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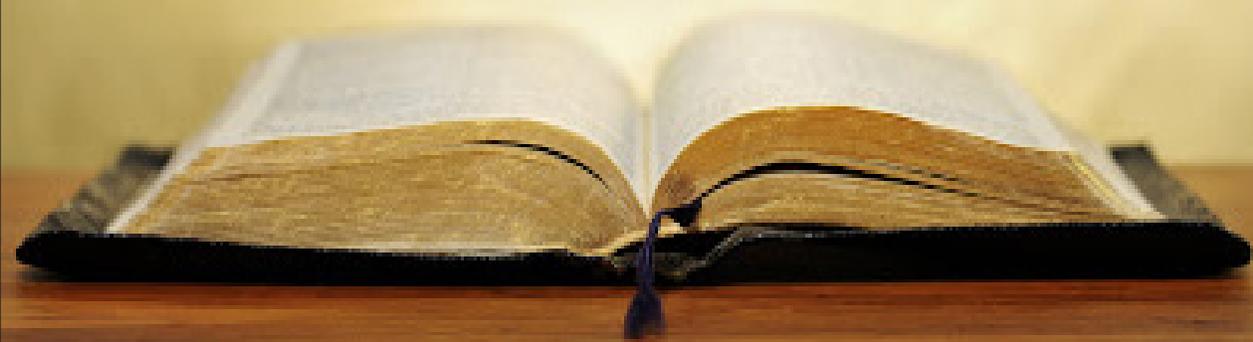
The Weekly Newsletter of First Baptist Church, Paris, Tennessee

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Therefore, since we have been declared righteous by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. We have also obtained access through him by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God.

- Romans 5:1-2 (CSB)



FROM THE PASTOR'S

DESK



Thank you for participating with us in our Facebook live broadcast last Sunday. It was certainly different preaching to an empty sanctuary, but it was great knowing that the church was worshiping together through the avenue of technology. While it was not the same as being gathered together in one place, it was amazing to sense God's presence even as we sang and considered His Word together.

As we continue to monitor conditions and recommendations regarding the current COVID-19 crisis, **we can now tell you that we will not have any in-person worship services on March 29 or April 5.** We will continue to broadcast Sunday morning worship services at 10:15 a.m. via our Facebook page just as we do each week. Please see the recommendations included in this newsletter on how to get the most out of our on-line worship services.

We will continue to communicate information to you about future plans through our Facebook page, our website, and our weekly newsletter. We also hope you are enjoying "The Daily Word" posts on our Facebook page.

I look forward to sharing a message with you this Sunday from John 18!

In Christ,
Bro. Trent



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Submission deadline for
the next issue is
Monday, March 30, 2020

Biblical Counseling

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) or e-mail Ken 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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND D GROUPS

During this time when we cannot meet at the church for our Sunday School classes and D Groups, we encourage you to remain in contact with one another through phone calls, text messages, and other means. Check on one another, help one another, encourage one another, pray for one another, and demonstrate love for one another. Your class or group might even want to consider using one of several resources available for connecting through technology such as Facetime, Skype, Facebook groups, Zoom, etc. Our goal should be to have at least one contact per week.

How to Attend Church Online

1. Get out of bed and get dressed. It'll put you in the right mindset to worship.
2. Go through your normal Sunday routine. (Minus the "hurry up, we're running late!" part.)
3. Gather your family together. No multitasking; worship is a family activity.
4. Project the feed on your largest screen. It'll feel more like you're "there."
5. Sing along loud and proud. Yes, it feels weird; It feels weird for the people who are leading worship in an empty room, too.
6. Lean into the message. Say "amen," clap, shout, and have a time of prayer at the end; make your home a sanctuary. *(Copied)*

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

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

Women

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

**Donated clothing can be dropped off at the church office.*



New FBC website

We have updated our website! It went live just last week. Please check out our new look at 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.

This Week At First Baptist

SUNDAY, March 29

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

WEDNESDAY, April 1

No Activities

SUNDAY, April 5

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

WEDNESDAY, April 8

No Activities



Item of the Month

March 2020

Washcloths & Soap

Operation Christmas Child

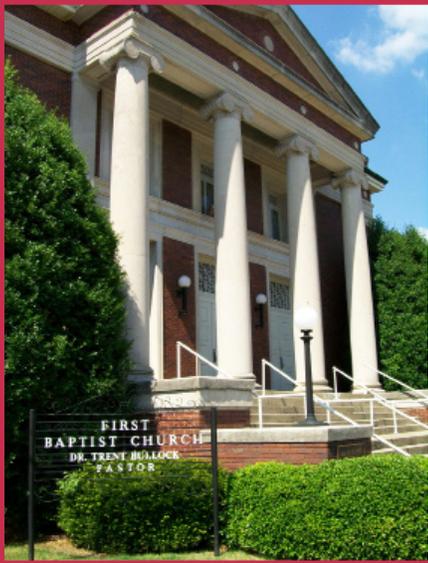


October 2-3

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.

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313 N Poplar Street
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*One Block North
of the Court Square*

Sunday School

9 a.m.

Sunday Morning Worship

10:15 a.m.

Sunday Evening Events

6 p.m.



Sunday, March 29

On the Way to the Cross
John 18:1-40

Sunday Nights

No in-person D Group meetings

WEDNESDAY NIGHT

April 1

No Activities

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FINANCIAL REPORT

Week Ending March 20

Budget Required \$26,411.75
Budget Received \$4,027.00
Other Designated \$3,689.63
Total \$7,716.63

Proskuneo Coffeehouse

Gifts Received:

\$2,349.00

GIFTS RECEIVED:

Janice Wheatley in memory of
Quentell Osbron.



Even though we are not meeting together as a church family, 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.).

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.

FOUNDATIONS

A 260-DAY READING PLAN FOR BUSY BELIEVERS

Foundations Bible Reading Plan

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

Week 14 (Week of March 29)

	<u>OT & NT Plan</u>	<u>NT Plan</u>
Day 1	Judges 6-7	1 Cor. 4
Day 2	Judges 13-14	1 Cor. 5
Day 3	Judges 15-16	1 Cor. 6
Day 4	Ruth 1-2	1 Cor. 7
Day 5	Ruth 3-4	1 Cor. 8