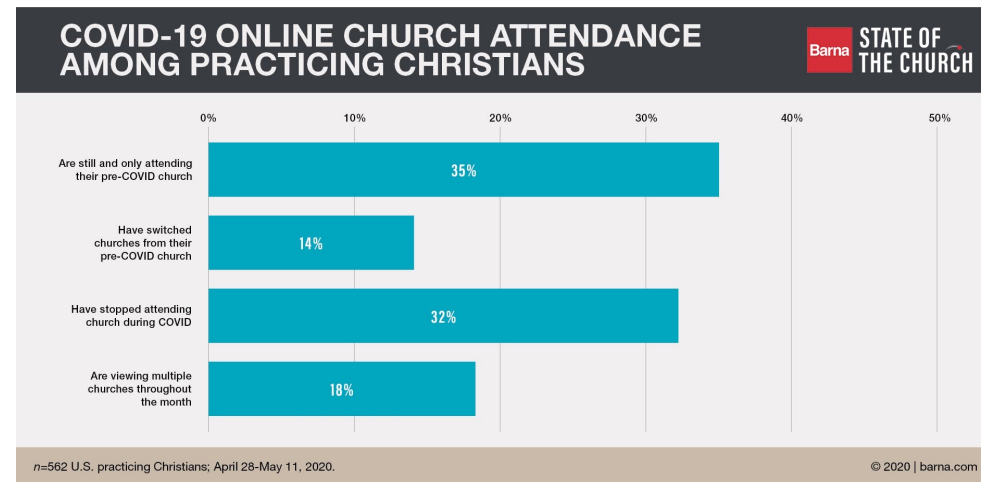


FROM THE PASTOR

For the past 18 weeks, our world, our church and our lives have been turned inside out. I have sought to remain positive and focus upon the good things that have taken place. We have celebrated the faithfulness of our people and the ongoing work of our ministry for Christ. However, I feel it is important to take a moment today and issue a warning. My heart grieves over the long term impact of this season on the church, His kingdom and the spiritual well-being of our families. When this all started, we worked diligently to provide resources and opportunities to help every individual worship and grow despite our ability to meet. When the doors reopened, we saw what I feared... a majority of people not attending services. Now, I am not speaking to those who are in high risk groups. We continue to provide resources (Streaming, Radio, TV) so that you can participate in worship. I am however, concerned for those who have stopped participating and also who have not returned to worship. You, your family and your church will suffer in the years to come if we are not intentional in gathering together. A Barna study recently found one-third of previously active church members have given up on church. Again, we are not talking about seasonal attenders, but rather those who were actively involved. The thought of one-third of church no longer being engaged in worship, fellowship and the work of His kingdom is heartbreaking.

In light of this, let me plead with you to not lose heart. While this season is far from over, we are continuing to reevaluate our plans and policies to protect the well-being of every member. Our schedule may not be what it once was, and there may be ministries that are delayed in their return, but do not become a statistic. Your soul, your family and your future need the church and the church and its future needs you. I am praying for each and every one of you, that the Lord will renew us and strengthen us for the days ahead. Second Baptist has defied the odds to date in many ways, but let us not grow weary in doing good. Let us press on and keep our eyes on Christ.

For His glory,
Pastor Justin



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

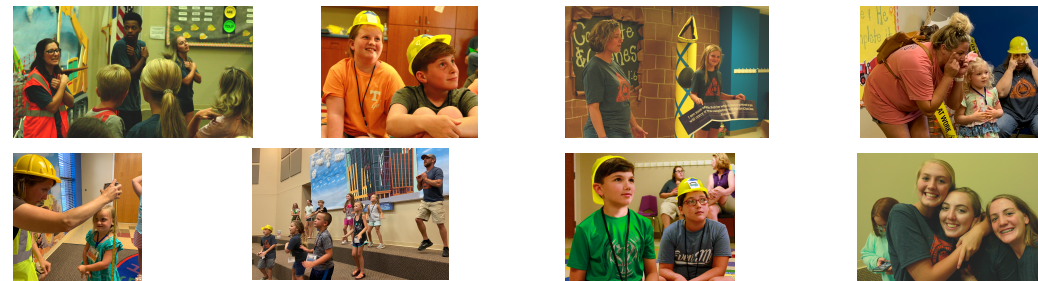
Hey church family! Do you like movie theater popcorn and movies? If yes, we want to see you Friday, July 17th, at our second Movie under the Stars! The movie will begin at dusk and will be shown on the Children's Wing Lawn. Popcorn, drinks and candy will be provided. Bring your lawn chairs or blankets and join us for a fun family night! RSVP on Facebook. All are invited!



Weekly Activities are distributed via Facebook on Mondays. These correlate with what your child will learn at VBS the following Wednesday night. During the second week of VBS, we learned about the Foundation of Forgiveness and how Jesus loves us even though we sin. During week 3, we will learn about the Foundation of Worth and how Jesus loves us so much that He died for us. I encourage you to dig into Matthew 26 with your children and complete the VBS Week 3 activities that will be posted Monday morning!

If you are looking for a way to help with VBS, we are in need of individually portioned bags of chips for one of our meals. If you would like to assist in purchasing these, please let me know. Thank you in advance for supporting VBS! We would go hungry without you!

With a happy heart,
Bayleigh Powers



EDUCATION

It's good to get together again! This week my Life Group and several others met again for the first time in nearly 4 months. While we had met through Zoom, there's just something about being around each other in person. I pray that you are able to gather with your group again. If you are unsure if and when your group is meeting, please contact your leader this week and find out. We have groups meeting after the second morning service. We have groups meeting at the same time as the youth at 5:00 PM Sunday evenings. We even have a group meeting during the week. The opportunity is there and I encourage you to gather again with your Life Group. If your group is not meeting or if you are not comfortable coming back just yet, you can follow along with our Summer Curriculum series by downloading our curriculum at secondbaptistuc.com under the resources page and accessing teaching videos at our Second Baptist UC Youtube page.

Bro. Sam

FROM THE COUNSELOR'S DESK

"I will never leave you nor forsake you." (Hebrews 13:5)
"And my God will supply every need of yours according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus." (Philippians 4:19)
"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." (1 John 1:9)
"And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to His purpose." (Romans 8:28)

What do these passages have in common? All 4 verses are promises; each one promising something from God— a promise of God's presence, provision, pardon, and plan. Secondly, they are passages we often quote accepting their truthfulness. For example, we will often ask God to be with us especially during trials and ask God to provide for us when finances are tight. As I was studying the attributes of God this past week, I was reminded of God's faithfulness— meaning He is one who keeps all of His promises. Therefore, it is not a matter of if God's promises are true and trustworthy, it is a question of are we going to apply God's promises to our lives, living as if they are actually true? So, let me ask you.....

**Are you really counting on His fulfillment of His promises?
 Are you actually expecting Him to do for us all that He has said?
 Are you resting with implicit assurance on these words, 'He is faithful that promised?'**

My challenge to you is not to just accept God's promises, but apply them by trusting in them each and every day.

Because of Him,
Bro. Russell

DECISIONS



Jonathon Doss
By Baptism

MISCELLANEOUS

Attention College Students: If you will be attending Union University for the 2020-2021 year, please notify the church at 885-5223 to be eligible for the endowment scholarship.

THANK YOU

Thank you so much for allowing us to have Graduation Sunday and the Bible is beautiful! God has truly blessed me with such an amazing church and church family. I would be totally lost without the guidance from Godly people that have become so dear to me over the years. You deserve all the love and appreciation the world has to offer.

Leah Crews

I would like to thank each person who called, visited and sent a card for my 90th birthday. It was very special!

Virginia Smithson

SYMPATHY

Heath Duncan and his family on the death of his wife, Cindy Duncan.

BIBLE READING PLAN

Mon.	July 20	Jeremiah 16 & Mark 2
Tues.	July 21	Jeremiah 17 & Mark 3
Wed.	July 22	Jeremiah 18 & Mark 4
Thurs.	July 23	Jeremiah 19 & Mark 5
Fri.	July 24	Jeremiah 20 & Mark 6
Sat.	July 25	Jeremiah 21 & Mark 7
Sun.	July 26	Jeremiah 22 & Mark 8

UPCOMING DATES

July 17

- Movie Under the Stars (Children's Wing lawn) at dusk.

July 19

- Youth Services for Middle School and High School Students (Upper Room) at 5:00 PM.

July 22 & 29

- Concrete & Cranes VBS: 5:30-8:00 PM. Adult VBS: 6:00-7:00 PM (F-104).

July 23

- Mobile Pantry (church parking lot) at 12:00 PM. Volunteers needed.

October 1-3

- National Quartet Convention (Pigeon Forge, TN). We have tickets available for those interested in attending. \$250 per person. Contact Royce Morgan 731-234-7660 or Barry Keathley 731-504-2772.

FINANCIALS

Week of July 5, 2020

Budget Actual	\$	40,100.08
Budget Goal	\$	32,830.29
Journey of Faith	\$	1,375.00
Children's Home	\$	210.00
Designated Offering	\$	505.00

Year-To-Date

Budget Actual	\$	1,456,414.38
Budget Goal	\$	1,477,363.05
Journey of Faith	\$	40,408.69
Children's Home	\$	3,608.21

REGATHERING PLAN

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.

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 Wednesday PM)

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Return Services Requested

