

EDUCATION

Can I be honest? I don't envy Pastor Justin. For nine months he has faithfully and painstakingly guided our church through a pandemic. From the decision to go virtual in the spring, to regathering in the summer, to starting and pausing and trying to plan and understanding what can't be planned— each step he has sought wise counsel and made the decisions he felt were in the best interest of the church. I have been a part of that counsel, but haven't had the burden of making the final call. Now, as he takes a well-deserved sabbatical, those guiding decisions lie with myself and our staff. It is quite a heavy responsibility.

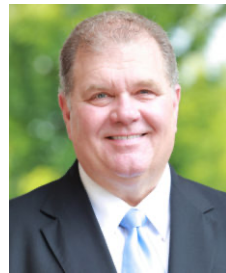
This week we met as a staff to discuss how and when to begin ministries in the church again. We agreed that the best strategy is to open everything up at the same time rather than beginning different ministries at different times. We believe a full reopening, rather than a staggered opening, will be more easily communicated and shared with the church.

Over the next week I'll contact several of our ministry leaders and volunteers to discuss what date everyone is most comfortable with starting back. With the cases in the county as they stand today and with the Governor's executive order in effect until January 19th, we feel it is not wise to start back in the next couple of weeks. Our desire is to focus in on sometime in early February. That will allow time for the governor's order to expire, any Christmas/New Year's surge in cases to run their course, and hopefully an increase in vaccinations to take effect. After these conversations, I hope to have more clarity on a reopening date and will share with you in the coming weeks. As with every decision so far, that date can change depending on any unforeseen circumstances.

In order for our restart to be successful, we need more volunteers. In any normal time, each ministry of the church could use a few extra hands. In the times we are in now, each ministry desperately needs all hands on deck. Whether it's volunteers who get sick, volunteers who get quarantined due to cases at home, or volunteers who need to be extra cautious against infection, every ministry will experience times where a volunteer will be absent and someone will need to step up. With that in mind, I want to call on each of you who are not volunteering in a ministry to pray over where you could serve. Maybe you have the desire to serve but aren't sure what opportunity is right for you. If that's the case, please contact me either through email at scoleman@secondbaptistuc.com or via text/call at 731-592-2906. I'll be glad to talk with you to find out where you can serve. The greater base of volunteers we have, the better chance we have to maintain ministry in the coming weeks.

Firmly in His hands,
Bro. Sam

PULPIT SPEAKER



We welcome Dr. Randy C. Davis as our speaker for this Sunday, January 10. Davis became the executive director of the Tennessee Baptist Mission Board in 2010 (formerly Executive Board of the Tennessee Baptist Convention) after 34 years of pastoral ministry, serving churches in Mississippi and Tennessee. Forever a pastor at heart, Davis feels most blessed that more than 100 young men under his leadership have entered the ministry during that time.

Davis has a passion for evangelism, discipleship and stewardship. Both FBC Morristown, Tenn., and FBC Sevierville, Tenn., increased annual Cooperative Program giving to approximately 10 percent during his ministry at those respective churches while contributions to both the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering and the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering also significantly increased under his leadership.

Davis is a graduate of William Carey College, Hattiesburg, Miss.; New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, New Orleans, La.; and Southern Baptist Center for Biblical Studies, Jacksonville, Fla. He has served as a board of trustee member for the International Mission Board and two Baptist universities. Davis and wife, Jeanne, have two adult daughters, Wendy and Beth, and four grandchildren.

FROM THE COUNSELOR'S DESK

How would you define a biblical, God-honoring marriage? The answer is found in God's Word from the One who created marriage, ordained marriage, and by His grace sustains marriage. Like I told my counseling trainees this week when I asked them to define who God is, all of their answers were right, but different to some degree. Likewise, if I asked you to define marriage, most of you would give relevant principles and texts that define a Biblical God-honoring marriage that would be similar but different. Let me give you three keys to a biblical marriage: 1) The husband is **loving** and **leading** his family spiritually, financially, emotionally, etc. 2) The wife is **respecting** her husband's leadership 3) The marriage itself is a **picture** of the gospel. My goal these next 5 weeks beginning this coming Sunday, January 10 leading up to Valentines Day, is to embark on a 5-week marriage challenge. Each week I want to encourage you to come by the Care & Counseling Corner before or after the morning service and pick up the week's marital exercise. Let me assure you! It will be doable!! For those who complete all 5 exercises, your small date on Valentine's Day is taken care of. You will receive a gift card to Mimi's Froyoz to enjoy some ice cream together. Therefore, if you complete all 5 exercises and turn them in, you get two for one: a God-honoring marriage and a date night!

Blessings,
Bro. Russell

YOUTH

Now that we have turned the page into the new year, let's start the new year by admitting that there is nothing less natural for us than to live for the glory of another. This admission is the doorway not to despair, but to hope. God knew that in your sin you would never live this way, so He sent His Son to live the life you couldn't, to die on your behalf, and to rise again, conquering sin and death. He did this so that you would not only be forgiven for your allegiance to your won glory, but have every grace you need to live for His. When you admit your need for help, you connect yourself to the rescue He has already provided in His Son, Jesus. Reach out for hope by reaching out for the rescue again today. Here's the bottom line. The Christian life, the church, and our faith are not about us, they're about Him—His plan, His kingdom, His glory.

While we are still navigating through the difficulties of the day, we are determined to make the youth group as normal as possible. I think it is safe to say we are all looking for that sense of normalcy in our lives. With the schools making the decision to go back to their regular schedules, I am evaluating the possibility that we will be able to go back to a combined youth group the first week of February. I have several students ask me each week when this is going to happen. We still encourage everyone to wear a mask when we meet.

I do have some exciting news for our students. Coming up in February, we are going to have a weekend event here at the church called **Winter Retreat Reloaded**. This event is **February 12-13** and will be a Friday night and all day Saturday event. This will be similar to a DNow event with the exception that the kids **will not be** staying in host homes. All students will stay in their own homes during this weekend and return to the church on Saturday morning. I will have more information coming out soon and also a detailed schedule. Cost for Winter Retreat Reloaded will be \$35 per student. Do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Blessings,
Bro. Brad



THANK YOU

Thank you for your prayers, flowers and visits. We appreciate all that you have done during Mom's stay at the nursing home and at her passing.

The family of Edith Hall

I thank God for my church family! Thank you and much appreciation to all those who took time to call and send cards. Thanks to Royce & Carolyn Morgan for the beautiful poinsettia to brighten my day, Brian Burcham, my deacon, for his calls and Russell Zik for his endeavors and help getting supplies to aid in my rehab. It means so much to me as I continue in my road to recovery.

Barbara Parker

SYMPATHY

The family of Joan Emrich on her death.

Kara Dunn and her family on the death of her husband, Dan Dunn.

MISSIONS



National Goal: \$175 million
Given to Date: \$15,810

BIBLE READING PLAN

Chronological Reading Plan 2021

Day 8 Job 17-20
Day 9 Job 21-23
Day 10 Job 24-28
Day 11 Job 29-31
Day 12 Job 32-34
Day 13 Job 35-37
Day 14 Job 38-39

MISCELLANEOUS

LifeLine Blood Drive: Wednesday, January 13 • 2-6 PM • Second Baptist Church

Stay connected by viewing our Sunday morning services:

Television: Sundays • 8:00 PM on CH 8 or 26

Radio: Sundays • 10:45 AM on FM 104.9

Facebook: Second Baptist Church-Union City Official

YouTube: Search Second Baptist UC (live Sunday AM)

PRESCHOOL VOLUNTEERS

January 10 8:30 AM

Bed Babies: Ginger & Shelby Bondurant
1 & 2's: Tim & Trisha Long
3 & 4's: Libbi Verdell, Beth Brown
Floater: Staci Allen

January 17 8:30 AM

Bed Babies: Lucas & Bethany Goodman
1 & 2's: Jarrod & Diane Ulen
3 & 4's: John Paul & Casey Arnett
Floater: Lolly Bearden

10:45 AM

Bed Babies: Mary Nell Roberson, Ariel Hughes
1 & 2's: Mark & Tammy Daniels
3 & 4's: Antoinette, Paige & Emma Waites
Floater: Joni Williams

10:45 AM

Bed Babies: Shawn & Jaime Johnson
1 & 2's: Tracy Boucher, Georgia Lannom
3 & 4's: Cole & Kelsey McAdams
Floater: Keri Lannom

FINANCIALS

Week of December 20, 2020

Budget Actual	\$	26,943.00
Budget Goal	\$	33,934.05
Journey of Faith	\$	260.00
Children's Home	\$	100.00
Lottie Moon	\$	4,785.00
Designated Offering	\$	6,744.00

Week of December 27, 2020

Budget Actual	\$	44,489.75
Budget Goal	\$	33,934.05
Journey of Faith	\$	285.00
Children's Home	\$	50.00
Lottie Moon	\$	3,205.00
Designated Offering	\$	702.00

Year-To-Date

Budget Actual	\$	503,348.33
Budget Goal	\$	542,944.80
Journey of Faith	\$	12,520.00
Children's Home	\$	1,515.00
Lottie Moon	\$	12,605.00

Year-To-Date


Budget Actual	\$	547,838.08
Budget Goal	\$	576,878.85
Journey of Faith	\$	12,805.00
Children's Home	\$	1,565.00
Lottie Moon	\$	15,810.00

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.

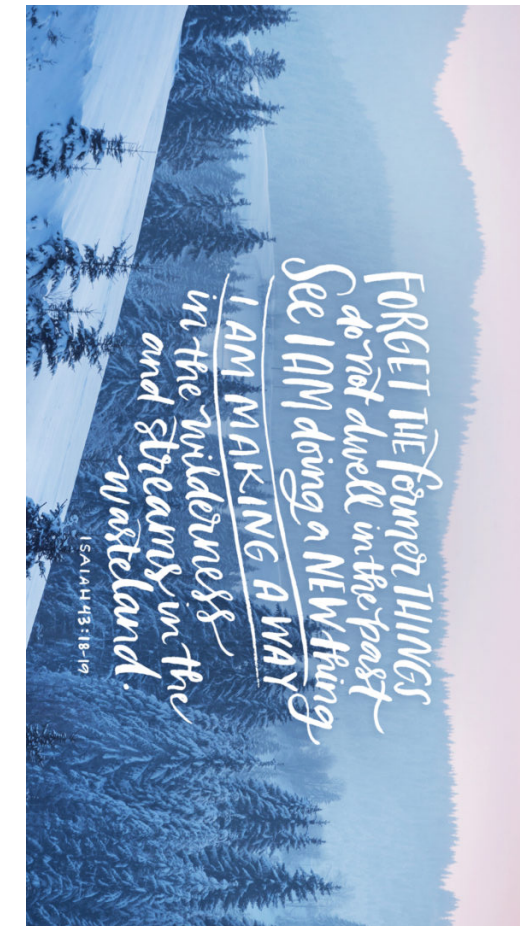
If you would like to give your tithes and offerings through text, follow these 4 simple instructions the first time.

1. Text GIVE to 731-251-4343 (save this number in your phone)
2. Click the link in the reply message
3. Log in using your online giving ID and password or set up an account
4. Give a one-time gift or set up a recurring contribution

While you are logged in, click the 3 lines in the top left corner, click My Account, then click Account Info. While in this portal, add your cell phone number to the account information. Once this is done, you will simply be able to text an amount to 731-251-4343 to make future contributions. If you have any questions, please call Jessica at 731-885-5223.



Offering envelopes for 2021 are located in the hallway by the Care Corner. If you need envelopes, please contact the church office at 885-5223.



JANUARY 5, 2021



SECOND BAPTIST
GATHER • GROW • GO • GIVE

831 Everett Boulevard
Union City, TN 38261
Return Services Requested

Non-Profit Organ.
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
Permit No. 21
Union City, TN