



MONTHLY

SEPTEMBER 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...

### Take His Word For It

*Let God be true, but every man a liar.* Romans 3:4

"Abraham believed God." The essence of faith is simply taking God at His Word. "What more can he say than to you he hath said?" "He hath said...so that we may boldly say." We are thrown back upon revelation, not reason. God has spoken and holy men recorded it. Back of everything stands the record. If we are to believe the Living Word we must accept the Written Word. Jesus accepted the Old Testament as the Word of God. And He told us that His words were spirit and life. "Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus" - but how do we trust Him? The next line has it, "Just to take Him at His word."

Not "a feeling fond and fugitive," not a frame of mind strenuously maintained, but a calm reliance on, "It is believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God: and that believing ye might have life through His name."

Take His Word for it!

(taken from Day by Day - Vance Havner)

Blessings,

*Bro. Don*



*"Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. Then, whether I come and see you or only hear about you in my absence, I will know that you stand firm in the one Spirit, striving together as one for the faith of the gospel."* -Philippians 1:27

Week of Prayer Sept. 7 - Sept. 14

Just imagine if every Tennessee Baptist church participated through the Golden Offering for Tennessee Missions. Even more, what kind of legacy would we leave for future generations of Tennessee Baptists? We invite you to join us in this sacred partnership by praying for spiritual awakening and by giving through the Golden Offering for Tennessee Missions. Let's witness how God is moving across our state and step boldly into His work! **Our Church Goal \$4910**

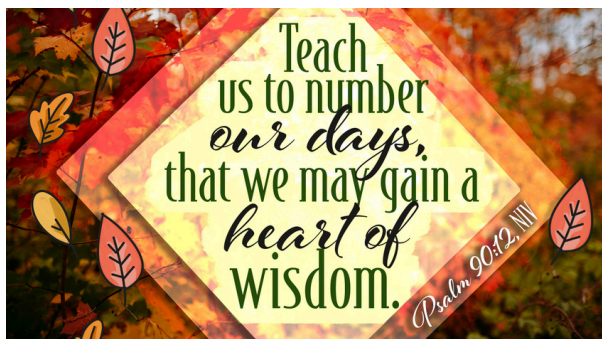
*Note from our Minister of Education, Bro. Wayne Perkins* [fbcwayne40@gmail.com](mailto:fbcwayne40@gmail.com)

September brings us to the end of summer and ushers in the fall season. I am happy to feel relief from the “dog days” of August and move on to cooler and some breathe easy days. Along with a new season, we experience “promotion day” in our Sunday School. Some will move up to the next age-level class while others remain in the same class. Some classes will greet a new teacher, and many will start a new church-year with the same teacher. We have a wonderful faculty in place to lead in the evangelistic arm of our church. I pray each day for our Sunday School to lead the way in the 2025-2026 year in outreach to our lost community in Dresden and surrounding areas. Reaching the lost and teaching the saved is the main goal of our church. Those two things God will bless when we put forth effort to cooperate with HIM!

One of the best ministries that our church has is the J.O.Y. ministry to senior adults. J. O. Y. stands for Just Older Youth. We meet every third Tuesday of the month with a devotional speaker for 15 minutes, a catered meal, and then a program. We have been in this ministry for eight years and we average 40-50 each month. The Senior Adult Advisory team does an outstanding job of leading in this outreach ministry to around 140 senior adults who are members of our church. We also welcome others from our community who are not members to participate in this fellowship. We have had a good response from our community and county in our attendance each month.

Thanks for your prayers for Linda and me as we try to cope with this leg of our lives and adjust to the changes and challenges of the “Golden Years.” We are thankful for our church family and the love and support we feel from you. We love all of you and appreciate your love for us.

See you at Sunday School and preaching services.



*Note from our Director of Student Ministries, Christian Carr* [chracarr@gmail.com](mailto:chracarr@gmail.com)

As we enter the month of September, it feels like we’re settling into the rhythm of Fall. Students are back in school, football games are on Friday nights, and our children’s and youth programs are in full swing at the church. This time of year just feels like a weekly routine.

As you consider your family’s daily rhythms as we enter the Fall months, take a moment to think about whether your family is making time to focus on the things of God together. As you know, when we get into a routine, the things we intended to do may get overlooked. Don’t miss out on the opportunity to spend time with your family, focusing on Christ. There are many ways to do this, such as praying together before a meal, talking about your days and how you see God working in your lives, or sharing encouraging words from the Scriptures. There are so many ways to focus on Him in your homes. Will you make an effort to add time for the Lord in your family’s daily rhythms this Fall? If you do, I know you’ll see God working in your family for His glory and your good.

**Here are some dates to keep in mind this month:**

**1st: Labor Day**

**6th: Senior Outing - Equip Conference**

**7th: Promotion Sunday**

**24th: See you at the Pole - Saw You at the Pole**



## *Worship in Music Robert Nanney, Min. of Music* [rnanney@utm.edu](mailto:rnanney@utm.edu)

After a busy summer, the music ministry kicks into high gear in September with even more opportunities for all ages as the new church year begins. To underscore that, we have again put forms in the vestibule encouraging everyone to sign up for one of several opportunities to serve in the music ministry. (See Jeanie's column for more details.) This is one of the key (and most rewarding) opportunities to serve God. We need you!

But first – looking back to August – we had fun as we resumed TeamKid music. The children were so excited to again sing praises to God after the summer off. Jeanie and I saw many familiar faces. So far this year's groups are very large, and they love to sing!

It was also a blessing to host Life Line, an outstanding Southern Gospel quartet based in Mississippi, during Homecoming celebration on Aug. 10. Their tight harmonies and spirit were so impressive and inspiring. It was a special treat to hear their bass singer, Matthew Turnbow, who is from Martin.

Looking ahead to September, along with all other phases of our music ministry, we will be preparing to launch rehearsals for our Christmas cantata for adults and our Christmas musical for children and adults.

Our cantata, which will take place on Dec. 14, will be exciting and inspiring. We'll start rehearsals in mid September, prefaced by our customary Cantata Listening Party. The date and time will be revealed soon, along with the name of the cantata! There could be no better time to join our choir than in September.

On a more personal note, I also want to thank you all for your prayers and expressions of concern since I was diagnosed with cancer in July of 2024. After a year of treatments, I praise God that on Aug. 14 I was declared cancer free. I continue to covet your prayers during follow-up appointments every 6 months.

God bless you all!



## *Jeanie Nanney, Call to Worship Coordinator*

The Young Adult Praise Team (formerly known as the Older Youth Praise Team) sang the first Call to Worship of the month on August 3rd, and it was amazing! Ten of our eleven singers were present to sing "No Fear," and their performance was met with rave reviews. What a joy it was to see so many of our young adults on the stage singing praises to the Lord. They are such a blessing to our church!

Homecoming activities on August 10th were followed on August 17th by the Adult Hand Chime choir playing "Lead On, O King Eternal," a song that utilized every single chime in our two-octave set - that's 25 chimes in all. Several chimers had to wrangle two chimes, but the end result was a beautiful rendition of this majestic hymn. On August 24th, the Older Children Praise Team performed "Seek Ye First," which included a beautiful counterpart sung against the melody line. We are so proud of the continued growth and development of this group as they learn to navigate more difficult songs.

As we celebrate Labor Day weekend, we are planning for the Adult Praise Team to sing on August 31st followed by Under Grace, the ladies quartet, on September 7th.

**MUSIC MINISTRY REGISTRATION:** We are currently seeking to enroll new members in the DFBC music ministry, something we try to do every fall. Please visit the registration table set up in the foyer if you are interested in being a part. It is especially important for us to know how many children and adults are interested in being a part of the Christmas musical so we can determine if we have enough interest to proceed.

# Outreach Ministries



Submitted by Sheila Swearingen, JOY coordinator

We had a great day in JOY at our August meeting. 35 attendees enjoyed a timely devotion given by Bro. Mark Warren, pastor of Bethel Baptist in Greenfield. After a delicious catered lunch Brent Callicott, weatherologist and weather enthusiast from Union City gave a very informative program on local weather, radar, weather patterns, etc. in our local Northwest Tennessee area. We appreciate Brent's knowledge and desire to make us weather aware in our local communities.

Our Penny the Pig offering is going to the Jack Gallimore Foundation this quarter.

On September 16 our menu will be lasagna, salad, French bread and brownies. Our guest speaker and program will be Bro. Wayne Foropoulos from Jackson. Wayne is a bi vocational Baptist minister but also a great singer. He will present a musical program for us. He worked for many years for the State of Tennessee as a deferred compensation specialist.

Make your plans now to attend. It will be a great day of JOY! If for any reason you can't attend please notify the church office. We love you all.

The JOY committee. Bro Wayne, Kelley and Sheila Swearingen, Bonnie Bullock, Judy Cleek, Janet Robinson, Ron and Pat Phillips



Fall is just around the corner, and that season brings thoughts of beautiful Reelfoot Lake and catfish at Boyette's! We invite you to join us on Saturday, October 25, for a time of fellowship and great food. We plan to leave from the church at 2 pm. Sign up sheet is located on the Lively Ones board in the north hallway.

Mark your calendar for Saturday, December 6, 7:30 pm at The Dixie Carter Performing Arts Center in Huntingdon! Lively Ones will get in the Christmas spirit by attending Christmas at The Dixie, which showcases the incredible talent of local singers as they bring your favorite holiday songs to life on the stage. From classic Christmas carols to contemporary holiday hits, each performance is filled with the warmth, joy, and spirit that make this time of year so special. Christmas at The Dixie offers a night of unforgettable music and creates memories that will last long after the final note. Tickets are \$20 and will go fast, so please sign up by September 14.

We invite all Senior Adults to join Lively Ones for a great time on our outings! See Judy or Linda if you have any suggestions or ideas for senior adult events!



After a two month break, we are excited to get back to our monthly meetings starting Sunday September 7, 2025 at 4:50 pm. All ladies are invited to attend.  
Denise Boane WOM Director



Tennessee Baptists are challenged to provide 7,000 backpacks for children living in poverty regions in Tennessee; partnering with ministries in these regions to impact the lives of children and their families with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Backpacks are available in the church office to fill with gift guide.

Due by Oct. 5



## Gifts to the Church

*In Memory of Larry Moubray, In Memory of James Climer, In Memory of Dean Williams, In Memory of Edward Hicks by: Jim & Jerrie Moseley (Music)*

*In Memory of Laurie Pritchett, In Memory of Donna Perry, In Memory of Gertie Sheffield, In Memory of Wanda Eddlemon, In Memory of Billy Burch, In Memory of Wilma Morgan, In Memory of Scott Hewett by: Jim & Jerrie Moseley (Bldg.)*

*In Memory of Laurie Pritchett by: Agape SS Class (GCF)*

*In Memory of Mary Matheny by: Tom & Suzie McWherter (Bldg)*

*In Honor of Janet Robinson by: Kelley & Sheila Swearingen (TBCH)*

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



- 2<sup>nd</sup> Bart Laws
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Janet Robinson
- 4<sup>th</sup> Hannah Wilhite
- 5<sup>th</sup> Don McCulley
- 6<sup>th</sup> Barry Scronce
- 7<sup>th</sup> Sheryl Alford
- 8<sup>th</sup> Jase Brooks, Keely Mathis
- 9<sup>th</sup> Jay Oliver
- 10<sup>th</sup> Irma Taylor
- 12<sup>th</sup> Celeste Hawks
- 13<sup>th</sup> Chris Poole
- 15<sup>th</sup> Carrie Scronce, Alyssa Bynum
- 16<sup>th</sup> David Boane
- 17<sup>th</sup> Becky Anderson
- 18<sup>th</sup> Wade Gallimore
- 19<sup>th</sup> Richard Hutcherson, Madelynn Laws
- 20<sup>th</sup> Brenda Biggs
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Jamie Harper, Nancy Poole, Mary Myrick
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Jeanette Rempel, Samantha Seat
- 25<sup>th</sup> Shawn Oliver
- 26<sup>th</sup> Travis Davis, Paula Robertson
- 27<sup>th</sup> Grey Forrester, Andy Mangum
- 28<sup>th</sup> Brandon Strain
- 29<sup>th</sup> Diane Parsley, Leanna Slusser

## September Volunteers

### September 7

Nursery AM: Courtney Workman, Deborah Ams, Becky Anderson, Janet Robinson | PM: Lisa Harris

Kids Worship: Emily Gallimore

Greeters: Phillip & Tina Davis, Jerrie Moseley

Deacon: Kenneth Gatewood

Safety & Security: AM: Brian Mathis | PM: Andrew Pritchett | Wed.

10<sup>th</sup>: Alex VanMeter

### September 14

Nursery AM: Pat & Allie Phillips, Anita & Josh Dunn | PM: Becky Anderson

Kids Worship: Jennifer Brooks

Greeters: Judy Cleek, Angie Plunk, Kelley Swearingen

Deacon: James Washburn

Safety & Security: AM: Bruce Slusser | PM: Don Cleek | Wed. 17:

Adam Harrison

### September 21

Nursery AM: Bendy White, Kayla Strain, Jennifer McClain, Audrea Washburn | PM: Pat Phillips

Kids Worship: Leanna Slusser

Greeters: Debbie Anderson, Brian Mathis, Sheila Swearingen

Deacon: Marshall Anderson

Safety & Security: AM: David Bailey, Richard Ferrell | Wed. 24<sup>th</sup>

Rick Finney

### September 28

Nursery AM: Whitney & Tilley Hopper, Heather Hodges, Jennifer Moore | PM: Janet Robinson

Kids Worship: Ashleigh Greer

Greeters: David & Kim Bailey, Keith Forrester

Deacon: David Bailey

Safety & Security: AM: Jeremy Allen | PM: Larry Pollard

**September Offering Ushers:** Jeremy Allen, Keith Forrester, Maconnell Forrester, Grey Forrester, Martin Dunn, 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
	1 Labor Day	2 12pm WCBackpack	3 6 pm TeamKID 6:30 pm Youth Group 6:30 pm Prayer/Bible Study 7:30 pm Adult Choir practice	4	5	6 8 am Men's Breakfast 9am-Noon Sew Faithful Sr Youth—UU Equip
7 Promotion Sunday 9:45 am Sunday School 11 am Worship 4:50 pm WOM 5 pm Deacons 6 pm Worship	8 Week of Prayer for TN Missions—Golden Offering	9 	10 6 pm TeamKID 6:30 pm Youth Group 6:30 pm Prayer/Bible Study 7:30 pm Adult Choir practice	11 	12	13
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28 9:45 am Sunday School 11 am Worship 5 pm LBS 6 pm Worship	29	30				



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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](http://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  
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