

First Baptist Church of Chalkville

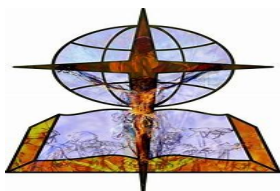


The Connection



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Where do we begin? I think many have asked that question as we start to recover from the pandemic of 2020. The first thing we need to understand is that we are God's people and His church. God is with us in our efforts to recover.

I have asked leaders to be smart and intentional about moving forward. We live in a different time mentally. Covid will be a part of our thinking for some time.



In his book "Then Sings My Soul", Robert Morgan relates the story of John Newton, the writer of Amazing Grace. Morgan writes: *It is hard to shake off a mother's influence. John Newton's earliest memories were of his godly mother who, despite fragile health, devoted*

Bro. Ken's Pen

May has opportunities for us to enjoy fellowship and worship. Mother's Day we are honoring our mothers by having a luncheon following morning worship. We invite all to come and fellowship around the table unless you have plans with family. A sign-up sheet is in the upper and lower church lobby. Please let us know if you can attend so we can prepare accordingly.

May 16 the Kempter's will be in concert during morning worship. We hosted the group several years ago and many said they enjoyed them. They will come and lift our spirit and bring a much needed energy.

I will be starting a new study in May. I'm working out the details and I will share the title soon.

I want to encourage you to be in small group Bible Study on Sunday mornings. We have the best teachers and they are at their best with a room full.

Please continue to pray for me and our leaders as we work together to return to the place God wants us to be.



Ron's Reflections

herself to nurturing his soul. At her knee he memorized Bible passages and hymns. Though she died when he was seven, he later recalled her tearful prayers for him. After her death, John alternated between boarding school and the high seas. Pressed into the British Navy, he deserted, was captured, and after two days of suspense, was flogged. More voyages, dangers, toils and snares followed. During the night

of March 9, 1748, a brutal storm descended too quickly for the crew to prepare. The next day, in great peril, John cried to the Lord. "The Lord came and delivered me out of the deep waters."

The next several years saw slow, halting spiritual growth in John, but in the end he became one of the most powerful evangelical preachers in British history and the author of hundreds of hymns.

Amazing Grace how sweet the sound



Year-to-date budget receipts were \$34,223.00 through April 22, 2021. Giving to the Annie Armstrong Offering for Home Missions was \$1,650.00 through the same period. In addition to receiving offerings on Sundays and through the mail or in the office during the week, we will soon add a new option to allow on-line giving. This new option will permit more flexibility and convenience for the congregation. Thank you for your faithfulness, and let us continue to pray and to give as the Lord leads us.

David Maddox

May Birthdays:

3 Quintessa Kidd
 5 Dot Langston
 11 Susan Bryant
 14 Dot Anderson
 18 Scott Jones
 26 Calvin Shelnett
 28 Betty Chua, Denise Scott
 31 Marilyn Wilson
 31 Veronica Reardon

Attendance:

3-28 38
 4-4 50
 4-11 43
 4-18 41

**2021 Ministry Committees**

Leadership— Dianne Pullen

Budget, Finance, Ins.— Buddy Allen, Helen Shirley, Harold Putman

Personnel—Eila Maddox, Marilyn Wilson, Ann Bonner

Properties—Claire Franks, Calvin Shelnett, Jerry Waites

Historical—MaryAnn Nethery, Jo Lee, Linda Loggins

Flower—Susan Bryant

Missions— Jo Ann Armstrong, Anita Poarch, Rachel Pullen

Senior Adult—Grace Elmore, Eleine Burrow, Wynonia Dukes

Children—Susan Daniel, Veronica Reardon

Sunday School Director -

Brotherhood—O.C. Martin

WMU—Susan Daniel

Church Clerk and Assistant Clerk -

Treasurer—David Maddox

Assistant Treasurer -

Moderator—Rev. Ken Daniel

Prayer Needs: John A., Sidney B., Wynonia D., Tiny F., Frankie H., Jack H., Bobby O., Christina P., Helen S., Betty W., Margaret W., Calvin S., Marilyn W.

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