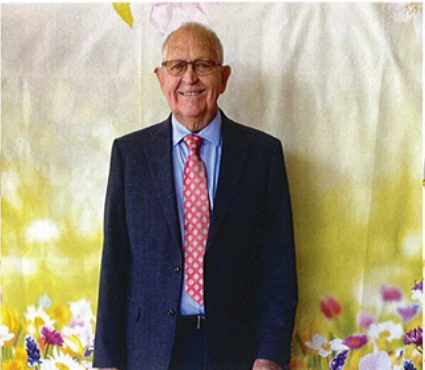
October 15th: Pizza and Games in the FLC 6:30-7:30.

October 26th: DFBC Fall Festival from 4-6:30. One of our favorite events of the year is our annual Fall Festival. This year we will kick off the night with a puppet show. So be sure to get here early to get your seat because you will not want to miss this year's puppet show. After the puppet show, we will have blow-ups, games, food, and more available for you and your family to enjoy. And yes, we will have LOTS of candy. Fall Fest is one of the biggest family events we host here at DFBC. With that being said, we will need a lot of volunteers. If you would be willing to help with Fall Fest this year, please let me or the office know.

You're Invited to Celebrate

BRO. WAYNE PERKINS

85TH BIRTHDAY



OCTOBER
SATURDAY | 25 | 2PM-4PM

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH
FELLOWSHIP HALL
659 SHAFTER RD., GREENFIELD, TN
COME & GO / NO GIFTS PLEASE

EVERY SHOEBOX
IS AN OPPORTUNITY
TO TELL A
CHILD ABOUT
GOD'S LOVE

3 ways to pack:

- Pick up a box and fill - bring back by Nov. 16 - please include \$10 shipping cost
- Give \$30 per box through offering
- Pack online in our church goal page



IT'S ALL ABOUT JESUS!

operationchristmaschild.org.au

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

We thank God for the exciting opportunities that await us musically in October. As our busiest musical season of the year is well under way, we already have begun rehearsals for our Christmas cantata (each Wednesday night from 7:30-8:00 before regular choir practice from 8:00-8:30). We are always looking for more singers, but you'll need to join us soon to sing in the cantata. It's a great way to "test drive" the choir experience for about 10 weeks. We promise you'll love being a part of the choir family as we lead in worship.

The cantata, titled **"All Is Well,"** will bless your heart with beautiful, powerful songs and numerous solos supported with inspiring visuals on the screens. We will present the cantata at **10:45 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 14.** Before rehearsals began, we had a wonderful cantata listening party on Monday, Sept. 22, in the Truth Seekers classroom. It's always a blessing to fellowship with the choir family and let them hear the cantata for the first time.

We have also launched preparation for our Christmas musical, directed by Jeanie and featuring adults and children of all ages. (See more details in her column on this page.) The musical has a wonderful, fun kingdom message that you'll love, presented with a neat "Star Trek"-like space theme. We appreciate so much those who have stepped up to volunteer and get involved. We're thankful that the number of children has increased significantly this year. The play will be presented at 6 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 7.

In these two major presentations, you'll see some new faces, and for that we're thankful. We also appreciate others who have signed up to audition for our youth and children praise teams and adult/youth hand chime choirs. Having started the new church year, some current praise team members have moved up to the next older group. It's always gratifying to see the growth in confidence of our "veterans" and the eagerness of the new folks to get involved.

If you're looking for a way to serve in the music ministry, please see Jeanie or me.
God bless you all!

Jeanie Nanney, Call to Worship Coordinator

2025 CHRISTMAS MUSICAL - DECEMBER 7, 6:00 p.m. 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."**

When the crew runs into some navigation difficulties, what was once a six-month mission has already lasted nine months. Christmas Eve is upon them, and they are looking for ways to celebrate despite being so far from home. Because everyone wants so badly to be home for Christmas, they decide to utilize the "hyper-active" lever on the spaceship supposedly to have them home within minutes. When things don't go as planned, the crew suddenly finds themselves involved in BACKWARDS time travel where they meet some interesting people from the past. It is then that the captain devises a plan to go all the way back to when Jesus was on Earth to celebrate Christmas in "a Galilee far, far away."

We currently have 41 children and at least 12 adults signed up to participate. This is the largest number of children we have had in several years, and we are excited about their willingness to be involved. Parents of these children will begin receiving text messages this week FULL of information to help the children learn the songs on their own and choose solos and/or parts for which they would like to audition. In-person rehearsals will begin in late October.

CALLS TO WORSHIP IN SEPTEMBER - The Adult Praise Team and the two adult quartets, Under Grace and The Goodtime Singers, brought Calls to Worship during September, as well as the Younger Children Praise Team, who performed on the 21st singing "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands." We are pleased to welcome first grader Josie Gallimore to this group. Because of lower numbers, our fourth graders will be doing double duty and singing with both the Younger and Older Children praise teams. We welcome Piper Rendon who has joined our fourth graders as a new member of the team. Sixth grader Addison Gurerrero will also be a new addition to the Older Children Praise Team. Welcome Josie, Piper, and Addie!



Outreach Ministries



Submitted by Sheila Swearingen, JOY coordinator

What a great day we had in JOY on September 16. It was so good to see Bro. Donald Doster pastor of Sand Hill Baptist Church again. Bro Donald gave an inspiring devotion on experiencing joy. After a delicious meal, were we ever treated to a blessing from Bro Wayne Foropolous of Jackson. Wayne and his sweet daughter, Natiley, joined us for several hours and was able to renew old acquaintances with several of our regular JOY attendees. Bro. Wayne presented a musical program. He engaged us in congregational singing, then performed several songs written by himself. Such talent and such a sweet spirit portrayed in song. Our JOY programs continue to bless us greatly each month.

On October 21st we will meet once again and will be hearing from one of our special church members, Suzie McWherter. Suzie is director of Baptist Hospice in Union City and we look forward to hearing about this hospice program and what they do for cancer patients in the area.

If you have not joined us we'd love to have you. 11:30 Tuesday October 21st. Just let us know you'll be attending. The JOY committee



Join us for our October outing to beautiful Reelfoot Lake on Saturday, October 25!

Lively Ones will depart from the church parking lot at 2 pm and travel to one of our favorite places, Boyette's, at Reelfoot Lake! We will enjoy the lovely Fall scenery as we travel, and then fellowship around the table, enjoying their specialties-- fried catfish, onion rings, white beans, coleslaw, and tasty hushpuppies! Of course, other choices are available, including country ham, shrimp, chicken, and a variety of other entrees. No worries if you don't drive! There will be transportation available for all as we plan to carpool from the church. Sign up (by Wednesday, October 22) is on the Lively Ones board in the north hallway, so come and go with us for a wonderful time of good food and fellowship together at Reelfoot Lake!!

We had 14 sign up to go with us to The Dixie in Huntingdon on Saturday, December 6, for "Christmas at the Dixie!" We already have our tickets and reservations at Mallard's before the production. It's going to be a wonderful evening of unforgettable Christmas music, and, of course, Mallard's never disappoints!

We'll be posting information about "Christmas with the Renaissance" at Bethel University as soon as it is available. Watch for it on the Lively Ones Board because you don't want to miss it!! Tickets will go on sale in October or November, and the event is known to sell out fast!

Lively Ones are always ON THE MOVE, and we invite all Senior Adults to join us!!



Join us on the first Sunday of each

month at 4:50 pm



The goal 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 - our next meeting is Oct. 29th @ 6pm. We will be discussing the upcoming project.



Gifts to the Church

In Memory of Rong-Kung Wu by: Truthseekers Class, Richard & Barbara Ferrell, Don & Judy Cleek, Jim & Jerrie Moseley (Bldg)

In Memory of Glenda Sidney Kennedy by: Dresden High School Class of 1959, Jim & Jerrie Moseley (Bldg)

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

In Memory of Gene Perkins by: Mark Perkins (AAEO)

In Memory of Hycinth Smith by: Kelley & Sheila Swearingen (TNGO), Jim & Jerrie Moseley, Richard & Barbara Ferrell, Don & Judy Cleek (Bldg)

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

In Memory of Delbert Rainey by: Jim & Jerrie Moseley (Bldg)

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

OCTOBER



- 1st Irah Cianfarani, Ashleigh Greer, Candace Allman, Dena Carter
- 2nd Mason Clark, Dawson Slone, Jennifer McClain, Bonnie Bullock
- 3rd Linda Pollard, Tina Davis, Hayden McDaniel
- 4th Troy Hollis, Lorri Mulligan, Lowell Jones
- 5th Christina Oliver, Bendy White
- 6th Roselyn Rempel, Duane Jackson, Alex Sims
- 7th Will Kibbler
- 8th Sandra Coleman, Daniel Harris
- 10th Randy Coleman
- 11th Albert Simpson, Nella Wilhite
- 14th Charles Carr, Brayton Hodges, Brent Hopper
- 16th Ellie Sawyer, John Johnson
- 17th Misty Gilmer
- 18th Maggie Oliver, Sandra Hazlewood
- 21st Steve Biggs
- 23rd Cathy Carlton
- 25th Parker Anderson
- 26th Wayne Perkins
- 27th Tommy Wilson, Meredith Johnson
- 28th Ricky Finney
- 29th Jerry Gallimore, Kate Bynum, Tristen Trevathan
- 30th Carol Moore, Mark Williams
- 31st Don Duncan

October Volunteers

October 5

Nursery AM: Whitney & Tilley Hopper, Kristin, Abigail, & Gracie Kibbler

| PM: Lisa Harris

Kids Worship: Candace Allman

Greeters: Tommy & Karen Wilson, Cayden Lowry

Deacon: Nyle Carlton

Safety & Security: AM: Kelley Swearingen | PM: John Johnson |

Wed. 8: Jake Bynum

October 12

Nursery AM: Cathy Carlton, Becky Anderson, Pam Caldwell, Kenra Simpson | PM: Pat Phillips

Kids Worship: Christina Oliver

Greeters: Kenneth Gatewood, Bonnie Bullock, Grant Turner

Deacon: Eric Allman

Safety & Security: AM: Keith Forrester | PM: David Esch |

Wed. 15: Duane Jackson

October 19

Nursery AM: Renza Adams, Keely Vaughn, Lisa & Myra Grace

Morgan | PM: Becky Anderson

Kids Worship: Audrea Washburn

Greeters: Trudy Sanders, Kathy Simmons, Jim Moseley

Deacon: Ron Phillips

Safety & Security: AM: Kenneth Gatewood | PM: Jim Moseley |

Wed. 22: Nyle Carlton

October 26

Nursery AM: Alyssa & Ella Bynum, Gwen Joyner, Carrie Esch

Kids Worship not meeting

Greeters: Ben & Jennifer Moore, Jerrie Mosely

Deacon: Larry Pollard

Safety & Security: AM: Mark Williams | PM: James Washburn |

Wed. 29: Brian Mathis

September Offering Ushers: Chris Poole, Doug Shook, Larry Houston, Kurt Ferrell, Andrew Wilhite, Tommy Wilson



***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
	Pastor APPRECIATION MONTH		1 6 pm LBS 6 pm TeamKID 6:30 pm Youth Group 6:30 pm Prayer/Bible Study 7:30 pm Adult Choir practice	2	3	4 8 am Men's Breakfast 9 am Sew Faithful FLC in use
5 9:45 am Sunday School 11 am Worship 3:45 pm LBS 5 pm WOM 5 pm Deacons Mtg 6 pm Worship	6	7 12 pm WC Backpack FLC in use	8 6 pm LBS 6 pm TeamKID 6:30 pm Youth Group 6:30 pm Prayer/Bible Study 7:30 pm Adult Choir practice	9	10	11
12 9:45 am Sunday School 11 am Worship 6 pm Worship	13 Fall Break Week 	14	15 6:30 pm Youth Group 6:30 pm Prayer/Bible Study 7:20 pm Adult Choir practice	16 	17	18 WCBA Annual Fall Conference 8:30 am Bethlehem Baptist Greenfield
19 9:45 am Sunday School 11 am Worship 12 pm Safety & Security Appreciation Luncheon 5 pm LBS 6 pm Worship	20	21 10:30 am SAM mtg 11:30 am JOY	22 6 pm LBS 6 pm TeamKID 6:30 pm Youth Group 6:30 pm Prayer/Bible Study 7:30 pm Adult Choir practice	23	24	25 FLC in use 2 pm Lively Ones outing
26 9:45 am Sunday School 11 am Worship 4:00 pm Fall Festival—open to community No evening services	27	28	29 6 pm TeamKID 6 pm LIFT meeting 6:30 pm Youth Group 6:30 pm Prayer/Bible Study 7:30 pm Adult Choir practice	30	31	



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Live Stream available on facebook.com/dresdenfbc-live
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
PO Box 176
Dresden

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

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