



CHURCH UPDATE

It was a joy worshipping “with” you on Sunday, church. Nevertheless, I miss gathering together on our campus so badly! I say it a lot, but it is worth repeating: there is a day coming when we as God’s people will be together again lifting high His praise. Here are some First Baptist Centerton updates.

STEWARDSHIP

I continue to be amazed at how you continue to give generously. Here is an offering report for the month of April so far:

04/05/2020	\$33,520.50
04/12/2020	\$26,749.00
04/19/2020	\$36,027.00

WEEKLY “GATHERINGS”

Here is a reminder of all the ways we are staying connected to pray and study God’s Word. If you would like more information on which Small Groups are conducting online studies and at what times (the dates/times vary), then please contact your Small Group teacher. If you want to know how to join any of these other “gatherings,” then please contact Miss Laura Snowden at the church office phone number: 479-795-2591.

Sundays

- 10:00 AM Corporate Worship—Recorded Service
- 4:30 PM Rebuilding the Family Altar Study

Mondays

- 7:30 PM Student Ministry Bible Study via Video Conference

Tuesdays

- 6:30 PM Prayer Meeting via Video Conference

Wednesdays

- 6:15 PM Children’s Ministry Bible Study via Video Conference

MEMORY VERSE FOR MAY

1 Corinthians 1:22-25

For indeed Jews ask for signs and Greeks search for wisdom; ²³but we preach Christ crucified, to Jews a stumbling block and to Gentiles foolishness, ²⁴but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

FINAL THOUGHTS

We as people like to have proper expectations concerning what the future will hold. Of course, we often are disappointed, because our expectations are not met. Church, remember to trust in our God who declares the end from the beginning. Even though we don’t know what tomorrow holds, God does. Therefore, let’s rest in the fact that the Lord has perfect knowledge and orchestrates all things according to His plan, even in what seems to be an uncertain time for us.

What I can state with a fair amount of certainty is this: expect the month of May to look very similar to April regarding how we worship as a church. Unless something unforeseen and drastic happens, I anticipate worshipping with you via recorded services through May. I don’t find joy in making that statement, but that’s where we are at and we simply have to take it one month at a time.

Press on in your love and service to the Lord, brothers and sisters in Christ! I leave you with the encouraging words of the Apostle Paul: *Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you will abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit (Romans 15:13).*

Jesus Christ is Lord,

Joshua Babb, Pastor of Preaching and Vision