

FROM THE PASTOR

“The Lord is good to those who wait for Him, To the person who seeks Him.”
Lamentations 3:5

Patience is defined as, the capacity to accept or tolerate delay, trouble, or suffering without getting angry or upset. The bible tells us that patience is a virtue or fruit of God’s control upon our life. It is amazing that in some circumstances I am incredibly patient, yet in others I fret often. I think that is probably true of most of us. As we continue to walk with Jesus, we are reminded by the Spirit of God those areas of life we are not yielding to him. I wonder as you read this, what area of life you are struggling to be patient in. What area of life are you unable to accept? As that comes into your heart and mind, I want to encourage you to surrender it to the Lord. Ask God to help you accept those circumstances and by the Spirit’s power teach you to thrive in it. Covid-19, the upcoming election, unrest, and uncertainty seem to dominate our thoughts and attention. However, we can do nothing about these things. We cannot control the circumstances of our lives— only how we respond to them. I want you to know that I am praying for you today, that the Lord will teach you to thrive in those areas of uncertainty and no longer fret impatiently.

Speaking of patience, our renovation project continues to S L O W L Y draw to a close. Unfortunately, we are being forced to postpone our scheduled rededication service. While the contractor has done excellent, circumstances beyond everyone’s control has delayed the project. All of the major work is complete and we are waiting on the small details and the final inspection at this time. I believe you are going to be blown away by the finished project. As soon as the green light is given, we will announce the new date for you to come and see it. Hopefully, we will be able to start offering meals and ministry in the facility during October.

Finally, I want to remind you of the importance of this coming Sunday. We have been working for some time on a final plan for regathering our church and believe the time to reintroduce all ministries is upon us. This plan requires a strategic approach and realignment that I will be sharing with you on Sunday. As a church, we must make some significant decisions about how that happens. Therefore, after sharing with you our recommendations for moving forward, we will host two Town Hall discussions on Wednesday, September 16 and 23. The final decision will be done by you, the church, in a special-called vote on Sunday, September 27. To be certain that all members have an opportunity to express their desires for the church, we will be voting by secret ballot. In addition, we will allow for any member who is not comfortable entering the building to complete a ballot in their car during the service hours. In these unparalleled times, we believe such an adjustment satisfies the bylaws of the church while respecting the need to provide a safe environment for every individual to express their opinion. Regardless of the final decision, we are planning for a complete schedule of church ministries to resume on Sunday, October 4. Ultimately, there is no right or wrong decision. We simply believe that the church should be responsible for how we move forward. Join me in praying that the Lord will unify us in what that looks like.

For His glory,
Justin Hiens

EDUCATION

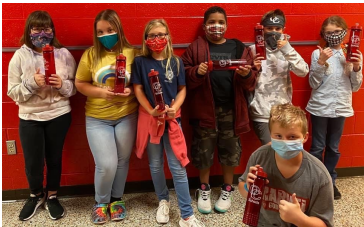
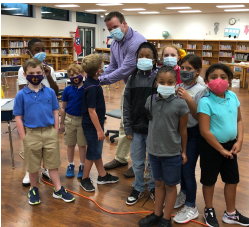
The seasons are truly changing around us. As football gets started and the weather begins to cool— for the first time— I’m reminded that no matter what season or situation we are in, change will come. One of my favorite passages in Scripture is Ecclesiastes 3. The first verse tells us, *For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven.* From there, Solomon goes on to list seasons of opposites from times of birth and times of death to times of weeping and times of laughter. No season lasts forever, but each season should have a lasting impact upon us. I want to encourage you to evaluate the season of life you are in now, spiritually. Have the last few months been fruitful? Have you grown in your faith? Are you closer to Jesus today than you were last season? Or have you not focused on you spiritual life as you should? Evaluating your season helps you to prepare for the next. If you’ve been growing, then you know how to approach the next change in a biblical way. But if you’ve found yourself consumed with other cares and concerns other than spiritual growth, then this next season of life is an opportunity to reprioritize your daily schedule in order to allow God to strengthen that area of your life. I pray this next season is a fruitful one in your life.

Firmly in His Hands,
Bro. Sam

CHILDREN

Every year during VBS, your children bring in money for a specific mission project. This year we chose to support our local schools! In order to reopen this fall, the schools have faced non-budgeted challenges. To help offset the cost of these supplies, we took up money to help meet those needs. After meeting with both school boards in our county, they presented us with their needs. Obion County Schools specifically had a need for reusable water bottles, as all water fountains at school are blocked off due to COVID restrictions. Union City Schools specifically had a need for mask lanyards, as a way to keep masks sanitary and away from other things in the classrooms. By splitting our resources evenly between the two school systems, we were able to donate 1500 “OC Schools” water bottles and 1200 purple lanyards for UC schools! Thank you so much for your donations to VBS and for teaching your children the importance of missions!

With a happy heart,
Bayleigh Powers



FROM THE COUNSELOR’S DESK

“Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep.” These are the words of the Apostle Paul in Romans 12:15 describing how a follower of Jesus should respond in a time joy and in a time of grief. As I will have attended three memorials by the end of this week, I wanted to give some personal application in how to live out the command to “*weep with those who weep*” as death is a reality for all of us and is an opportunity to be the body of Christ in a trying time. Following the funeral of a church member, friend or distant relative, we often go back to our everyday lives after we leave the cemetery. However, that is not the case for the one who has lost a loved one. I want to remind you to not forget the reality of the grieving individual who is having to navigate how to live life without the presence of that loved one. To begin, count out 4 weeks beginning the day you left the cemetery. For each of those weeks beginning the week after the funeral, do something as a way to let the person know you are thinking of them, praying for them, and care about them. For example, send a text with a prayer. I have begun to do this and it goes a long way in letting the person know you care. Drop a postcard in the mail letting them know they are in your thoughts and prayers or pick up the phone and call saying very simply, “*I want to pray with you today.*” While none of these suggestions are hard to do, they go a long way in expressing care and love as we learn how to “*weep with those who weep* being the body of Christ God has called us to be.

Because of Him,
Bro. Russell

YOUTH

Youth service update for the for the coming weeks: We will continue to meet on Sundays at 5:00 PM for worship and message each week. We have moved the Back 2 School Blowout to Sunday, September 20 out at the pavilion from 5:00-7:00 PM.

Most of our student Life Groups are beginning to set times for when they are going to resume meeting again. If you have not heard from your child’s leader let me know and we can put you in touch. Just a reminder, I have been meeting with the Middle School guys on Sunday mornings between services. I would love to have your 6-8th grader join us.

I am in need of co-teacher for one of Life Group classes for our guys. If this is something you feel that the Lord is laying on your heart, please reach out to me. We would love to have you serving our young men with us.

Over the next few Wednesday nights at 6:00 PM, I am going to be leading a discipleship class in the Upper Room titled, “Unlocking the Scriptures”, that will focus on how to read, study and understand God’s word better. This will be a very informal time together as we learn how to study the Bible.

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

- **College Student Prayer List:** Call the church at 885-5223 and give name, school and address.

GOLDEN OFFERING

WHAT IS THE GOLDEN OFFERING FOR TENNESSEE MISSIONS?

- The state missions offering provides invaluable financial support for ministries to help reach Tennesseans for Christ.
- The Golden Offering is collected all year with a special emphasis on giving and praying for state missions during the month of September.
- The Golden Offering for Tennessee Missions works in conjunction with the Cooperative Program to effectively meet needs and support ministries in Tennessee.

BRIEF HISTORY

- o In 1902, Dr. W.C. and Mildred Golden challenged Tennessee Baptists to pray for and give to missions within the state and initiated the offering.
- o Mrs. Golden served as Tennessee WMU Corresponding Secretary from 1898-1902. Dr. Golden served as State Missions Secretary.
- o First offering was \$800.
- o The offering was named after Dr. W.C. and Mildred Golden in 1943.

The Week of Prayer for Tennessee Missions is a concentrated time of prayer for Tennessee Baptists which coincides with the Golden Offering for Tennessee Missions. The Golden Offering is collected all year with a special emphasis during this week. As we come together and enter this time of prayer for all that God is doing in Tennessee, pray for the spiritually lost, the many needs across our state, and the numerous Tennessee Baptist Mission Board ministries which seek to reach Tennessee for Christ.

2020-21 TENNESSEE MISSIONS EMPHASIS



'Return home and tell how much God has done for you.' Luke 8:39a

GoldenOffering.org



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Tennessee Baptist MISSION BOARD

BIBLE READING PLAN

Mon.	September 7	Ezekiel 10 & Psalm 49
Tues.	September 8	Ezekiel 11 & Psalm 50
Wed.	September 9	Ezekiel 12 & Psalm 51
Thurs.	September 10	Ezekiel 13 & Psalm 52-54
Fri.	September 11	Ezekiel 14 & Psalm 55
Sat.	September 12	Ezekiel 15 & Psalm 56-57
Sun.	September 13	Ezekiel 16 & Psalm 58-59

SYMPATHY

Bill Emrich and his family on the death of his brother, Charles Emrich.
Jeff Ross and his family on the death of his brother, Christopher Ross.
Christina VanHooser and her family on the death of her mother, Kathleen David.

FINANCIALS

Week of August 30, 2020			Year-To-Date		
Budget Actual	\$	24,119.00	Budget Actual	\$	1,701,871.20
Budget Goal	\$	32,830.29	Budget Goal	\$	1,740,005.37
Journey of Faith	\$	915.00	Journey of Faith	\$	90,164.80
Children's Home	\$	50.00	Children's Home	\$	4,368.21
Golden State	\$	60.00	Golden State	\$	6,499.56
Designated Offering	\$	952.67			

Please note: When making your contributions online, please choose the option to use your routing number and account number, instead of using your debit card. The fees for debit card use are on the rise and we want to use as much of your contribution as possible for the Kingdom.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **DEACONS MEETING:** Sunday, September 20 at 6:00 PM in F-104
- **WOMEN ON MISSION:** Next meeting will be Monday, September 21 at 10:00 AM in F-104 (old choir room). Please enter from the outside classroom door.
- **MOBILE FOOD PANTRY:** Thursday, September 24 at 12:00 PM. **Volunteers are needed!**
- **REDEDICATION & OPEN HOUSE OF THE FELLOWSHIP HALL RENOVATION:** TBD

MISCELLANEOUS

If you’re missing a casserole dish or carrier, there are a few at the Information Center.

WATCH THE SERVICES

Stay connected by viewing our Sunday morning and evening 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)

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