



CHURCH UPDATE

I hope your weekend has been blessed so far, you saints of the Lord! Here is a quick update on the state of the Lord's church at First Baptist Centerton.

God is so faithful and good, and Jesus Christ is King! Our church has been serving one another over the past three weeks, and we will continue to serve one another in the weeks to come. Pastor Jim and I held a videoconference with our deacons this past week, and we were very encouraged by the way they are reaching out to our church. We have a solid group of men serving as deacons, and they are a major blessing to our congregation. Our church staff also is laboring to reach out and distribute tools, materials, and biblical content to you. As always, please reach out if you have any needs that we could meet.

Church, much thanksgiving should be given to the Lord for the way He has provided over the past three weeks (ever since we stopped gathering corporately on Sundays). Take a look at the offering numbers from the last three weeks:

03/15/2020	\$11,348.00
03/22/2020	\$38,792.13
03/29/2020	\$43,664.66

This is amazing, and you are to be commended for your generosity, church! These numbers average out to \$31,268.26 per week, which well surpasses our budgeted weekly need of \$25,465.44. Thank you for your faithfulness.

While the Lord has provided for the church's needs over these past three weeks, we want to be faithful and careful stewards of these funds in the midst of an uncertain time. To that end, I have frozen all church spending that is not essential to the current operation of ministry. For the time being, the most important thing for the church financially is to continue to pay the campus bills and meet our monthly financial obligations.

CHURCH UPDATE (CONT'D)

In closing, church, let's continue to pray that God would be merciful to the nations and put a stop to this virus. More importantly, let's continue to pray that God would leverage this outbreak for the salvation of many and the glorification of His name. May the Lord open up many doors for all of us to preach the hope of the gospel into the lives of our families, friends, co-workers, neighbors, etc. May the Lord be your comfort, church. I am blessed to serve as your teaching pastor.

Jesus Christ is Lord,

Joshua Babb, Pastor of Preaching and Vision

WEEKLY "GATHERINGS"

Here is a list 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