



MONTHLY

OCTOBER 2026

MESSENGER

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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



Puppet Show 4:00pm

come join us in the Worship Center
as we open with a special puppet performance

Activities & Games 4:30 -6:30 pm

lots of indoor/outdoor activities
for the whole family

Food Truck Hot dogs, chips, & drink vouchers available for a free meal

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

October may be my favorite month of the year. The smell of fall in the air. The leaves change to the most beautiful fall colors. Warm chili on the stove. And you can't forget cool football Friday nights. The fall and all that comes with it brings so much joy into our lives.

With this joy of fall in mind, I am reminded of a passage in Scripture concerning joy. In Psalm 16:11, the psalmist says, "in your presence is fullness of joy." Think on what that means for you and me. In His presence, we not only get to experience joy; we get the fullness of joy. We experience true joy when we are in the presence of the Lord. Now, it gets even better. When are we able to enter into His presence? The answer is at any time, day or night! Our Father always welcomes His children into His presence. So, we can experience the joy of His presence at any moment and during any circumstance. We do not have to wait for the joy of the Lord like we wait for the joy of fall. Christ has made it possible to enter His glorious presence at any moment. May you remember the true joys of His presence this fall.

Don't forget this month we will have our annual fall festival on October 25th from 4-6:30. We will have a puppet show beginning at 4 in the sanctuary, followed by our fall festivities in the back parking lot. There will be food, games, bounce houses, and more. So mark it on your calendar and be sure to bring children of all ages to enjoy our fall festival.

Dates to remember this month:

Oct. 1st: Registration for CROSS CON and Winter Retreat is open.

Oct. 14th: No TeamKid for Fall Break

Oct. 20th: Joy Meeting

Oct 25th: Fall Festival 4-6:30

In Christ,



Will Forrester (baptism)
Summer DiPietro (baptism)



Our church directory is being updated to reflect the new church year. Please use the qr code to access your membership profile to make any changes/update your profile picture. You may also contact the church office with updates. <https://members.instantchurchdirectory.com/>
Thank you for helping keep our directory current as it is widely used among the office & church ministries!

The LIFT ministry recently provided meals for the DMS FCA students on September 15. It was heartwarming to see so many FBC kids present, showing how well our church is represented in our local schools.

We are also excited to share that we are currently planning a fall event for school-age boys, with more details to come.

Additionally, please continue to support the Blessing Box, as it remains a vital need in our community. You can donate by:

- Placing items in the bucket in the foyer
- Dropping items directly into the Blessing Box
- Making a monetary donation
- Shipping items directly to the church via our Amazon wishlist



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 **"Rejoice, It's Christmas,"** will bless your heart with beautiful, powerful songs and numerous solos supported with inspiring visuals on the screens. We will present the 44-minute cantata at 10:45 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 20. Before rehearsals began, we had a wonderful cantata listening party on Monday, Sept. 21, 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 program, directed by Jeanie and featuring adults and children of all ages. (See more details in her column on this page.) This year's format will be a big change from previous years, and we're excited about the opportunities it provides. We appreciate so much those who have stepped up to volunteer and get involved. The program will be presented at 6 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 13. 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.

By the time you read this, Tommy Moore and I either will be on our way to Germany or will be making final preparations to do so. We will be out the next two Sundays for the 10-day mission trip, singing and ministering with the Tennessee Baptist Men's Chorale. We will have a concert or two most every day on the tour at churches around the Bonn area and beyond. We covet your prayers for safe travels and that God will use us to touch the hearts of the German people and the many refugees from Ukraine in that country.

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

God bless you all!

Calls to Worship with Jeanie Nanney, Coordinator

Under Grace, our ladies' quartet, opened the September 6th morning worship service by singing a Collingsworth song titled "Gotta Get to Jesus." This song offers encouragement when life becomes overwhelming and reminds us to run to Jesus.

On September 13th, nine members of the Young Adult Praise Team tackled their most challenging song yet with "Wake Up, Sleeper" by MercyMe. The lyrics emphasize the importance of remaining active in our faith, recognizing that our debt has been paid in full by the grace and blood of Jesus Christ.

It was a treat to have The Goodtime Singers open our service on September 20th with "I'm Still Amazed." Having sung together for over five decades, they sound as wonderful as ever.

Since Robert will be in Germany for the next two Sundays, we will pause Calls to Worship with our various groups until October 11th.

We are trying a new format for our annual **Christmas program**, scheduled for Sunday evening, December 13th. To make scheduling easier, the evening will feature several short skits and monologues for smaller groups at the beginning, followed by the traditional Christmas story and Nativity. With fewer songs to learn per age group, practice scheduling should be more manageable. Rehearsals will be virtual until after Fall Break, and I plan to send out the songs and lyrics in early October.

Auditions will also take place in October for those interested in solos, acting roles, or reading the Christmas story. I will do my best to accommodate everyone who would like to audition.



Outreach Ministries



Submitted by Sheila Swearingen, JOY coordinator

What a great day we had in JOY on September 15th. 37 were in attendance to hear a timely devotion offered by John Putnam, new young pastor at Thompson Creek Baptist Church in Como. John is from McKenzie and has an excited congregation welcoming him to the oldest church in our association as their Pastor. Thank you John for sharing your thoughts with our Senior adults.

After a delicious lasagna meal, the group enjoyed hearing from Dr. Phil Mitchell and Tera Lochala from the associational office showing slides and informing us about the wheelchair ramp ministry. Don Cleek also shared about his part in this ministry and how important these acts of kindness are to so many elderly and or disabled folks in our area. So thankful for these servants and the work they do. How blessed we are!

On October 20th our program will be Bro. Grover Westover who grew up in the South Jackson area. He currently resides with his wife in Brownsville and has pastored several churches in West Tennessee. He is a very busy visiting minister doing supply work and singing wherever he can. He will be doing a musical program for us that day.

We welcome anyone in our church or in the community who would like to join our Just Older Youth group every third Tuesday for a time of devotion, a wonderful catered meal, and a program you're sure to enjoy. Let us hear from you! We love you all!



Submitted by Judy Cleek and Joan Stephens, Livley Ones Directors

Fall is finally in the air, and 14 Lively Ones have likely just returned from Fall Jubilee in beautiful Gatlinburg in the Smokies as you read this! Our trip will be recapped in the November Newsletter. As we look forward to October, we invite you to join us for Lively Ones' annual trip to Reelfoot Lake on Saturday, October 24th!! We plan to depart from the church at 3 pm. with transportation provided for those Senior Adults who need a ride. We will enjoy the beauty of the season around the lake, maybe spy an eagle or two, and then head to Boyette's for a tasty meal and great fellowship around the table! Whether your choice is fried catfish, country ham, or chicken strips, Boyette's is sure to please the palate!! A little side trip into Tiptonville for an ice cream treat may follow. It's sure to be a wonderful afternoon and evening at the lake! Sign-up is located on the Lively Ones board in the north hallway, and October 22 is the deadline as we need to call the restaurant with our number by then. We'd love to have a large group of Senior Adults join us!! If you've never gone on any of our outings, this is a great opportunity!

As we edge closer to the holidays, Lively Ones will soon be planning the trip to Bethel University for their "Christmas with Renaissance." Tickets go on sale around the first of November, and all performances are usually a sell-out! Check the Lively Ones board for sign-up in early November! If you have ideas for holiday outings for Senior Adults, please share with Lively Ones Coordinators, Judy Cleek or Joan Stephens. We are always looking for new activities, especially during the holidays! Lively Ones like to stay "ON THE MOVE!"



WOM had a busy month in September. At our meeting, members brought food for the Blessing Bin to help support our L.I.F.T. ladies ministry. Also, we were at the FCA at Dresden Middle School to help serve the breakfast the L.I.F.T. ladies furnished. Our next meeting is October 4, 2026, and as always all ladies are welcome to attend.



Ladies
You are Invited To
SEW FAITHFUL
Saturday, October 3, 2026
Beginning at 9:00 am

We will be working on feminine hygiene kits for girls in Tanzania and there will be sewing and non-sewing tasks to complete.

We hope to see you there!

DRESDEN FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
4 MAN
GOLF SCRAMBLE
— THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8TH • 12:00 PM —
Persimmon Hills, Sharon TN

 \$350 PER TEAM / \$75 EACH	 MULLIGANS WILL BE AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE	 PRIZES FOR 1ST, 2ND AND 3RD PLACE
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 **CONTACT TRAVIS DAVIS 731-514-2111**

**MEN'S
PRAYER
BREAKFAST**

Oct. 10 | 8 am
all men in
community are
invited

Gifts to the Church

In Memory of Mary Robertson by: Family of Paula Robertson, Kelley & Sheila Swearingen, Ken House & family, Danny & Brenda Moubray, Ron & Pat Phillips, Encouragers Class Lynwood Church (Bldg)

In Memory of Maurine Eaton by: Kenneth & Janice Gatewood, Kelley & Sheila Swearingen, John & Melanie Johnson, Ron & Pat Phillips (Bldg)

In Memory of Kay Gallimore by: Ron & Pat Phillips (Bldg)

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

In Memory of JD Dethloff by: John & Melanie Johnson, Richard & Barbara Ferrell, Don & Judy Cleek (Bldg)

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

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



- 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
- 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
- 13th Lillian Rose Weatherford
- 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
- 24th Jimmie Higgs
- 25th Parker Anderson
- 27th Tommy Wilson, Meredith Johnson
- 28th Rick Finney
- 29th Jerry Gallimore, Kate Bynum, Tristen Trevathan
- 30th Carol Moore, Mark Williams
- 31st Don Duncan, Phil Hutcherson

October Volunteers

Oct. 4

Nursery AM: Kristin, Abigail & Gracie Kibbler | PM: Pat Phillips | Kids

Worship: Candace Allman

Greeters: Jay & Claire Oliver, Kelley Swearingen

Deacon: John Johnson

Safety & Security: Chris Poole, Troy Hollis | PM: Larry Pollard | Wed. 7:

David Esch, Jake Bynum

Oct. 11

Nursery AM: Pam Caldwell, Kenra Simpson, Lisa Williams, Misty Gilmer

| PM: Becky Anderson | Kids Worship: Christina Oliver

Greeters: Chris & Nancy Poole, Sheila Swearingen

Deacon: David Esch

Safety & Security: AM: Mark Williams, David Bailey | PM: Kelley

Swearingen | Wed. 14: Richard Ferrell



Oct. 18

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

Vaughn | PM: Lisa Harris | Kids Worship: Audrea Washburn

Greeters: Travis & Paige Davis, Keith Forrester

Deacon: Martin Dunn

Safety & Security: AM: Rick Workman, Keith Forrester | PM: Don

Cleek | Wed. 21: David Esch, Martin Dunn

Oct. 25

Nursery AM: Alyssa & Ella Bynum, Janie Clark, Carrie Esch

Greeters: David & Denise Boane, Will Kibbler

Deacon: James Washburn

Safety & Security: AM: Randy Morgan, Bruce Slusser | PM: Keith

Forrester, Jeremy Allen | Wed. 28: Adam Harrison, John Johnson

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

ALWAYS needing more volunteers! 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 FLC in use	2	3 9-Noon Sew Faithful 5:00 Jack Gallimore Memorial Benefit
4 9:45 SS 11 Worship 3:30 LBS 4:50 WOM 5 Bible Drills 5 Deacons	5	6 12:00 Backpack	7 10 LBS 6 TK 6:10 LBS 6:30 Youth 6:30 Prayer/Bible Study 7:30 Choir	8 12 Golf Tournament	9	10 8 Men's Breakfast
11 9:45 SS 11 Worship 6 Worship	12 	13	14 6 TK not meeting 6:30 Youth 6:30 Prayer/Bible Study 7:30 Choir	15	16	17 8:30 WCBA Annual Conference @ Bible Union
18 9:45 SS 11 Worship 4:45 LBS 5 Bible Drills 6 Worship	19 	20 11:30 	21 10 LBS 6 TK Glow Night 6:10 LBS 6:30 Youth 6:30 Prayer/Bible Study 7:30 Choir	22	23	24 FLC in use 3 Lively Ones outing
25 9:45 SS 11 Worship 4-6:30 Fall Festival	26	27	28 6 TK 6:30 Youth 6:30 Prayer/Bible Study 7:30 Choir	29	30	31



DFBC Staff available if we can help in anyway

Dr. Don McCulley, Pastor

Christian Carr, Associate Pastor

Dr. Robert Nanney, Min. of Music

Cooper Allman, Student Ministry Intern

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](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

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