



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

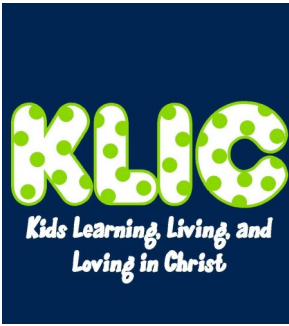


**Sunday, Aug 23-Wednesday, Aug 26,
6:30 pm nightly**

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.





- Aug 1 Clothes closet open 8 am until noon
Enhanced Gun Safety Course—FLC—8 am—
Cost is \$80—need firearm & 50 rounds of ammo
- Aug 2 Watermelon & Waterslides Back to School Bash—
see pg 5
- Aug 7 Men's Bible Study—9 am— Family Life Center
- Aug 9 Deacons meeting
- Aug 10 FBC Kindergarten Open House—3:30 pm-6:30 pm

- Aug 12 Business meeting
- Aug 14 Men's Bible Study— 9 am—Family Life Center
- Aug 15 Clothes Closet open from 8 am until noon
- Aug 17 FBC Kindergarten 20-21 School year begins
Food pantry work day—6-7 pm
- Aug 18 Food pantry work day—6-7 pm
- Aug 20 Food pantry distribution 4-5:30 pm
- Aug 21 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 28 Men's Bible Study— 9 am—Family Life Study
- Aug 30 Blood Drive—11 am-3 pm

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 30 11 AM-3 PM

Please make your appointment at 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

Jimmy Boykin

Johnny Davis

David Dollar

Claude Dowden

Allie Eaton

Bones Evans

Jesula Fleury

Bobbie Gambrell

Health care professionals

Angela Knight

Payton Pierce

Dayton Pridgen

Darren Sullivan

Don Sykes

Neil Ware

Percy Ray Westbrook

Bereaved

Family of Johnny Mack Darden

Family of Courtney Kennedy

Family of Gaylon Owens

Family of Marlene Townsend

Family of Elijah Meador

Family of Brian Kirby

Homebound

Daisy Blakeney

Jane White

Military/Law Enforcement

All law enforcement

All military and their families who have been deployed to Iran

Military con't

Erik & Josie Nix

Jose Regalado (Active)

Devyn Stringer (Active)

Ross Wooten (Active) Mary John White's grandson

Cancer/Long Term

Kyle Aultman

Bill Bassett

Sara Broadway

Lucas Brunner

Beth Cowart

Ernie Easterling

Bobbie Gambrell

Diane Gardner

Scott Grant

Jan Harrison

Ancie Hawkins

Shana Hosey

Brad Hudson

Jerry Horn

Wanda Jordan

Ray Lancaster

Cristal Lott

Wayne Martin

Tony Moran

Dorothy Mullins

Nathan Parker

Gwen Pierce

Ray Prine

Bro. Gary Robertson

Kerry Robinson

Judy & Charlie White

Lane Smith

Ashli Stringer

W. L. Sykes

Dale Williams

Vera Windham

Marguerite Woodard

River Yarborough, TX Children's Hospital

Nursing Home/Assisted Living:

Sheila Bowman

Patsy Bryant

Bobbie Butler

Marion Dollar

Mary Evans

Sue Blakeney Herrington

Sarah Holifield

Miriam Hurdle

Buck Ishee

Peggy King

Sue King

Pat Lancaster

Jimmy Dale Phipps

Maurine Sitz

Arnold Smith

Dan Stringer

Joe Daniel Stringer

Yank Weathersby

Vida Yeager

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 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 Wed night 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 8th, 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 2nd**. 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 6th. 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. 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