



CHILDREN'S CONNECTION



UNPRESEDENTED.

I have heard that word used more in the last week than I have in my entire life. It's difficult to know how to feel during this time of national crisis. We as believers know that God is watching over us. Isaiah 41:10 says, "So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand." However, we can still feel feelings of uncertainty, helplessness, and even fear. Imagine the emotions that children may be feeling during this time. It is important that we as parents and families have open discussions with our children.

Listed below are a few tips in how to talk to your children about COVID-19.

#1 – Remain calm and reassuring.

- Remember that children will react to both what you say and how you say it. They will pick up cues from the conversations you have with them and with others.

#2 – Make yourself available to listen and to talk.

- Make time to talk. Be sure children know they can come to you when they have questions.

#3 – Pay attention to what children see or hear on television, radio, or online.

- Consider reducing the amount of screen time focused on COVID-19. Too much information on one topic can lead to anxiety.

#4 - Provide information that is honest and accurate.

- Give children information that is truthful and appropriate for the age and developmental level of the child

#5 – Teach children everyday actions to reduce the spread of germs.

- Remind children to stay away from people who are coughing or sneezing or sick.
- Remind them to cough or sneeze into a tissue or their elbow, then throw the tissue into the trash.
- Get children into a handwashing habit.

Teach them to wash their hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after blowing their nose, coughing, or sneezing; going to the bathroom; and before eating or preparing food.

Ideas are taken from "Talking with children about Coronavirus Disease 2019: Messages for parents, school staff, and others working with children" by National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases (NCIRD), Division of Viral Diseases.

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Dear Church Family,

I want to provide you with an update regarding the current Coronavirus crisis. We have been advised by our federal, state, county, and city government that churches should immediately discontinue their regular scheduled times of worship as well as all other activities. The Bible makes it clear in Romans 13:1-2 that we are to be subject to governing authorities. The major concern is that the virus is transmitted through personal contact. It is imperative that we do not overwhelm our medical facilities and personnel by engaging in any group meetings that might speed the spread of this virus.

Please make every effort to comply with the information that is available through so many medical and governmental web sites. Our church leadership team is making every effort to be informed about how to best protect both our church and community. This concern has led us to announce that we will not meet for worship on Sunday, March 22. We will be providing updates regarding when we will resume corporate worship and how you can join us for worship online through Facebook and our church website (fbcnatchez.org).

Dr. Doug Broome

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH IS NOW EQUIPPED TO ACCEPT ONLINE GIVING

Please visit our Website at

www.fbcnatchez.org

Click on the "GIVING TAB" to
process your contribution.

Other options include:

Mailing your contribution to:

First Baptist Church

150 D'Evereaux Drive

Natchez, MS 39120

Setting up Billpay with your local bank
for First Baptist Church.

Placing your contribution in the
First Baptist Church Library Book Drop
(located in the breezeway
by the FLC door)

SPIRITUAL STATISTICS – MARCH 8, 2020
Enrollment 608
Attendance 273
Contacts 78

New Sunday School Members
Lane Merriett
Terri Merriett

FINANCIAL REPORT – MARCH 8, 2020
Tithes and Offerings \$20,957.39
Annie Armstrong 685.00
Youth 200.00
Memorials 2,765.00
Total \$24,607.39



Deacon Election

On Sunday, April 19, at the close of the worship service, we will elect 10 new deacons. A list of eligible deacons is available at the four entrances of the Sanctuary.

SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS
SUNDAY, MARCH 29, 2020

DEACON OF THE WEEK
Jerry Geter

SECURITY DEACON
Casey Covington

PRESCHOOL EXTENDED SERVICE NURSERY
Deborah Fisher
Sandra Herring
Carolyn McCallister
Erin Smith

TODDLERS
Becky Fortenbery
Lance Boyd
Toria Boyd

TWO & THREE YEARS OLDS
Paige Carter
Beth Shutt
Nancy Bowman
Gail Gamberi

Preschool Welcome Center: J. J. Rabb

Greeters: Kelly Baroni,
Lanius Fortenbery, Katie Graham,
Toni Williams

BROADCAST MINISTRIES SCHEDULE
MARCH 29, 2020

Director Spencer Stutzman
Switcher Bill Jones
Camera Bob Heflin

Lights Chris Newman
Audio Larry Presley
House Sound Terry Estes
James Johnston
Bobby Cowart
Floyd Gardner
Pro Presenter Chris Binns

Join Us for Kids Worship

A Special Worship Time for Children Ages 1st–4th Grades

- Parents will pick up their child from Sunday School.
- Children will Worship with their parents in the Sanctuary and exit to the Reception Room after the Choral Praise.
- Parents will pick up their children from the Reception Room after the service.

Hope to see you there!!



FLOWERS

The beautiful flowers at the Podium Sunday, March 8, were in loving memory of Barbara Bowman, whose birthdate is March 19, and were given by Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bowman, and Mr. and Mrs. Lance Foster and family.

The beautiful flowers at the Podium Sunday, March 15, were in loving memory of John Rogers, whose birthdate is March 21, and were given by Pat and Bubba Hale, Cory and Amanda Rogers and Jill and Brent Smith.

ANNIE ARMSTRONG
EASTER OFFERING

CHURCH GOAL \$10, 000
Given to date: \$2750

Preschool Corner



Story: Jesus Taught About Giving
Mark 12: 41-44

STORY SUMMARY

- One day Jesus was at the temple. He saw rich people put lots of coins in the offering box.
- A poor woman who husband had died only put 2 coins in the box.
- Jesus told his disciples, "This poor woman gave 2 small coins. She gave more than all the other people."
- Jesus explained that the rich people put in some of their money. The woman gave all her money.

FAMILY ACTIVITY: SORT COINS

Supplies: Muffin pan, bowl, & a variety of coins

- Place the coins in bowl beside the muffin pan.
- Challenge your child to sort the coins in the muffin pan by color, type, or size.
- Talk about how the coins are similar or different.
- Talk about how even though the woman in the Bible story only gave 2 coins, Jesus said she gave the most.
- Pray together asking God to show your family ways you can give to God.

Moments with Matt

Greetings to our FBC Family!

Most of you know that we are experiencing the effects of the COVID-19 virus. Many of you are home while others are working. In the midst of this difficult and trying time, let us continue placing our faith and trust in the Lord.

As ministers, we will continue doing ministry, here, in Natchez. If you need anything, please let the church office know. As for Sunday School and Discipleship, I will be posting a video related to Sunday School for Sunday Morning. This will be one Sunday School video lesson for all Adult Sunday School classes. I realize that not all Sunday School classes will be following the same lesson. Yet, any study of the Scriptures will be beneficial to our soul.

Continue praying for the cessation of this outbreak. Also, continue praying for our church staff as we attempt to make the right decisions regarding church and ministry.

Blessings,
 Matt Martin

Chat with Chandler

Hey everybody!

These coming days and weeks are looking to be a little different than ever before in our history. First Baptist Church is transitioning to an online model because of the COVID-19 pandemic that is affecting every area of our lives. We are choosing to adhere to the recommendations of governmental and medical authorities by not meeting at the church building. The good news is this is not new to the church! The church began in homes among families and we have to do the same. I will be available and ready to serve in anyway I can as we enter into this different season. While we may not be meeting at the church building it is essential for us to partner together and keeping worshipping King Jesus.

Announcements:

1. Email chandlerkey96@gmail.com to let me know if you have not been receiving my weekly emails. I will be sending resources and materials for in home Bible studies with your student.
2. Follow [fbcn.students](https://www.instagram.com/fbcn.students) on Instagram for lessons, training, and information.
3. Text [@students44](https://www.instagram.com/students44) to 81010 to be enlisted in our student texting service