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337 424 9975 (c)

May24-30, 2020
Dewitt Wagner
337 397 2152 (c)

May 31-June 6, 2020
Curtis Brumley
337 239 2382 (h)
337 208 7382 (c)

May Birthdays

- 2 – John Brumley
- 4 – Bob Foster
Dillon Walker
- 6 – Tammy Blackwell
Brenda Tucker
- 8 – Mike Hennessee
Margie Tipton
- 9 – Perry Gremillion
- 10 – Judy Welch
Nancy Williams
- 12 – Trip Clemons
- 13 – Linda Brady
Roland Terrell
Amillyana Mazingo
- 15 – Mason Westerchil
Mindy Cooley
- 16 – Jane James
- 17 – Erika Arnold
- 18 – Axel Rector
Valerie Cain
Elizabeth Cyr
- 22 – James Tuck
- 24 - Genevieve Johnson
- 27 – Loretta Forque
Dustin Smith
- 30 – Ashley Nading
Robin Brians
- 31 – Mike Corley

**Until further notice due to
COVID-19
Sunday**

TV Sunday School Class only 9:45 AM can be
viewed on Suddenlink Channel 61 & streaming
on our Facebook page.

Sunday morning @ 10:45 AM and evening
Worship Service @ 6 PM can be viewed on
Suddenlink Channel 61 and streaming on our
Facebook page.

Wednesday

Testimony Service @ 6 PM can be viewed on our
Facebook page.

**When situations change, we will notify you. Until
then, may God bless you and keep you safe.**

FBC State of Affairs

2019 Monthly Budget Required	\$41,780.00
Received April 5, 2020	\$ 8,460.05
Received April 12, 2020	\$
Received April 19, 2020	\$
Received April 26, 2020	\$ 6,974.46

Sunday School Report

4/5 4/12 4/19 4/26

Members Present	
Visitors	No In-House services
Worship Attendance	during April due to
	“ Stay at Home Mandate”

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Serving God Loving People



Proverbs 15:3

The eyes of the LORD are in every place,
watching the evil and the good.

(Be encouraged with the fact that God is not surprised by a
Coronavirus and He is still in control.)

Bro Craig's Notes

If you are familiar with the classic phrase "One step forward-two steps back," you might feel like you are living it out. I had certainly hoped that we would be meeting back together by the beginning of May, but unfortunately this is not the case. Please join me in prayer that the coronavirus will die out, pray for the healing of those infected with it, pray for everyone in contact with people, pray that we will be able to open up, and pray for a hedge of protection around our church and our people when we do. If things go well, we should be back meeting together by May 17.

I want to thank so much those who have helped us maintain ministry During this time. Tim Cyr has headed up the television and sound ministry and has been assisted by Joshua Forque, Seth Forque, Korbin Reed-Arnold, and John and Karan Brumley. Kaplan Rolon and Walker Dillon have made sure that services are live-streamed so that people who do not have Sudden-link can still view services. Elizabeth Cyr, Daniel Arnold, and Sean Slate have done an outstanding Job with the music. These three have joined me to form the "Quarantine Quartet" which has sung at the beginning of services, and has done an outstanding job. In addition, Grant Blackwell, Kim Simms, Chelsea Harrell, Daniel and Erica Arnold, and Crystal Rector and Elizabeth Cyr have come in to sing amazing specials.

I was particularly happy with how the Drive-in Sunrise Service turned out on Easter Sunday. It was so good to see so may of you, even if I did only get to wave at you in your cars. Thanks to our Quarantine Worship Crew that came early to set up and did a super job with the music (It was great to have Elizabeth playing violin for the service) and with the live-stream. In addition, I want to thank Randall and Dustin Smith for helping with parking that morning. Also, a great big thanks to Robbie Giles for his help in getting the live remote set up so that the service could be broadcast on the radio, not just to our parking lot, but to the whole area.

Also, I am particularly grateful to those who have given testimonies as part of the Wednesday Night Witness while we have been sheltering at home. Deedee Slate, Mike Corley, Wanda Pynes, Chris and Karen Robertson, Daniel Arnold, and Crystal Rector have all done outstanding jobs and have brought the gospel message to people who might not have heard it otherwise. I regret that we have been unable to air these on Sudden-link, but I thank Sean Slate and Kaplan Rolon for their assistance in filming these and making them available on Facebook and Youtube.

Currently, our hope is to be able to meet for worship together on May 17. According to the governor's April 27 press conference, phase one of reopening asks for churches to limit attendance to 25% of building capacity (thank the Lord for a large building). With the CLC available for overflow, I believe we should be okay and there is always the option of adding additional services if the need arises, but for now, we will hold to our regular schedule. We could use some volunteers to help make sure that "high touch" (i.e. door knobs, light switches, counter-tops, tables) areas are frequently sanitized.

As for Sunday School, that may look a little different for a few weeks. I will be asking teachers to contact class members to let them know what their classes will be doing. Some classes may not be meeting, and for those classes, the Sanctuary Class taught by Bro. Jim Tuck will be available. Classes that are meeting as regular will be arranged in a way to encourage social distancing, so larger classes may actually

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Let me say to all mothers, Happy Mother's Day. I am sorry that we have missed the regular activities we would normally do but know that you are loved and appreciated. Normally on Mother's Day, we would hold our annual baby dedication. I will be contacting the new parent's in our congregation and hopefully be setting up a baby dedication on Father's Day, June 21. If you have a baby or child that you would like to be dedicated, please contact the church office.

Many of you are aware that Secretaries Day was April 22. Obviously, we did not adequately celebrate it at FBC. I want to say that I am so thankful for Gail Wagner, Deedee Slate, and Linda Brady for all of their work especially during this time. Why don't we at FBC consider May 30- June 7 as our Secretaries Week. Plan now as to how you can show your love to our secretaries during this time.

In closing, let me say a very Happy 25th Wedding Anniversary to my beautiful wife Ovina. On May 6, 1995, Rev. Michael Dubeiul asked her if she would take me to be her lawfully wedded husband and she said, "I do". I have been blessed ever since. Quarantine is certainly not how I had anticipated spending our 25th Anniversary, but I know that God is good all the time. He proved that when He blessed me with Ovina.

May God bless you all more than you could ever hope or expect, and I am looking forward to seeing you guys face to face.

move to a larger space, or meet outside, weather permitting. Our Children's Director is currently contacting Children's Teachers and investigating options for Children's Sunday School, but be aware that Children's Sunday School may possibly not meet until the beginning of June, or later. The youth will meet for Sunday School as normal, as they meet in a large space with plenty of room to spread out.

I have already measured out the choir loft to allow 6 feet distance between members. We will end up using the whole stage area, but should be able to fit 20 people. We are planning a practice on Saturday, May 16 at 2 PM, so we can get everything worked out and have a wonderful first service together on May 17 (if that is still the date we can meet together).

This has been an especially hard time for the Class of 2020. They have missed the last quarter of their Senior Year and all of the special activities that go along with it. We will be planning a special service on May 24 that will honor these graduates. I am asking each of these graduates to get me a thumb-drive with pictures to be used in a Senior Slide Show, as soon as possible and absolutely no later than May 17. As far as I am aware, our graduating High School Seniors include Nathan Blackwell, Ethan Cain, Parker Davis, Faith Gregory, Valyn Myrick, Mackenzie Racca, Gracyn Tuck, and Brennon Zuniga. If we are missing anyone, please let us know.

In addition to our High School Graduates, I want to mention our college graduates. Jessica Taylor is graduating with her nursing degree and Nathan Gautreaux and Gavin Grimes both graduated in December. Congratulations to all these and we are so proud of you.

As many of you are aware, the original dates that were set for youth camp have been cancelled by Lifeway. Bro. Sean was able to get the youth into the Centrifuge Camp that will be held at North Greenville University in Tigerville, SC on July 27- August 1. If you have a youth who would like to attend, please contact Bro. Sean.

The Youth have a Garage Sale scheduled for May 30 as a Fund Raiser for Centrifuge. Folks may start dropping stuff off at the CLC for the garage sale now.

The Jubilee Conference that was originally scheduled for April 19-23 has been rescheduled. New dates are August 23-27. If you had already registered for the conference, your registrations are still good. If you did not register for the conference in April, but would like to attend the one in August, please contact me as soon as possible.

The InGathering for the Annie Armstrong Offering for North American Missions that was originally scheduled for March has been rescheduled for June 14.

If all the turmoil caused by the Coronavirus Pandemic were not enough, the residents of Vernon Parish have had the distinction of adding tornadoes to the list of misfortunes of 2020. Several of our folks have been impacted, but thankfully, their lives are all spared. I must say, I have been encouraged by the level of faith shown by all those impacted, and I have been grateful for our people who have shown up to help out. Please continue to pray for those impacted and continue to be willing to help as opportunity provides.

With that being said, I would like to see us be more prepared to help in times of need. Certainly, Louisiana Baptists have a great network of Red Cross trained "Yellow Hat" disaster workers. But there are times when immediate assistance is needed – times when local heroes with chain saws and strong backs or plates of food can help out on short notice. If you are interested in being part of a "ready response" team please let me know, and we will try to get that organized.



Honoring
Chelsea Harrell

(Bride elect of Andrew Forque)

May 30, 2020 -10:30-12:30
Christian Life Center,
First Baptist Church
1400 Nolan Trace,
Leesville, LA 71446

Registered
WalMart – Target - Amazon-Nichols



**Love and
Condolences to:**

Rodney Blackwell and family
in the death of his Sister-in-
Law, Sandy Blackwell.

AND

To Sherry Paris and family in
the death of her brother,
Danny Hardwick.

“Thank You”

To the members of Leesville Baptist church:

I'd like to thank Bro. Craig for the opportunity to preach the revival at Leesville Baptist Church. We'd also like to thank each of you who always show us the love of Christ in various ways through the baskets of goodies (I do mean goodies!! lol), the delicious meals, encouraging words and by your loving spirit.

Thank you for the generous love offering that allows us to share the gospel and to show the love of Christ to others along the way. We will continue to pray for you and ask you to pray for us during this time. We love you all.

Love in Christ,

Bro. Gene & Brenda Douglas

“Thank You”

Thank you for the many prayers, cards, and acts of love for our family. We were overwhelmed with the support shown at the graveside service

Thanks to Bro. Craig for being with us at the hospital. You are always faithful to minister to those in need. Our church family is a blessing.

Love,

The Family of Don Scoggins