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TOGETHER

Growing Disciples To Share Jesus

First Baptist Church
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This life is not about me. It's about
joining hands with Jesus to fulfill
whatever tasks He sets before me
and to share His love with all He
brings my way.

Lysa TerKeurst

Rev. Clay Waldrip, Pastor

Flora Heinlein
Minister of Children &
Activities Director

David Edwards
Minister of Education
& Youth

John Neely Gaston
Minister of Music

Missy Hartis
Associate
Choir Director &
Accompanist



*"Share His love by telling what
the Lord has done for you. Share
His love by sharing of your faith
and show the world that Jesus
Christ is real to you. . . ." (Spong)*

Deacon of the Week

June 7	Jody Thomas
	Eddie Nunnery
June 14	Michael Wade
	Steve Olivadoti
June 21	Jason Wilburn
	Jason Owens

Faithful Giving

Thank you for your continued support of the church through the days of the pandemic. Your faithful giving has allowed the church to continue to meet all of our financial obligations. Thank you for your generous support. You can continue to support the church through mailing in your tithes and offerings (PO Box 518), dropping them by the church office, or giving online through the church website or church app. Thank you for your faithful support of the work of the church.

4 YEAR OLD KINDERGARTEN

Now is the time to make sure your 4 year old is signed up for Kindergarten this fall. If you have a child or know of a child who will be 4 by September 1, the child is eligible to be part of the 4 year old Kindergarten here at the church. The program is a wonderful opportunity for children to learn and grow in a Christian environment. Call the church office, 803-377-7187, or Charli Smith, 803-374-1303, to sign-up or for more information. Please pass the word to relatives, friends, and neighbors.



Congratulations

Class of 2020



Sophia Louise Abercrombie

Mary Douglas Josey

Alora Makenzie Keenan

Tabitha Noell Ogden

Chloe Jane Rice

Ashton Johnson Shannon

Jackson Welborn Tate

Faith Leeann Thomas

Kaylee Lee Wickings

Tithes & Offerings

May 31

Budget Offering Required	8,694.00
Offering Received	4,575.00
Total	4,575.00

Honorariums

Gracy Justice

June 7

Budget Offering Required	8,694.00
Offering Received	19,241.34
Youth & Children's Spec Off	120.00
New Bus Fund	10.00
Security Fund	10.00
Fleming Fund—Children's	500.00
Fleming Fund—TEL SS	500.00
Total	20,381.34

Memorials

Neil Roddey	Doris Hall
Charles McManus	Diane Wissinger
Rebecca Ford	Debbie Autry
Ronnie Cassels	Caleb Eddlsor

Honorariums

Glenda & Deanie Reeves	Carolyn Turner
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We have officially transferred our Fuge camp dates to next year. All students can either leave their deposits with us and use them for any trip, or receive a full refund. Please contact David directly if you wish to have a refund.

We have a few events in mind for summer activities, but the only one that is finalized is a trip for our graduates. This trip will be July 19-22 and will cost \$50 per graduate. This is for our High School graduates only. Please sign up as soon as possible by contacting David.
-David

Upcoming Schedule

We have started to have in person gatherings again on Sunday mornings for Worship and on Wednesday evenings for Prayer and Bible Study. We will continue to stream live on Sundays and Wednesdays for those who are not yet comfortable gathering in crowds. We will continue this ministry even when the pandemic has passed for those who are not able to come to the church to join us for worship, prayer, and study. We are thankful for this new tool in staying connected to our church family and in spreading the gospel of Jesus Christ. Please watch the newsletter and listen on Sundays and Wednesdays to know when we will be able to resume other activities and have other in person events.

Graduate Recognition Sunday

This has been an unusual year for graduates. Normally we would have already been able to recognize them on a Sunday morning in worship, but this year it had to be postponed. A new date has been set for Graduate Recognition Sunday. The plan is to recognize our graduates during worship on Sunday, July 12. If you are a graduate and are planning to be a part of this service, please let David or Flora know. Please pray for our graduates as they seek God's direction in their lives.

Sunday School Teachers To Meet

Sunday School Teachers are asked to meet at the conclusion of worship on Sunday, June 28, 2020. We will talk about when we can begin meeting again for Sunday School and what procedures and protocols need to be in place for us to meet. If you teach Sunday School and are not yet comfortable being in public gatherings, please let Clay or David know so you can share with us your thoughts and we can keep you posted on the discussion among the teachers. Please pray for guidance and wisdom as we consider the best and safest way to begin meeting for Sunday morning Bible Study again.



Last week marked 29 years that I have been pastor here at First Baptist in Chester. When I came to Chester Dwight Pearson had been at the Chester ARP Church for about that long and I thought about how long 29 years was. Now that I have been here 29 years it really does not seem that long. There are things that I think about that we did the first few years I was here and it certainly does not seem like 29 years have come and gone. Time marches forward.

In those 29 years many things have changed. There are many people who were here when I got here who are now at home with the Lord. Young people have grown up and now they have children who are about grown. We have had many new people come and be a part of the church through the years. My own children have grown up. I have gone from being a young father to being a young grandfather (at least I think I am young). Many things have changed in my life, in the life of my family, in the life of the church, in our community, and in our world.

In the midst of all the change, there are many constants. God is still God and He still loves us and cares for us. The God who created us gives us His love each day as we open our lives to Him. God's love for us never changes. We are still called to be people who are seeking to share God's love with others. We are working to help others come to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. We are helping others to know that they are loved by God. We still worship together and study the Word together and pray together. There are many changes but we still know that God is God, we are His children, and we are seeking to reach others for Him.

Also, something else that has held constant is the love that I have felt from this church family for my family and me all through the years. I am so grateful for this church family and the privilege of serving this church and being a part of the family of God at First Baptist. It is such a blessing. Thank you for your continual love and support for my family and me.

Kathy and I love you and look forward to seeing what the Lord has in store for us in the coming years as we continue to minister and serve with you here at First Baptist. Grace, peace, and love to all, Clay.

Mission Team Meeting



The Mission Team will meet Sunday, June 14, 2020, at the conclusion of worship. We will talk about what needs to be done to complete the work at the house we started last summer. If you are interested in being a part of completing this project, please

join us for this time of discussion on June 14. We will meet in the sanctuary.