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The Network



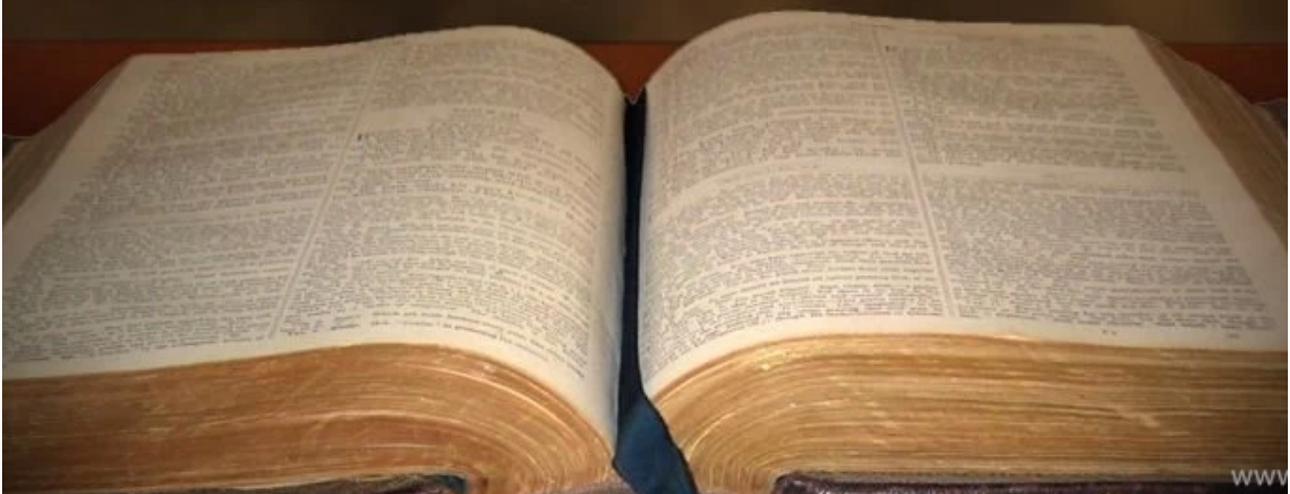
The Weekly Newsletter of First Baptist Church, Paris, Tennessee

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*I rejoiced with those
who said to me,
“Let’s go to the house
of the Lord.”*

- Psalm 122:1 (CSB)



From the Pastor's Pen ...

This Sunday, June 7, is the day we have been waiting for! We will have the opportunity to begin gathering again for weekly worship. As we shared a few weeks ago, our gatherings will look a little different for a while until we can resume our regular schedule. With that said, here is our plan for gathering this Sunday:

PRELIMINARY CONSIDERATIONS

- We desire to provide an opportunity for the body of Christ to gather to worship. We also want to gather in a manner that demonstrates love for God and for others.
- We will only gather for worship on Sunday mornings until further notice.
- If you are sick or have had close contact with a person with COVID-19, please stay home.
- If you do not feel comfortable being in a crowd, please feel free to stay home.
- Please know that it is okay to wear face coverings if you choose to attend worship.

CHOOSING A WORSHIP SERVICE TO ATTEND

- We ask that **senior adults** and those who are in a **high-risk category** plan to attend the **8:30 a.m.** worship service.
- We ask that **families with school-aged children** plan to attend the **11 a.m.** worship service.
- **Other families and individuals may choose between the two services.**
- We will provide overflow seating for each service in Orr Hall (if needed) with a live video feed from the sanctuary.

ARRIVING AT THE CHURCH

- Please plan to arrive at the church no more than 30 minutes before the service time.
- We will have designated handicap parking spaces in front of the sanctuary on Ruff Street.

ENTERING WORSHIP SERVICES

- If you plan to sit on the main floor of the sanctuary, please enter and exit through the garden entrance on Ruff Street.
- If you plan to sit in the balcony of the sanctuary, please enter and exit through the front doors of the sanctuary on Ruff Street.
- If you need to sit in the overflow section in Orr Fellowship Hall, please enter and exit through the Christian Life Center entrance on Brewer Street.
- We encourage you to utilize the parking areas nearest the sanctuary entrance you plan to use.

FINDING A SEAT WHEN YOU ARRIVE

- When you enter the building, an usher will assist you in finding a seat.
- We will provide you an assignment for seating based on the number of people sitting with you. We are planning seating in the sanctuary based on individuals and groups of 2-3, 4-6, and 6-9.
- We ask that you sit in your assigned area so that we can make the best use of space in our sanctuary and maintain proper social distancing.
- We encourage you to maintain proper social distance between others when seated.

EXITING WORSHIP SERVICES

- At the conclusion of the worship service, ushers will assist in dismissing the congregation.
- You will exit through the same doors you used when you entered the sanctuary.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

- **We will broadcast our 11 a.m. worship service through Facebook live.**
- All doors possible will be propped open to reduce areas of contact. Ushers will be present simply to greet and will remain at proper social distance.
- The worship spaces will be sanitized before and between worship services.
- We will not print worship guides and will receive offerings at designated locations as you enter and exit the sanctuary.

SPECIAL NOTE TO FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN

- Please know that we love children of all ages and they are always welcome in our worship services! The joy of being together will always outweigh any perceived distractions by our children.
- Please be aware that there will be no childcare provided, but we will have designated areas if you need to leave the sanctuary with your child.
- Children will remain with their parents during children's time with Ms. Angela.

Please continue to pray as we prepare to gather again. I look forward to seeing you soon!

In Christ,
Bro. Trent

Biblical Counseling

The Paris Biblical Counseling Center is currently helping folks through video and phone conferencing for the social distancing timeframe. We plan to begin in-person counseling sessions at FBC the week of Monday, June 8, which follows the Phase 1 reopening plan for FBC worship. You can schedule an appointment at any time by emailing the Center at counseling@fbcparis.org.

Coming Soon



Showing What Love Is

Father's Day Offering

Sunday, June 21

Statewide Goal:

\$450,000

Our Church History

DID YOU KNOW?

The church congratulated Beth Clark and Jill Morris in July 1987 for winning the highest award at a state Bible drill in Union City. Both were declared State Winners Superior.

Worship with us on

facebook

SUNDAY MORNING
WORSHIP

11 a.m.

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS
Facebook Live Message - 6 p.m.

This Week At First Baptist

SUNDAY, June 7

- 8:30 Morning Worship (Senior Adults & At-Risk Groups)
 - 11:00 Morning Worship (Families with Children & Others)
*(Facebook Live Broadcast)
- No Other Activities**

WEDNESDAY, June 10

- 5:30 Drive-by Bridal Shower for Dakota Noble & Whitney Reed
- 6:00 Facebook Live Message (No in-person worship);
*Student Loft Worship on FBC Paris Students Facebook Page

THURSDAY, June 11

- 5:00 Drive-through Baby Shower for Jessica (Stier) French



Should anyone need assistance from the church office, our office is working on a normal schedule from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. The one exception is the office is closed during lunch from noon to 1 p.m.

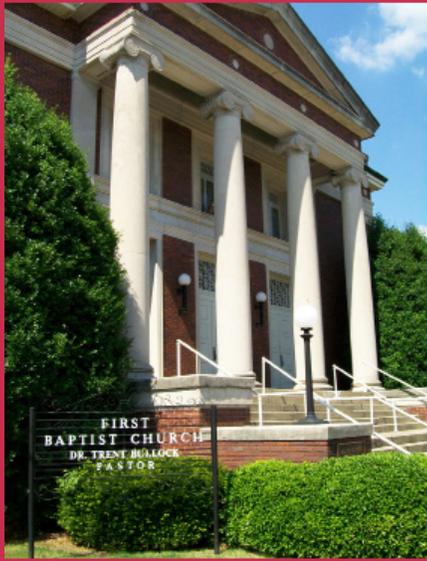
church website
UPDATE

New FBC website

We have updated our website! It has recently gone live. Please check out our new look at www.fbcparis.org.

Join us for a
Drive-by Bridal Shower
honoring
Whitney Reed
& Dakota Noble
Wednesday, June 10
5:30- 7 p.m.
First Baptist Church
Circle Drive-through
located on Brewer St.
Registered at:
Amazon,
Bed, Bath & Beyond
REI
Target
Walmart

First Baptist Church



313 N Poplar Street
Paris, Tennessee 38242
*One Block North
of the Court Square*

Sunday Morning Worship
8:30 & 11 a.m.



Sunday, June 7

We Gather to Worship
Psalm 122:1



No in-person D Group meetings

WEDNESDAY NIGHT

June 10
No Activities

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FINANCIAL REPORT

Week Ending May 29

Budget Required \$26,411.75
Budget Received \$16,346.73
Other Designated \$1,246.59
Total \$17,593.32

TN Baptist Children's Home Offering

Received to Date: \$2,455

GIFTS RECEIVED:

Adult III Sunday School Class
(Whitfield) in memory of **Hubert
Grey Gaskill**; Don & Mary Kate
Ridgeway in memory of **John T.
Ridgeway**.

Services on website

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

MEDIA

June 7

Sound **ProPresenter**
Will Jelks Deborah Noble

Media Room
Kevin Buie, John Chaney
Kevin Nanney



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.).

Online Giving

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

Foundations Bible Reading Plan

Week 23 (Week of May 31)

	<u>OT & NT Plan</u>	<u>NT Plan</u>
Day 1	Isaiah 6; 9	Romans 4
Day 2	Isaiah 44-45	Romans 5
Day 3	Isaiah 52-53	Romans 6
Day 4	Isaiah 65-66	Romans 7
Day 5	Micah 1; 4:6-13; 5	Romans 8

Week 24 (Week of June 7)

	<u>OT & NT Plan</u>	<u>NT Plan</u>
Day 1	2 Kings 17-18	Romans 9
Day 2	2 Kings 19-21	Romans 10
Day 3	2 Kings 22-23	Romans 11
Day 4	Jeremiah 1-3:5	Romans 12
Day 5	Jeremiah 25; 29	Romans 13