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The Network



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*You keep him in perfect peace
whose mind is stayed on you,
because he trusts in you.
Trust in the Lord forever,
for the Lord God is
an everlasting rock.
- Isaiah 26:3-4 (ESV)*



FROM THE PASTOR'S

DESK



Jesus was approached one day by an expert in the law and asked the question, "Teacher, which command in the law is the greatest?" Jesus responded with these words in Matthew 22:37-39, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and most important command. The second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself." Over the last few days, our church staff has prayed and considered how we can best lead our church to love God and love others in the midst of the current COVID-19 crisis.

Based upon the recommendations from our president, our governor, our state convention leadership, and other trusted sources, we believe the best way to accomplish both commands from our Lord during this time is to suspend our in-person worship services and all other church activities for at least the next two weeks. We will broadcast a worship service at 10:15 a.m. on Sunday, March 22 and March 29 via our Facebook page just as we do each week. We will utilize a small staff to provide a worship service similar to what we would experience if we were able to gather together. We invite you and your family to set aside this time to worship with us as if you were present in the sanctuary. We will continue to monitor recommendations for the coming weeks, and we will be communicating information to you about future plans through this Facebook page, our website, and our weekly newsletter.

These current circumstances provide us an excellent opportunity to practice the "one anothers" of Scripture. We encourage you to remain in contact with your Sunday School classes and D groups through phone calls, text messages, and other technological means. Check on one another, help one another, encourage one another, pray for one another, and demonstrate love for one another. Our church office plans to remain open on our regular schedule. If you have a need or know someone who has a need, do not hesitate to call upon us. Let's practice the words of Romans 12:12, "Rejoice in hope; be patient in affliction; be persistent in prayer."

In Christ,
Bro. Trent

Ministry Opportunities

In addition to the opportunities we will have to connect with our Sunday School classes and D Groups differently during the next few weeks, we will also have new opportunities to minister to others. *If you are a senior adult or someone in the high-risk group that needs help picking up groceries, medicines, meals, or other errands, please contact our church office (731-642-5074) for assistance.* Also, if you would like to assist with meeting these needs by actually running errands and making deliveries, please contact the church office and let us know of your availability. We will continue to keep you posted about other ministry opportunities as they become available.



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Submission deadline for
the next issue is
Monday, March 23, 2020

Additional funds approved at special meeting

A special called business meeting was held on Sunday evening, March 15, for the purpose of hearing an update on the ongoing church renovations/construction project and a recommendation being presented from the Properties Committee. The project is entering the final construction phase, which will include security measures for the children's wing(s), an additional 24 security cameras throughout the church, new electronic door locks for enhanced access control on several interior and exterior doors, and an emergency communication (public address) system.

A recommendation from the Properties and Budget/Planning Finance committees was presented to the church for additional funding necessary to complete the project with the security measures as originally planned. The church voted to approve additional funds, not to exceed \$75,000, for the purposes of completing these security enhancements.

This Week At First Baptist

SUNDAY, March 22

10:15 Morning Worship on Facebook Live
(No in-person worship)

WEDNESDAY, March 25

No Activities

SUNDAY, March 29

10:15 Morning Worship on Facebook Live
(No in-person worship)

WEDNESDAY, April 1

No Activities

Help for Fire Victims

In the early hours of Saturday, March 14, there was a fire at Hilltop Lodge, an apartment building, on East Antioch Road. All of the residents suffered a complete and total loss. Clothing donations are being requested. If you would like to donate, these are the sizes:

Men's

- Pants 30 - 32
- Shirts Med - Large
- Shoes 8.5 - 9

Women's

- Pants 7 - 14
- Shirts Med - Large
- Shoes 7 - 10

Donated clothing can be dropped off at the church office.



Item of the Month
March 2020
Washcloths & Soap



October 2-3
FBC Gymnasium

The OCC Yard Sale is scheduled for October 2 & 3 this year! As you do your spring cleaning, consider donating unwanted items to this worthy cause! Any items that are too large for you to store, please contact Scott Stephens (731) 363-0893 or Bob Moultrie (731) 676-0266 for assistance.

Helping tornado victims

For anyone who would like to donate to help those affected by the tornadoes that ravaged several areas of Tennessee earlier this month, please make your check out to FBC and designate it in the memo to the Tennessee Baptist Mission Board's disaster relief effort. You can also give directly through the TBMB website at www.tnbaptist.org.



Biblical Counseling

The Biblical Counseling Ministry is operating as normal. We are meeting in the counseling room and offering Skype/video-based counseling for those who are unable to meet face-to-face. For appointments, go to fbcparis.org or e-mail at counseling@fbcparis.org.

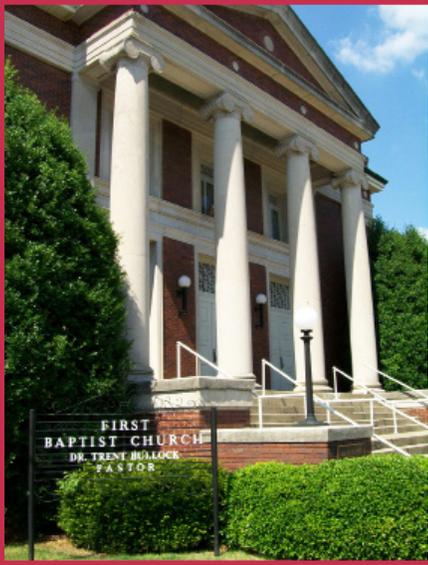
Church Office Hours

For the next few weeks, our church office will operate with a slightly different schedule. The office will continue to be 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.

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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, March 22

The Prayer of Jesus
John 17:1-26

FAMILY NIGHT MEAL

March 25

No Evening Activities
Spring Break for Schools



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FINANCIAL REPORT

March 15, 2020

Sunday School304
Budget Required \$26,411.75
Budget Received \$18,532.00
Other Designated \$8,618.00
Total \$27,150.00

March 17, 2020

Budget Received \$900.00
Other Designated \$5,009.00
Total \$5,909.00

Annie Armstrong Easter Offering Update

Received to Date: \$6,304.87

GIFTS RECEIVED:

Scott & Pam Stephens in memory of
Quentell Osbron.

Foundations Bible Reading Plan

Week 12 (Week of March 15)

	<u>OT & NT Plan</u>	<u>NT Plan</u>
Day 1	Deu 8-9	1 Thes 3
Day 2	Deu 30-31	1 Thes 4
Day 3	Deu 32:48-52;34	1 Thes 5
Day 4	Joshua 1-2	2 Thes 1
Day 5	Joshua 3-4	2 Thes 2

Week 13 (Week of March 22)

	<u>OT & NT Plan</u>	<u>NT Plan</u>
Day 1	Joshua 5:10-15; 6	2 Thes 3
Day 2	Joshua 7-8	Acts 19
Day 3	Joshua 23-24	1 Cor 1
Day 4	Judges 2-3	1 Cor 2
Day 5	Judges 4	1 Cor 3



Even though we are not meeting together as a church family for at least the next two weeks, you can still give your tithes and offerings by either mail or by physically 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.).



New FBC website

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

