

From My Heart to Yours

Dear Church Family,

Who would have thought we would be experiencing a global pandemic? Well, what we are witnessing is not actually a new thing to our church. In 1918, four years after our church built a new sanctuary (now our Fellowship Hall and WeeCare South Building), the world was in the grips of a horrible virus outbreak called the Spanish Flu pandemic. This, even while nations fought against nations in World War I.

In our archives are the church bulletins from 1912. Below you will see two articles – the first is from the Sunday, October 13, 1918 bulletin. A revival meeting had begun the Sunday before. But presumably on Monday night, October 7th, “the health officer closed the meeting when it was going so well.” The church did not know when it would be allowed to meet again, but members were encouraged to study their Sunday School lesson at home and hold a prayer meeting with the family. Sound familiar?

This season lasted for four Sundays and on November 10, 1918, the people returned for worship. You will see in the second article below these words: “We therefore, meet today with hearts filled with gratitude to God, that He has preserved us and brought us back together again; that He has not scourged our City and community as He has others no worse than we; that He is about to grant to us again days of peace. “O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good; for his mercy endureth forever.”

Unlike 1918, we are blessed to have media equipment and broadcast capabilities that allow us some level of personal connection. **God was good then and God is certainly good now. Our hope is in the Lord, maker of heaven and earth. Jesus Christ is Lord and He is the head of the Church. He is the Way and He is the Way Maker. The Church is alive and well. Have faith in God!**

Our pastors and staff look forward to the day we are together again with you in worship, Bible study, fellowship, ministry and missions. Be of good cheer, Jesus Christ has overcome! Be found faithful.

With great affection – until we meet again,
Bro. Greg

Please go to the church website for the latest information – www.fcbrookhaven.org

Monday Revival Meeting
October 7, 1918

We greatly regret that the order of the health officer closed our meeting when it was starting so well. Let us all pray and live close to Christ in these days of suffering and sorrow. We can help to lead our friends to Christ even though we have no services. We can not announce when we will hold another service. Study your Sunday School lesson at home. Hold a prayer meeting with the family.

Sunday, November 10, 1918

Even though we loved God's house and His service in the assembling of ourselves together, we perhaps did not realize just what it meant to us until deprived of the privilege. We therefore, meet today with hearts filled with gratitude to God, that he has preserved us, and brought us back together again; that He has not scourged our City and community as He has others no worse than we; that He is about to grant to us again days of peace. “O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good; for his mercy endureth forever.”

Brief Timeline of Coronavirus 2020 Pandemic — To Present

12/31/19	Chinese officials in Wuhan confirmed cases of pneumonia from an unknown cause.
1/23/20	China placed Wuhan, a city of 11 million people, under quarantine orders.
1/29/20	White House Coronavirus Task Force (WHCTF) is established.
1/30/20	World Health Org. (WHO) declared the outbreak a global public health emergency.
1/31/20	President Donald Trump announced China travel ban.
2/11/20	WHO named new coronavirus COVID-19.
2/26/20	Vice President Mike Pence named chairman of WHCTF. Dr. Deborah Birx named response coordinator.
3/11/20	WHO declared COVID-19 outbreak a global pandemic.
3/14/20	MS Governor Tate Reeves declared a state of emergency and requested citizens to avoid large gatherings, practice good hygiene and observe social distancing. He asked churches to not have large, in-person services in the morning. He said, “You can worship from home.” He also extended Spring Break for public schools by one week, thus FBC WeeCare Preschool closed an additional week. FBC WeeCare Daycare remained open.
3/14/20	FBCB sent church-wide text: “We are cancelling church services tomorrow 3/15/20 and all church activities this week based on Gov. Reeves today calling a State of Emergency. The office will be open this week. The morning sermon will be broadcast live at 10:45am. Call church if you need assistance.”
3/15/20	First Sunday and week of Online/Broadcast Only services. Church Website/Facebook Church Page/Roku; Cable One Local Ch. 72; Radio WMJU Magic 104.3 Brookhaven; (ROKU channel is: FBC Brookhaven); 5:00 PM - Re-broadcast of AM Worship on radio
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Church office was open during week, observing MS Dept of Health protocols.
3/16/20	WHCTF announced “15 Days to Slow Spread” through March 31st. Limited gatherings to 10. Included hygiene and social distancing protocols. Vulnerable adults (65+ years old and those with underlying health conditions) to stay at home.
3/18/20	First Wed. Night Service Online Only from Fellowship Hall with Pastor Greg Warnock
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First RA/GA online broadcast of recorded video from Mrs. Lisa Furlow, Children’s Ministry Director. • Pastor Nick hosts first online Adult Choir meeting. • Student Ministry directs students to watch live national online Bible Study -Youth Group at Home by YM360 @7PM. First of four weeks.
3/19/20	Gov. Reeves closes public schools through April 17th . Online/Distance learning is established. WeeCare Preschool is closed until that date.
3/22/20	Deacons met in Sanctuary at 8:00 a.m., observing social distancing protocols.
3/22/20	Second Sunday and week of Online/Broadcast Only services and activities. Church office is open during week, observing MS Dept of Health protocols.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First recorded video of Dr. Jeff Doremus, Assoc. Pastor of Education/Senior Adults teaching the Sunday School lesson and Dr. Roy Daughdrill playing piano was broadcast online at 9:30 a.m. • Pastor Chris Layton first hosted at 9:30 a.m. online meeting for Student’s Sunday School involving Student teachers. • Dr. Bill Sones, Jr. first hosted online meeting for his Sunday School Class.
3/29/20	Third Sunday and week of Online/Broadcast Only Services and activities. Church office is open during week, observing MS Dept of Health protocols.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mrs. Lisa Furlow’s first recorded video of Children’s Sunday School lesson with a worship song led by Pastor Chris Layton debuts online at 10:15a.m. • Stan Foster first hosted online meeting for his Sunday School Class.
3/29/20	President Trump extended his administration’s guidelines on social distancing until April 30th. WHCTF announces “30 Days to Slow Spread”
4/1/20	Gov. Reeves establishes Shelter in Place order through Monday, April 20th.
4/5/20	Fourth Sunday and week of Online/Broadcast Only Services and activities. Church office is open during week, observing MS Dept of Health protocols.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Special Called Business Meeting announced for Sunday, April 12th at 12:15 p.m. in the church Sanctuary to vote on motion from Finance Committee concerning a forgivable, government loan. In order to follow Gov. Reeves Executive Order, ten lay - leaders representing key committees and ministries will comprise the quorum in accordance with church by-laws. • Milton West first hosted online meeting for his Sunday School Class. • Online Deacon’s Meeting held at 5:00 p.m.
4/8/20	Second announcement made for Special Called Business Meeting during Online Wednesday Night service.
4/9/20	Church-wide text sent to inform members to prepare for a virtual observance of the Lord’s Supper that will be take place at the end of the Online/Broadcast Easter Service.
4/12/20	Fifth Sunday and week (Easter Sunday) of Online/Broadcast Only Services and activities. Church office is open during week, observing MS Dept of Health protocols.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Special Called Business Meeting held after the worship service.
4/15/20	Pastor Chris Layton hosted first online Wednesday Night Student Meeting at 6:00 p.m.
4/16/20	President Trump presents Opening Up American Again – guidelines for phased-in approach.
4/17/20	Gov. Reeves extends Shelter in Place for another week until Monday, April 27th.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Church-wide text sent informing church that all services and activities will continue to be Only Online/Broadcast through Saturday, May 2nd. Church offices will be safely open and decisions about church services and activities are made on a week by week basis.
4/19/20	Sixth Sunday and week of Online/Broadcast Only Services and activities. Church office is open during week, observing MS Dept of Health protocols.
4/23/20	Gov. Reeves closes public schools for rest of the academic year. Online learning will continue. FBC WeeCare Preschool also closed. Teachers continue distance learning.
4/24/20	Gov. Reeves announces Safer At Home executive order, a phased approach to reopen Mississippi. It extends to Monday, May 11th and restrictions on gatherings of more than 10 people; vulnerable adults and social distancing are maintained.
4/26/20	Seventh Sunday and week of Online/Broadcast Only Services and activities. Church office is open during week, observing MS Dept of Health protocols.

WEEKLY STATS FOR 3/15/2020	
Wkly Budget Required:	\$36,410.00
Wkly Budget Received:	\$8,703.14
Annie Armstrong YTD:	\$10,690.93
Building Fund YTD:	\$28,277.21

WEEKLY STATS FOR 3/22/2020	
Wkly Budget Required:	\$36,410.00
Wkly Budget Received:	\$22,735.77
Annie Armstrong YTD:	\$14,088.43
Building Fund YTD:	\$29,037.21

WEEKLY STATS FOR 3/29/2020	
Wkly Budget Required:	\$36,410.00
Wkly Budget Received:	\$27,791.78
Annie Armstrong YTD:	\$15,529.43
Building Fund YTD:	\$29,692.21

WEEKLY STATS FOR 4/5/2020	
Wkly Budget Required:	\$36,410.00
Wkly Budget Received:	\$52,024.49
Annie Armstrong YTD:	\$17,095.93
Building Fund YTD:	\$32,246.42

WEEKLY STATS FOR 4/12/2020	
Wkly Budget Required:	\$36,410.00
Wkly Budget Received:	\$38,530.57
Annie Armstrong YTD:	\$19,645.93
Building Fund YTD:	\$33,576.42

WEEKLY STATS FOR 4/19/2020	
Wkly Budget Required:	\$36,410.00
Wkly Budget Received:	\$35,102.64
Annie Armstrong YTD:	\$21,920.59
Building Fund YTD:	\$35,541.42

WEEKLY STATS FOR 4/26/2020	
Wkly Budget Required:	\$36,410.00
Wkly Budget Received:	\$30,763.42
Annie Armstrong YTD:	\$22,586.09
Building Fund YTD:	\$36,871.42

FBC Schedule

SUNDAY
9:30 a.m. - Adult Bible Study with Pastor Jeff - Webcast Church Website/FB Page/Roku

9:30 a.m. - Student Bible Study - Live Zoom

10:15 a.m. - FBC Brook Kids with Lisa and Pastor Chris - Webcast Church Website/FB Page/Roku

10:45 a.m. - Worship Service - Live Church Website/FB Page/Roku Cableone Local Channel 72 WMJU Magic 104.3 Brookhaven (ROKU channel is: FBC Brookhaven)

5:00 p.m. - Re-broadcast of Morning Worship WMJU Magic 104.3 Brookhaven

WEDNESDAY
2:30 p.m. - Children's Missions - Webcast FBC Brook Kids FB Group

5:45 p.m. - Prayer Service - Live Church Website/FB Page/Roku

6:30 p.m. - Worship Choir with Pastor Nick - Live The FBC Brookhaven Worship Choir Group

6:00 p.m. - Student Bible Study with Pastor Chris - Live FBC Brook Students FB page /Zoom

WAYS TO GIVE

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 - Mailing address: 200 E. Monticello St.
- Office hours: Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.
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Thank you! This is the second highest amount given in 10 years.

Annie Armstrong Easter Offering North American Missions

Church goal: \$16,000
Challenge goal: \$25,000
YTD: \$22,586

BAPTIST CHILDREN'S VILLAGE LOVE OFFERING
MOTHER'S DAY
SUNDAY, MAY 10TH
GOAL: \$2,000

Changing One Life Changes Generations



4 Things Our Children Will Remember about Covid-19 By Mark Dance

Children are not supposed to feel the weight of the world, much less understand it. As our children and grandchildren struggle to grasp the implications of COVID-19, there are a few concrete concepts we can help them with, which will remain for the rest of their lives.

1. Our children will remember how much we trusted God.
2. Our children will remember how well we took care of each other.
3. Our children will remember how God provided.
4. Our children will remember the extra attention they got from us.

**Visit FBC Brook Kids Facebook page for more articles and devotions.*

FBCBROOK Tips for helping your teen and tween deal with social distancing

1. With age-appropriate parental supervision, apps like Snapchat, Houseparty, Discord and Netflix Party can provide safe, at-home socializing.
2. Structure is important to promote normalcy. Try to keep your teen on a schedule: waking up at a set time, schoolwork, outside time, fun time.
3. Encourage offline time: walks, family board games, cooking together.
4. Don't minimize their fear or grief at possibly missing big events like prom or graduation.
5. Check your school system and library websites for links to educational and online extracurricular websites.

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So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.
Isaiah 41:10

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