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First Baptist Church Newsletter

We have prayed for several people to be healed, encouraged, and empowered over the last few months. Here is an excellent prayer of intercession to lift up to God. Insert into this prayer the names of specific people on your heart. Jesus is always faithful and good.

Prayer For Healing

Father God, we lift up _____ who are facing illness today. We ask that You would bring healing, comfort, and peace to their bodies. Calm their fears and let them experience the healing power of Your awesome love.

In Jesus' name.
Amen.



Dear Church Family,

The Board of Christian Education (BCE) met to discuss and plan a strategy to resume adult Sunday school and children's programming. We carefully considered the ages and level of health risk for Covid-19 to our volunteer workers and the safety and health of children who participate.

We will restart these programs in phases according to the schedule listed below. This plan will allow the BCE to observe how things go when public and private schools start again in August.

We will begin with one combined adult Sunday school class meeting in the fellowship hall. This location will allow for recommended social distancing. Loren, Brian, and Les have all agreed to teach on a rotating basis. They will decide the subjects and any curriculum to use.

This adult class is scheduled to begin in September. So the first Sunday of August we will ask those who plan to attend to let us know on the Welcome Card or by calling the church office. Getting a count of those who plan to participate will help us set up fellowship hall safely and, if necessary, to order enough study guides.

Parents and children's workers will receive a letter from the BCE this week with more details. The times of all programs will remain the same. We will begin with LOL, followed by Kids' Time, and finally reopen the nursery. After reading that letter, please contact a member of the BCE with questions. This schedule is our current plan to restart the ministries.

One adult Sunday school	September 13 (Sunday after Labor Day)
LOL	October 11 (2 nd Sunday in October)
Kids' Time	November 1 (1 st Sunday in November)
Nursery	December 6 (1 st Sunday in December)

Please keep this schedule and the BCE in prayer. We love our church family and will try to keep charting the best course possible.





HEY STUDENTS!

Back in March, we had a challenge for you to read your Bible or Comic Book Bible with prizes to come later. Now is the time for the prizes! If you did the challenge, let me know what you read and I will get your prize to you. You can call or email the church or tell me on Sunday. If I already talked to you about it, you don't have to call. Thanks! Debbie Cantrell

Livestream Update

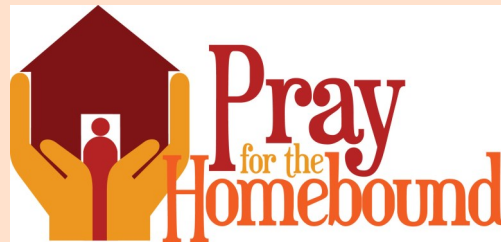
To "livestream" allows people to view our worship service on their computers at the same time it's happening in the church building. Stylus ordered a part to enable us to livestream. This item was backordered because almost every church in the U.S.A. wanted one. But our part is scheduled to arrive at the end of July. It will cost the church \$300, plus the cost of their installation and getting things up and running. We may also want to eventually look into a high definition camera to increase the quality of our broadcast. We'll see how things go.

Christian Care
Mildred Huss—Room 219B
Barb Smekens—Room 217B
Clyde Shady—Room 228B

River Terrace
Eulis West—Room 114
Doris Wolf—Room 102

Home
Ed Goetz
Rose McCormick

Markle Health and Rehabilitation
Larry Gilly—Room 210



Stewardship

Thank you to those who have remembered the church with your tithes and offerings. Our offering plates are on the table in the foyer on Sunday mornings or you can mail your gifts to Jesus in support of our church to 202 W. Cherry Street.

July 5, 2020
Giving Toward:

July 12, 2020
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Current Expenses	\$4,385.00
Missions	\$145.00
Building and Mtn.	\$240.00

Current Expenses	\$1,235.00
Missions	\$100.00
Building and Mtn.	\$110.00

Total \$4,880.00

Total \$1,445.00



Sunday Worship at 10:15 a.m.

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