



## First Baptist Church Taylorsville

***“Remember these things, Jacob, and Israel, for you are My servant; I formed you, you are My servant; Israel, you will never be forgotten by Me. I have swept away your transgressions like a cloud, and your sins like a mist. Return to Me, for I have redeemed you.” (Isaiah 44:21–22, HCSB)***

After God had announced his inditement, and impending judgement upon his chosen people, he issued a promise of restoration. The promise of a future restoration was contingent upon their repentance. That is the way it works. They had sinned against God. They had created idols of their own design. They worshiped those idols, and in doing so, they had committed unspeakably horrendous things. If they wanted God's redemption after suffering through the wrath of his judgement, they would have to turn from those idols and turn to God.

Our nation is ripe for revival. It has happened before, but it has been an awfully long time. Many Christians are not even aware of a historical movement of God that took place in the American Colonies during the 1700's. It started in England and crossed the Atlantic. The zeal of the first pilgrims had waned. This resulted in a period of moral decline. A time of coldness and spiritual decline preceded the awakening when, as C. C. Goen observed, “saints were in short supply.” (Clarence C. Goen, Revivalism and Separatism in New England, 1740–1800, p. 3.)

Revival must begin with God's people. It starts at the grass root level. That means it must start with me and you. This is not a self-help philosophy. Revival is not something you nor I can create on our own. We are a part of it, but we are not the power behind it. That is where God comes in. He alone has the power to move, to convict, and to transform the hearts of his people.

Repentance is key to revival. Without repentance revival will never occur. An arrogant or prideful heart is rejected by God. Only those, who submit to, and repent of their sin can be truly renewed, or revived. If we ignore the conviction of the Holy Spirit and His work to move us toward God, we will not only forsake revival, but we might become more stubborn in the process.

What are we to repent of? We must trust the Holy Spirit to reveal these kinds of things. Surely, we may have some idea, in advance, of sins that need to be repented of, but we need the Holy Spirit to convict us and to lead us toward repentance. Repentance is a gift from the Lord, it is not manufactured by human effort or will.

Bro. Frankie



**Sunday, Aug 23-Wednesday, Aug 26,  
6:30 pm nightly**

Pray for Dr. Argile Smith and Derrick Routon as they prepare to bring God's Word to us through preaching and worship. Dr. Smith is no stranger to our people at FBC. He has preached here before. He was on faculty at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary for many years before returning to the pastorate. He now serves as Sr. Pastor of Parkway Baptist Church in Biloxi, MS.

Derrick has been with us in worship too. He is Worship Leader at Williamsburg Baptist Church in Collins, MS and an educator at Earl Travillion Attendance Center near Petal, MS.

Our revival services begin, Aug 23-26. We will have worship at our regular time on the morning of Sun, Aug 23. Nightly services will be at 6:30 pm. Aug 23-26. Pray for our church family to be receptive to the Lord's Spirit and presence.



## KLIC MINISTRY

The COVID-19 virus has not only impacted our personal lives, but the ministries of churches everywhere. Our church is not the only church that has had to cancel or postpone weekly and annual ministries.

We normally start our KLIC ministry with children right after Labor Day. It is not unusual for our church to receive phone calls from parents, before school begins, to find out our start date. The kids love it and so do the parents.

We are moving the start date back this year to **TUES, OCTOBER 6, 2020**. There are several reasons for this delay. First, we feel we need some time to see how COVID has impacted the public school restart. Presently, the numbers of confirmed COVID infections are increasing.

Second, we are going to need some additional volunteers for KLIC to proceed. Some of our volunteers that help with our "snack time" are in the category of "vulnerable" people. They love the kids and have faithfully served in that area for years. We appreciate them and love them, but they do not feel it is safe for them. We understand and support their decision. If you feel comfortable with helping us and are available, we would love to hear from you. If you are interested, please contact the church office. It would require a couple of hours of your time on the Tuesdays we meet.

Third, I have led the Bible study with the children ever since John Davis left us to become a pastor. I need a volunteer that would assume that role. We use a video-based lesson. I will be glad to show someone how to do this. It is not difficult. If you are interested, please let me (Frankie) know.

Fourth, we want to establish a COVID protocol. We want the kids and our volunteers to feel as safe as possible. Like the public school, we will be taking measures to make our personnel and facilities as safe as possible.

**KLIC REGISTRATION:** We are going to limit the number of children participating in KLIC to 50 kids. One reason for this is that 50, or less, students is much easier for our volunteers and makes for a better learning environment. Secondly, we feel this smaller number is better considering the COVID-19 pandemic.

We will pre-register children as follows:

FBC children will be allowed to register first. Our deadline for **FBC children, grades 1-6 is August 16. Forms will be available August 2nd in the church office.**

Children that have enrolled in KLIC in previous years may begin to enroll after August 16 and have a deadline of Sep 6.

After Sep 6, the public may enroll.

This is a first-come, first-served approach. Once we reach 50 kids, enrollment will cease.



## WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEALS

So far, we have been successful in our restart of in-person worship and Sunday school. Our current numbers in Sunday school and worship are

well below our pre-COVID numbers. I have also noticed that we have seen a dip in participation that seems to coincide with the increase in confirmed cases over the past few weeks. People are being cautious.

We usually start up our Wednesday night meals after school starts in the fall. I am requesting that our Wednesday Night Team Leaders confer with their team members. We are interested to know how many are comfortable with serving and restarting the mealtime on Wednesdays. We are not asking anyone to do something they feel is unsafe.

Having said that, we are also interested in knowing how many of our church family would feel safe in gathering in the cafeteria and eating a meal together. We will be contacting you soon to inquire of your thoughts on the Wednesday Night Meal restart.

Be on the lookout for a few polls that we will send out electronically. If you get one, please take a moment to complete it for us. Your participation in the polls would help us to make a better-informed decision. If you cannot participate in the electronic polls, call our church office and let us know.

**we need your  
feedback**



	Aug 1	Clothes closet open 8 am until noon
	Aug 2	Enhanced Gun Safety Course—FLC—8 am—Cost is \$80—need firearm & 50 rounds of ammo
	Aug 7	Watermelon & Waterslides Back to School Bash—see pg 5
	Aug 9	Men's Bible Study—9 am— Family Life Center
	Aug 10	Deacons meeting
	Aug 12	FBC Kindergarten Open House—3:30 pm-6:30 pm
	Aug 14	Business meeting
	Aug 15	Men's Bible Study— 9 am—Family Life Center
	Aug 17	Clothes Closet open from 8 am until noon
	Aug 18	FBC Kindergarten 20-21 School year begins
	Aug 19	Food pantry work day—6-7 pm
	Aug 20	Food pantry work day—6-7 pm
	Aug 21	Food pantry distribution 4-5:30 pm
	Aug 22	Men's Bible Study—9 am—Family Life Center
	Aug 23	Revival begins
	Aug 24	Revival at 6:30 pm
	Aug 25	Revival at 6:30 pm
	Aug 26	Revival at 6:30 pm
	Aug 27	Men's Bible Study— 9 am—Family Life Study
	Aug 28	Blood Drive—11 am-3 pm
	Aug 29	Ensemble Christmas Music Listening Party-6 pm—Sanctuary

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**SUNDAY, AUGUST 30 11 AM-3 PM**

Please make your appointment at [www.bloodhero.com](http://www.bloodhero.com) or contact Lisa to make an appointment for you. Masks will be required at the blood drive. This is a Vitalant requirement.

# PRAYER LIST

Jimmy Anderson	<b><u>Military con't</u></b>	Lane Smith
Jimmy Boykin	Erik & Josie Nix	Ashli Stringer
Johnny Davis	Jose Regalado (Active)	W. L. Sykes
David Dollar	Devyn Stringer (Active)	Dale Williams
Claude Dowden	Ross Wooten (Active) Mary John White's grandson	Vera Windham
Allie Eaton		Marguerite Woodard
Bones Evans		River Yarborough, TX Children's Hospital
Jesula Fleury	<b><u>Cancer/Long Term</u></b>	
Bobbie Gambrell	Kyle Aultman	
Health care professionals	Bill Bassett	<b><u>Nursing Home/Assisted Living:</u></b>
Angela Knight	Sara Broadway	Sheila Bowman
Payton Pierce	Lucas Brunner	Patsy Bryant
Dayton Pridgen	Beth Cowart	Bobbie Butler
Darren Sullivan	Ernie Easterling	Marion Dollar
Don Sykes	Bobbie Gambrell	Mary Evans
Neil Ware	Diane Gardner	Sue Blakeney Herrington
Percy Ray Westbrook	Scott Grant	Sarah Holifield
	Jan Harrison	Miriam Hurdle
<b><u>Bereaved</u></b>	Ancie Hawkins	Buck Ishee
Family of Johnny Mack Darden	Shana Hosey	Peggy King
Family of Courtney Kennedy	Brad Hudson	Sue King
Family of Gaylon Owens	Jerry Horn	Pat Lancaster
Family of Marlene Townsend	Wanda Jordan	Jimmy Dale Phipps
Family of Elijah Meador	Ray Lancaster	Maurine Sitz
Family of Brian Kirby	Cristal Lott	Arnold Smith
	Wayne Martin	Dan Stringer
	Tony Moran	Joe Daniel Stringer
<b><u>Homebound</u></b>	Dorothy Mullins	Yank Weathersby
Daisy Blakeney	Nathan Parker	Vida Yeager
Jane White	Gwen Pierce	
	Ray Prine	
<b><u>Military/Law Enforcement</u></b>	Bro. Gary Robertson	
All law enforcement	Kerry Robinson	
All military and their families who have been deployed to Iran	Judy & Charlie White	

**DEACONS OF THE MONTH**  
**FOR AUGUST**

ROY MOSS & MARK CASSELL

# Watermelon & Waterslides

## Back to School Bash

Sunday, August 2nd

On Scotty's lawn

Preschool-6th grade

4:00-6:00 pm

(2-4 must be accompanied by parent)

Students 7-12th grade

6:00-8:00 pm

***Everyone should bring a lawn chair and towel.***

***Water & watermelon provided***



There will be a tent and fan set up  
for a place to cool off.



### AUG SHOEBOX ITEMS:

School supplies

(glue sticks only—no liquid glue)

Please place your donations in the  
marked boxes under foyer tables.

### RUMMAGE SALE FOR OCC POSTAGE—OCTOBER 8-10

Please note: Sale items CANNOT be stored in the gym. Please hold all items until the Wednesday before the sale. The gym has to be used for kindergarten and other activities.



Hello Church Family! I hope all of you are staying safe and well. I am thankful for this opportunity that you have given me to serve in the children's ministry, and I appreciate your support. In 2010 I began working in the First Baptist Church of Taylorsville Kindergarten

department as a lead teacher. In 2016 started teaching in the preschool department as a lead teacher for Sylva Bay Academy, where my children attend. I have to say it feels good to be back "home" and working with such an excellent staff. I have a passion for children, working with families, serving in my church, and cannot wait to get started. I am currently finishing my Bachelor's degree in Child and Family Studies at The University of Southern Mississippi. I plan to incorporate the knowledge that I have gained as a student into the ministry here at First Baptist.

The Children's Committee had our first official meeting on Wednesday, July 8<sup>th</sup>, to discuss and plan future activities for the children within our church and community. As the meeting began, we debated how COVID-19 has disrupted the lives of many families and individuals worldwide. The impact of this virus should not be underestimated. However, because of this virus, the children in our community suffer from depression, worries, anxiety, and fear. The safety and wellbeing of others are crucial to our church, community, and school system, but how long do we let this virus control our thoughts, fears, and the way we live? There is a probability that these physiological issues will continue to grow if "we" as a church do not step up, begin mentoring, healing, and ministering to the children and families within our community. What are "we" as a church going to do to reach out to our community to begin the healing process?

As the community and children begin to transition to a new normal, and schools reopen in August, there are many questions that we all may have. As a church, we may not have all the answers that may be asked by our children and parents concerning the virus. We may not have a response at all. But we can remind our community, our children, and our parents that God's word has all the answers, "Have I not commanded you? Be strong

and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go. Joshua 1:9," "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus, Philippians 4:6-7." Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls, Mathew 11:28-29."

The Children's Committee and I are ready to begin that healing and mentoring process with the children in our church and surrounding area. We have decided to have a back to school bash titled "*Watermelon and Waterslides*" to be held outside on **Sunday afternoon, August 2<sup>nd</sup>**. What a better way for our church to support minister to our children and community and remind them that First Baptist Church of Taylorsville is here. We will gather together outside in Scotty's yard, eat some Smith County watermelon, enjoy the sunshine, watch our children one by one slide down a waterslide with a smile on their beautiful face, and breathe in fresh air without being afraid. We will maintain social distancing and pray with these families, for the families, and children within our community as we begin the transition into our school systems. I am also working with Jason and the Children's Committee on a children's patriotic presentation during the morning service on September 6<sup>th</sup>. If you have a child that would like to participate, please let me know. I will send out practice information soon.

I, along with the Children's Committee, cannot predict what is going to happen when the children within our community, church, and society move forward. However, we are here; we are ready, committed, and dedicated to guiding and ministering to the families within our church and community through the "beginning" of the most challenging times ahead.

If I can be of any assistance to you, please feel free to contact me at [children@fbctaylorsville.org](mailto:children@fbctaylorsville.org). Thank you again for your support.

Lori Rogers, Children's Director

## CHILDREN'S CHURCH VOLUNTEERS

Date	Nursery	Toddlers (2-3 Y)	Preschool (4-5Y)	KidStyle Worship (1st-4th Grade)
8/2/2020	Mary Ann Hill	Hope James	Debbie Eaton	Lori/Stefanie Moore
8/9/2020	Emily Evans	Lisa Clark	Connie Ware	Lori/Wendy Walley
8/16/2020	Rita Kelly	Debbie Eaton	Delia Flynt	Lori/Sarah Jones
8/23/2020	Melissa Evans	JoAnn Pridgen	Gwen Creel	Lori/Delia & Joe
8/30/2020	Nancy Blakeney	Jamie Robinson	Caitlyn West	Lori/Melissa & Mike