

FROM THE PASTOR

“I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now.”
Philippians 1:3-5

The last two weeks of regathering has been such a precious time for our faith family. Slowly but surely, the process of drawing together as the body of Christ is underway. The joy of seeing smiles and hearing laughter has lifted my spirits in fresh ways. Yet, I know for many of you, the time for regathering is still in the future. This past Sunday we were at approximately 60% of our typical attendance. With spacing being implemented between two services, there is plenty of space for you to join us this Sunday while maintaining safe distance.

During these two weeks of regathering, there has been a renewed spirit of worship. Many have remarked that they realized during this crisis how they had taken for granted all that the church offers. I pray that we never fall into such a trap again. Another encouraging benefit to our regathering is that we are having numerous visitors. In both services, I met couples who were visiting our church for the very first time. In addition, we have had decisions both Sundays and you can see people are hungry to be back in the community.

This week we moved to Phase 2 of our regathering plan with Bible Study on Wednesday night beginning at 6:00 PM in the sanctuary. Another aspect of our regathering plan is the relaunch of our Student Ministry meetings. So during the month of June, Middle School students (completed 6th-8th grade) will meet for worship in the Upper Room on Wednesdays at 6:00 PM. High School students will meet on Sunday evenings for worship at 6:00 PM in the Upper Room beginning June 7. This will help provide adequate spacing and safety for our students. One area of confusion has been regarding Sunday evenings. The regathering plan has us resuming Sunday night worship on August 2. This is due to numerous reasons, the main two being facility sanitization and volunteer demand. We feel that it is important after two morning services, to have the sanctuary deep-cleaned. The other challenge is the amount of time our volunteer team is giving on the weekends. Between the increase demands of praise team practice, streaming, and two services, our tech team volunteers are spending nearly 7 hours of their weekend at the church. Unfortunately, we are not in a season that is favorable to recruiting and training new volunteers, so I made the decision not to put an additional two hours on their plate.

While I wish such decisions were never thrust upon us, I can assure you that we are doing our very best to provide the resources and opportunities you need to stay connected to one another, as well as connected to Christ during this season of uncertainty. As you continue to patiently walk on this journey, my prayer for you is that you will experience a newfound joy in the Lord. Maybe that joy is found in renewed worship or maybe in renewed relationships. Regardless, my hope is that we can all say in the coming months that we are better as individuals and as a church because of this season.

For His glory,
Pastor Justin

CHILDREN’S MINISTRY

Last week, SBC Kids were busy reading their bible stories, memorizing scripture, and baking pizzas, of course! This week we are learning about our spiritual gifts and how we can use them to serve others. As a way to celebrate our gifts, we are hosting a **Virtual Talent Show!**

Church family, you’re invited to be included in the fun, too! Email us a video of your talent to kids@secondbaptistuc.com by Wednesday, June 3 to be included in the show. The Talent Show will air to Facebook on Friday, June 5. Grab some popcorn and make this a Friday night family event!

Week 3 Activities will be distributed virtually via Facebook and the church website. Check these platforms on Monday, June 8 for your Week 3 activities. Keep posting your child’s participation to be entered into our **Weekly Drawing!** Congrats to our Week 1 winner, Jack Clark! Drawings will take place via Facebook Live Video every Wednesday morning.

Finally, I am excited to announce our first in-person event of the summer: **Movie Under the Stars: A Summer Series!** We will be hosting a family movie night during each summer month. June’s event will take place Friday, June 19 with the movie to begin at sunset (~8:00 pm). While this event will be geared towards children, everyone is invited to come fellowship with us and enjoy a movie on the church lawn! Popcorn and drinks will be provided. More details will follow in the coming days.

With a happy heart,
Baileigh Powers

EDUCATION

These last few months, oddly enough, can be related to the Tin Man. In the Wizard of Oz, Dorothy and the Scarecrow happen upon the Tin Man rusted in place. After having his jaws freed with oil, he explains that he was working one day chopping down a tree when a sudden rain came and rusted him in place. He was working when an outside force came and halted everything. As a church, we were working hard, coming right out of our LifeAction Summit when COVID-19 suddenly hit. Of course, the church has still been working. We have continued to feed our community, fund local, national, and global missions, and worship in new and exciting ways online. However, we have not been able to work side-by-side in other work of the church. Thankfully, that begins to change as we move into Phase 2 of our ReGathering Plan. In the next couple of months, we will begin to meet in person again, to go on mission again, and to serve and worship side-by-side with our brothers and sisters in Christ. So we must prepare. The Tin Man needed oil to free his joints, we need the Word of God. More than ever, we each need to immerse ourselves in Scripture, learn what He is teaching us in this time, and move forward applying it to our lives. As we gear back up to do the work of God, we must first make sure we are well-oiled with the Word of God! Together this summer we are exploring God’s Wisdom found in Proverbs. Each week I’ll post a teaching video on a chapter of Proverbs to go along with our own curriculum. You can access that curriculum through the Resources tab at secondbaptistuc.com or pick up a hard copy at the Information Center and Guest Services desk at the church. Join me as we prepare to get back to the work of God!

Bro. Sam



YOUTH MINISTRY

We have begun our Student Ministry back this week. Middle School students are meeting on Wednesdays at 6:00 PM in the Upper Room and High School students will begin meeting on Sundays at 6:00 PM in the Upper Room, beginning June 7. I’m looking forward to seeing everyone!

The Gulf Shores Beach Retreat dates are June 26-29 and the cost is \$175 per student and \$25 per adult. Space is limited to bus capacity and it is filling up quickly. There will be a Parent Meeting Sunday, June 14 after the 8:30 AM service (9:45ish) and before the 10:15 AM service at the pavilion. There will need to be at least one adult representing each student going on this trip at this meeting.

Blessings,
Bro. Brad

FROM THE COUNSELOR’S DESK

What is “normal” anyway? Normal is how you personally perceive how life should be. The way you **think** life should be ordered. Jesus said in his famous Sermon on the Mount in Matthew 5:45, *“He makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust.”* The coronavirus has affected everyone no matter who you are, the just and the unjust, disrupting what each of us defined as normal and routine. What will life be like in the next 6 months? The next year? The next 5 years? Only God can answer those questions. The question you can and need to ask is, “How do I live for Jesus in what will become the new normal, whatever that is?” Living in a post-coronavirus world has afforded you an opportunity to either begin a new routine of Biblical discipline or renew your spiritual discipline by replacing old habits with new ones. Let me ask you....

1. Will you begin a new normal of being in God’s Word post COVID-19?
2. Will you choose to regularly attend worship each Sunday knowing the benefits of being with the body of Christ when you feel comfortable or are able?
3. Will you choose to get involved in a Life Group when that time comes to regather as you now see the value of being in community with God’s people?
4. Will you be more intentional with sharing Jesus as Pastor Justin mentioned a couple of weeks ago?

Now is not the time to fall back into the way life used to be— into the old normal. As I tell my counselees, don’t waste this trial! Grow through it! Begin a new “normal” by making your walk with Jesus your greatest priority and treasure, allowing God to use the coronavirus for good in your life so you can say with Joseph, *“You meant it for evil, but God meant it for good.”*

Because of Him,
Bro. Russell

DECISIONS



**Rhonda Clendenin
Nolan Chandler**
By Letter

THANK YOU

Through thick and thin, you have been a great support, friend and ally. Even though we are temporarily closed, we continue on with our mission, with you alongside of Helping Hand. God bless you!

Ron Gray and Stacia McIntosh

BIRTH

Collin Wesley Yates
Born May 27, 2020 8 lbs 2 oz 21 inches
Parents are Russ & Kristin Yates. Grandparents are Mike & Rhonda Chandler and great-grandmother is Mary Ann Emrich.

REGATHERING PLAN

- Phase 3: July 5**
- Modified Life Groups (Various times and locations to allow for social distancing).
 - Wednesday Children's Activities (K-5th Completed)
 - No Nursery

- Phase 4: August 2**
- Return to Normal Schedule
 - Sunday Night Resumes
 - Choir Resumes

In order to provide a safe environment to worship, please adhere to the following request. We are committed to maintaining a safe and sanitized facility for you and your family.

- Park and enter the building on the side in which you plan to sit.
- Please practice social distancing. Refrain from shaking hands, hugging or crowding pews.
- Wash hands and practice proper hygiene. Hand sanitizer is available.
- Stay home if you are at risk, have had a fever of 100° in the past week, cough or sore throat or been in contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 in the last 14 days.
- Sit in designated pews. Each pew will be marked for either 8:30 or 10:15 service.
- Sit as a family. If you are single or widowed, please preplan who you will sit with. Make sure there is common agreement before sitting down.
- If you have children, please pick up an activity bag at the Information Center or Guest Services.
- Masks will be available but not required.
- Worship from your heart. Sing out loud. Affirm the Word. PARTICIPATE!
- 3 secure offering boxes are stationed in the church foyers for your offerings.
- There will be no bulletins provided until further notice.
- Doors in the sanctuary will remain propped open to minimize touching.

BIBLE READING PLAN

Mon.	June 8	Isaiah 40 & Revelation 10
Tues.	June 9	Isaiah 41 & Revelation 11
Wed.	June 10	Isaiah 42 & Revelation 12
Thurs.	June 11	Isaiah 43 & Revelation 13
Fri.	June 12	Isaiah 44 & Revelation 14
Sat.	June 13	Isaiah 45 & Revelation 15
Sun.	June 14	Isaiah 46 & Revelation 16

FINANCIALS

Week of May 24, 2020		Year-To-Date	
Budget Actual	\$ 42,285.25	Budget Actual	\$ 1,261,968.10
Budget Goal	\$ 32,830.29	Budget Goal	\$ 1,280,381.31
Journey of Faith	\$ 1,060.00	Journey of Faith	\$ 34,028.69
Children's Home	\$ 100.00	Children's Home	\$ 3,178.21
Annie Armstrong	\$ 450.00	Annie Armstrong	\$ 7,336.00
Designated Offering	\$ 936.00		

UPCOMING DATES

- June 7**
- Deacons Meeting at 5:00 PM
 - Deacon Nominations begin. Forms are available at the Information Center or you may complete an electronic submission on the church website: secondbaptistuc.com
 - High School Worship (Upper Room) at 6:00 PM
- June 10**
- Church Business Meeting (Sanctuary) at 6:00 PM
 - Middle School Worship (Upper Room) at 6:00 PM
- June 11**
- Second Mile Voucher Day from 5:00-7:00 PM
- June 18**
- Mobile Food Pantry (church parking lot) at 12:00 noon
- June 21**
- Parent/Child Dedication at 10:15 AM (To participate, please pick up a booklet from the Information Center on Sundays or church office during the week and turn in the form and email a picture to bedmaiston@secondbaptistuc.com by Sunday, June 14.)

WATCH THE SERVICES

Stay connected by viewing our Sunday morning, Sunday evening and Wednesday services through these avenues:

Television: Sundays • 8:00 PM on CH 8 or 26
 Radio: Sundays • 10:15 AM on FM 104.9
 Facebook: Second Baptist Church-Union City Official
 YouTube: Search Second Baptist UC (live Sunday AM and delayed PM)

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