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# ***The Network***



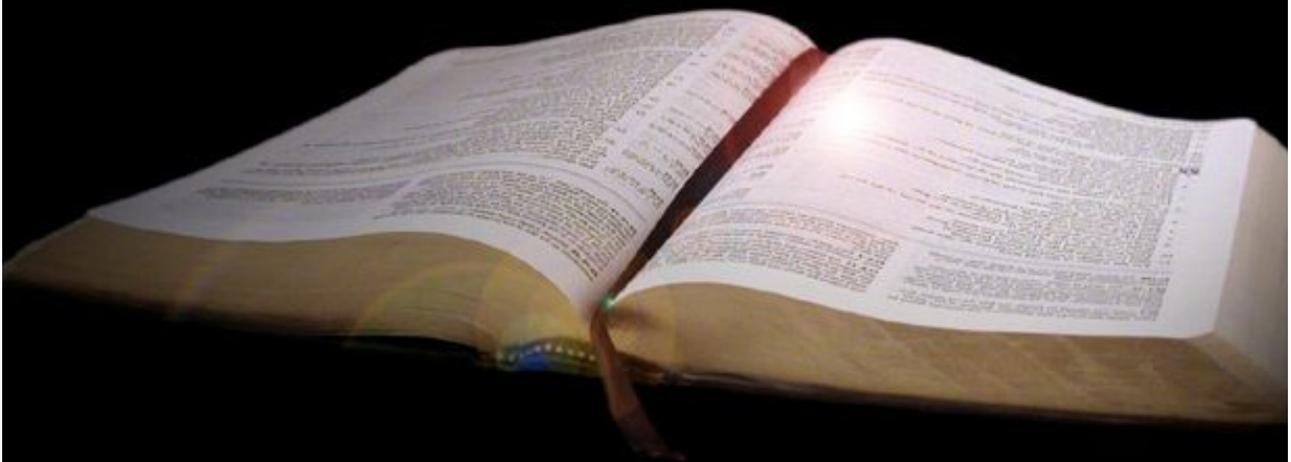
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*So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things.*

**- Colossians 3:1–2 (CSB)**



*From the Pastor's Pen...*



Last Sunday, we concluded our series from the Gospel of John that we began back in December. I have enjoyed revisiting John's account of the life, ministry, death, burial and resurrection of Jesus. He provided us with a great reminder of the mission of the Son of God. This Sunday, I have asked Todd Henson to share a message during our morning worship service. I know you will be blessed by the message God has given him.

On the day I am writing this article (Monday, April 20), we are 10 days away from the end of the current stay-at-home order in the state of Tennessee. We continue to monitor the recommendations of medical personnel, elected officials and state convention leaders concerning when we can begin resuming some of our in-person services and activities.

Next week, we will outline for you our plan for moving forward in the month of May and beyond. Please pray for our church staff and church leadership as we seek a plan that will be in the best interest of everyone's health and the ministry of our church. As always, we will communicate information to you through our Facebook page, our website and our weekly newsletter.

I look forward to the day when I can see all of you!

In Christ,  
Bro. Trent



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**Submission deadline for  
the next issue is**

**Monday, April 27, 2020**

**facebook**  
**LIVE**



### **Wednesday Evening Facebook Live Series with Pastor Ken**

***"A Peace that Surpasses All: Thriving in the Midst of Crisis"***

The purpose of this special series is to encourage you in this especially stressful and worrisome season. We are meeting via Facebook Live on Wednesday evenings at 6 p.m. Our Associate Pastor for Biblical Counseling, Ken Schultz, is sharing a message from Scripture each week and will provide a special Q and A time to follow. After the message, you can post your questions to the Facebook Live feed, and Pastor Ken will respond on the live feed. We hope you will join us to see how God can encourage you this month!

**Week #2 (4/22/20): *Experiencing Calm in the Midst of Chaos* - Luke 8:22-25**

**Week #3 (4/29/20): *Learning to Lean on God* - Psalm 131**

**Week #4 (5/6/20): *Finding True Relief* - Matthew 11:28-30**

## Summer 2020 Update for Students and Children

### Student and Children Camps

The effect of changes in schedules are being felt by all of us. Lifeway recently informed us that Student and Children's Camps scheduled in June have been canceled. We were registered for both Centri-Kid and Centrifuge during the month of June. The decision has also been made to cancel Camp 1031 for our K-2nd graders in July. We are saddened and disappointed that we will not be headed to camp this summer, but we are looking to God to lead us and provide ways to make this a most memorable summer for our students and children.

We would like to offer families two options concerning camp deposits and payments. First, you may choose to have the money already paid applied to the camp balance for Summer 2021. Secondly, you may request a full refund by June 1 for the amount you have paid toward camp. Please let us know which option best meets the needs of your family. You may contact Garrett for Centrifuge Student Camp inquiries and Ms. Angela for inquiries concerning Centri-Kid and Camp 1031.

### Vacation Bible School

VBS 2020 for FBC Paris is going to look different this year due to the uncertainty of social distancing requirements. First, we are postponing the week-long VBS scheduled for June 1-5. Second, there will be a format restructure for the event.

Our desire is to have VBS, but to do it differently and later in the summer. We are still trying to wrap our minds around how that might look, but most importantly, we are seeking God's guidance as to how He wants us to best minister to the children of our community. Please join us in prayer: begin praying about your part in Vacation Bible School. There will be more needs and opportunities as plans become clear to us. Pray for your church staff. We will be communicating plans with you as they become available. We want to honor God and join Him in what He has planned. And, we believe, He has great big plans.

Isn't it something! This summer's VBS motto is JESUS! OUR STRONG FOUNDATION! No matter the circumstance, the cancellation, or the change in plans, we can trust in our firm foundation and His love for us.

## Deacon Nomination List

During the month of April, the church office will begin preparing the deacon nomination list for the upcoming 2019-20 deacon selection process. The list will include the names of all men 25 years of age or older who have been resident members of our church for at least one year prior to June 1. Any man who does not wish for his name to appear on the nomination list may request that his name be removed from the nomination list prior to its publication by contacting the church office. **The last day to request a name be removed from the nomination list is Wednesday, April 29.**



Our church office has been operating with a slightly different schedule in recent weeks. The office is open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, closing only for lunch from Noon to 1 p.m. each day.

## Robertson scholarship applications due by May 1

Applications for the Mildred R. Robertson scholarship are **due in the church office by May 1.**

For applications and a complete list of scholarship guidelines, please visit the church office, or the church website at [www.fbcparis.org](http://www.fbcparis.org).

## This Week At First Baptist

### SUNDAY, April 26

**10:15** Morning Worship on Facebook Live  
(No in-person worship)  
**\*No Other Activities**

### WEDNESDAY, April 29

**6:00** Facebook Live series with Pastor Ken  
(No in-person worship)  
**\*Deadline to remove names from deacon nomination list**



The Biblical Counseling ministry is continuing to operate, but in a different format. All counseling sessions are now conducted either by video or phone call. For more information, see the Biblical Counseling tab on our church website ([www.fbcparis.org](http://www.fbcparis.org)) or e-mail Pastor Ken at [counseling@fbcparis.org](mailto:counseling@fbcparis.org).

OUR  
**NEW  
WEBSITE**  
IS NOW LIVE

### **New FBC website**

We have updated our website! It has recently gone live. Please check out our new look at [www.fbcparis.org](http://www.fbcparis.org).

### **Services on website**

If you are not on Facebook, a video of our Sunday morning service will be available on our website each week.

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of the Court Square*

## Sunday School

9 a.m.

## Sunday Morning Worship

10:15 a.m.

## Sunday Evening Events

6 p.m.



## **Sunday, April 26**

*Remember Who You Are*  
Colossians 3:1-4

## **Sunday Nights**

No in-person D Group meetings

## **WEDNESDAY NIGHT**

**April 29**

*No Activities*

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## **FINANCIAL REPORT**

### **Week Ending April 17**

Budget Required ..... \$26,411.75  
Budget Received ..... \$27,592.41  
Other Designated ..... \$2,150.00  
Total ..... \$29,742.41

## **Annie Armstrong Easter Offering Update**

**Goal: \$12,000**

**Received to Date: \$8,729**

## **GIFTS RECEIVED:**

Kerry & Susan Bell in memory of  
**Quentell Osbron**; Joan Bready  
& Donn Edwards in memory of  
**Charlene Parker.**

## **FOUNDATIONS**

### **Foundations Bible Reading Plan**

#### Week 17 (Week of April 19)

	<u>OT &amp; NT Plan</u>	<u>NT Plan</u>
<b>Day 1</b>	2 Samuel 1; 2:1-7	2 Cor. 3
<b>Day 2</b>	2 Samuel 3:1; 5; Psalm 23	2 Cor. 4
<b>Day 3</b>	2 Samuel 6-7	2 Cor. 5
<b>Day 4</b>	Psalm 18; 2 Samuel 9	2 Cor. 6
<b>Day 5</b>	2 Samuel 11-12	2 Cor. 7

#### Week 18 (Week of April 26)

	<u>OT &amp; NT Plan</u>	<u>NT Plan</u>
<b>Day 1</b>	Psalm 51	2 Cor. 8
<b>Day 2</b>	2 Samuel 24; Psalm 24	2 Cor. 9
<b>Day 3</b>	Psalm 1; 19	2 Cor. 10
<b>Day 4</b>	Psalms 103; 119:1-48	2 Cor. 11
<b>Day 5</b>	Psalm 119:49-128	2 Cor. 12



Even though we are not meeting together as a church family, you can still give your tithes and offerings either by mail or by bringing it to the church office. The church office is still open through regular working hours (8 a.m.-5 p.m.), but is closed for lunch (Noon-1 p.m.).



Another option available for giving tithes and offerings is through on-line giving. To make an on-line donation, go to our website ([www.fbcparis.org](http://www.fbcparis.org)) and click on the "GIVING" link located in the top right-hand corner of the page and follow the directions posted.