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FROM
OUR
PASTORS

The Apostle Paul wrote, “And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.” (Philippians 1:6)

I am confident that many of you have shared this verse with a brother or sister as a source of encouragement in the faith, or have been on the receiving end of it being shared with you in a time of deep need. There is a great peace in knowing that as God’s children, He will continue to abide with you and I, transforming us into the likeness of Jesus. Yet what I want to call to your attention is that Paul writes these words not to an individual disciple in the faith, but to a congregation in Philippi who are uncertain about the future of the Church in light of increasing Roman oppression and Paul’s own arrest and imprisonment.

Like that Philippian church, these last 10 or so weeks have undoubtedly left us with a bit of uncertainty concerning the future of First Baptist Church. As we have observed, in the midst of a global pandemic the Lord has reaffirmed His Philippians 1:6 commitment to His church here in Devine. Frankly, things have been different. I’ve preached while staring into the camera of an iPhone and you all have faithfully participated in drive-in or online worship, overcoming the temptation to not participate while graciously supporting FBC’s ongoing journey in advancing our technological capabilities. None of us would deny that the Lord has been present among us, glorifying Himself while knocking down our strongholds about “how we do church”. He’s done so within me, at least.

By now you know that FBC will begin to offer in-person worship on Sunday mornings at 10:30 am beginning in June, in addition to our drive-in and livestream capabilities. While our reopening approach will be conservative, the impact of this pandemic upon “how we do church” will be lasting. I have come to identify strongly with Israel assembled at the base of Mount Sinai preparing to depart for the Promised Land. In the course of our present journey, there will be some who want to go back to our Egypt, but we must remember that the invitation of Christ is to follow Him, in the same manner that we joyously sing, “Wherever He leads, I’ll go.”

I do not have all the answers as I write this article to you. I do not have dates identified for when we will be able to accommodate all our regular activities. But I do know that the Lord has shown Himself committed to our church, and He’s graciously inviting you and I to follow Him into an uncertain future today. I want to encourage you in your faith, to call upon a renewed sense of trust in Christ and where He is leading this church “as our faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.” (Hebrews 11:1)

Our Lord is continuing to do a good work among us, and for that I am grateful. ***I am also excited for what His future for us holds.***

In Christ,

Pastor Dan

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The SCORE

AS TIME GOES BY... We are seeking the best way to begin worship together again, and also the part that Choir will play in that plan. COVID19 is still a threat to many, and that will have an impact on the various plans and actions taken. Pray for us that we will seek and find that best answer for how to go forward.

STILL LOOKING FOR MUSICAL OFFERINGS... Yes, the services online and the drive-in participation has been blessed by the Lord, and we need folks to step up and help out with musical offerings. Give me a call.

DEFINITELY DIFFERENT TIMES... With so much up in the air, let's all do our best to stay safe and stay healthy. Someday, we will all come together and worship our Lord as the family He Loves. **HANG IN THERE!!**

Until then,

Bro. David

June Prayer Strategy

Lord, help me to stand firm in Your truth. Lies are the devil's language; help me not fall for his deceptions.

Thank You, Lord, for allowing me to depend on Your righteousness whenever the accuser comes against me.

God, thank you that I have peace with You through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Father, my faith rests in You alone. Shield me by your power, and extinguish all the flaming arrows the enemy directs my way.

Savior You are my light and my salvation, so I am not afraid.

Lord, the enemy tries to outwit me when I fail to forgive. Please reveal to me anyone I haven't forgiven.

Holy Spirit, if there are areas in which I have become rebellious or blind to the truth, convict me and in Your kindness lead me to repentance.

Father, help me handle my anger quickly so the devil can't take advantage of me this way.

Jesus, I rejoice because You intercede for me! Protect me from the evil one.

Lord, You are in me, and You are greater than the enemy. You are for me, so who can be against me.

Romans 8:31, 38-39

June Birthdays

1 Joel Martinez	14 Debbie Bacon	21 Cindy Breiten	25 Ruben Ballesteros
6 Clayt Stacy	15 Jordan Buvinghausen	Tommy Ramirez	26 Isaiah Mercer
Kathy Stein	16 Lesli Spielman	Lynn Stark	C. J. Shuler
8 Chris Davis	Yvonne Tyler	22 Danny Wood	Jay Solomon
Ryan Leal	18 Elijah Mercer	23 Ted Outlaw	29 Johnnie Evans
10 Susan Gonzalez	19 David Cooke	Savanah Shuler	Ruth Haven
Billy Shuler	Marshall James	24 Tania Rendon	30 Brandon Beadle

Welcome New Members

By Baptism:
M. J. Lawler
Diana Perez



Cancellations for June & July

Due to COVID-19 we have the following updates:

- No Vacation Bible School
- No Youth Camp
- No In-Person Sunday School
- No Childcare during in-person worship
- Sunday mornings. Children will sit in a group with their family.

For info on RA Camp, call David Cooke at 210-319-0921
For info on GA Camp, call Nancy Pepper at 210-414-7927

The Children's Department had a first-ever "social-distancing" Easter Chalk Walk event, April 9 - 10. Coordinator Martha Wall had Judy Stark's help in sketching (and spacing out) scenes for the children to chalk. Teachers Debbie Goede, Carolyn Guerrero, Keri James, and Children's Director Debbie Wagner helped Martha contact, schedule, and supervise children's times. The good Lord had the weather under control, sending rain one day and sunny skies when everyone (almost 30 children!) got together over the two days. Minister Johnny Davis was available on church property both days, in case we needed anything. A big "Thank You" goes to Lee Duff who helped any way he could and left our art for people to see several days after Easter before cleaning up! All this around the parking lot project, too!!! It was a fun project, giving us a chance to connect and glorify our Risen Lord! Thanks, everyone, for participating! We have some artists among us! (See pictures on website.)

Mid-Week Worship Service Begins

Wednesday, June 10th at 6:30 p.m.

We will have a mid-week worship service live-stream and drive-in. Please join us!



Streamed

Live

June Schedule

**In-person worship beginning
Sunday, June 7th at 10:30 a.m.**

You are still welcome to join us via

Facebook Live or
“drive-in church”

every Sunday at 10:30 am.

If you have any need or questions,
please contact FBC at 830-663-4408

Newsletter Articles for July

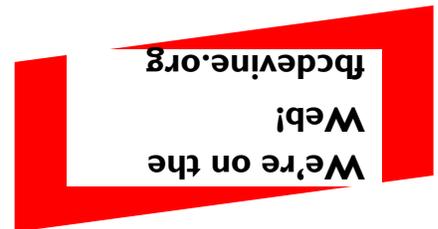
Due in the church office by June 18th

Check out www.fbcdevine.org
You can watch last Sunday’s message
on the website.

There is also a link to our FBC
Facebook page where you can watch
the sermon live!

NEW! CHECK IT OUT!

Check out the digital bulletin on
the You Version Bible app from
Life.Church



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