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SALEM FIRST BAPTIST

Pastor
Dr. Andy DeWitt

Dear Church,

The past few months have been strange indeed! Life has changed in ways that we never imagined a year ago. Restaurants closed (some still are). Churches ceased to meet. People were encouraged to stay home. We are to stay six feet from other people. When entering a store, we are asked to wear a mask. If one happens to cough or sneeze, immediately one feels he/she should say, "I'm not sick." But, still, you get the "look."

This has impacted how we do church. We need two services to ensure that we safely social distance. Temperatures are taken to guard against someone entering that's ill. Masks are available for those who want them. And Sunday School is modified to keep classes out of small, crowded rooms. So, what's next?

Frankly, I don't know. If COVID-19 infections spike high enough, we may employ additional measures to ensure that we are as safe as possible. If infections dip, we will return to a more "normal" schedule. Currently, the wisest course of action is to continue with our present schedule. Worship services are at 9:15 and 10:45 AM. Some Sunday School classes are continuing to meet at 6 PM on Sunday evenings. There is a change, however. The children have been meeting on the first and third Sundays for Sunday School. Beginning in October, the kids will meet every Sunday at 9:15 AM for Bible Study. Apparently, children are less susceptible to the coronavirus than adults and if they become infected, their symptoms are more minor than those of adults. (At least, this is what we're told.)

So, what should you do? Practice safe health habits. Continue with the precautions that you have been using. Your Sunday School class can resume meeting; however, you may need to use some creativity. Your class could meet on Sunday nights as other classes are. Perhaps, choose an alternate time during the week to meet at the church, in a home, at the park (weather permitting).

But there is something more that you can do. This is a serious request that I ask of you. The Apostle Paul said it this way: ² "Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving. ³ At the same time, pray also for us, that God may open to us a door for the word, to declare the mystery of Christ, on account of which I am in prison— ⁴ that I may make it clear, which is how I ought to speak. ⁵ Walk in wisdom toward outsiders, making the best use of the time. ⁶ Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person." Pray this for me; pray this for yourself and other believers in your various groups. It seems to me that the time may be short. Therefore, in the uncertainty of our day, pray!

Grace and peace,
Andy

Open House
October 18th
from 6:00-7:30PM
for Pastor Andy & Tara

Come and let them know
how much you appreciate
their ministry here at SFBC!

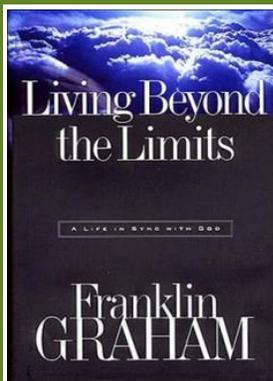


The elders who direct the affairs of the church well are worthy of double honor, especially those whose work is preaching and teaching.
1 Timothy 5:17

Library News/Trustees

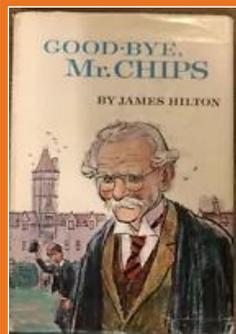


Your Librarian
Sharon Dennis



In "Living Beyond the Limits," Franklin Graham focuses on God's principles and promises essential to a full life. He relates real-life examples of men and women who have put God's Word into practice under some of the most challenging circumstances imaginable. You'll be amazed by their stories. You'll also be stirred and challenged as never before.

This book picks up where "Rebel With A Cause" leaves off. To those that have read his first book, read this one next. In this book, he tells about his life and ministry with his father, Dr. Billy Graham, and with his own ministry, Samaritan's Purse. You'll get an insider's view on what it's like to distribute relief aid to people in need around the world. He also talks about getting out of your comfort zones and what it means to "Live Beyond The Limits." Once again, hats off to Franklin Graham. Keep up the good work!



James Hilton's story about the warm and tender schoolmaster who devoted his life to teaching at an English boarding school has long been hailed as a classic in both America and Great Britain.

Mr. Chips came to Brookfield school as a young man almost fresh from college. And though he was re-tired now, living at Mrs. Wickett's across the street, he loved to sit by the fire with his cup of tea and recall first days at Brookfield—more than fifty years.

Trustees Report for the October Newsletter

On Friday, August 28 and Monday, August 31, the parking lines and handicap markings on the church parking lots were painted. Those who helped either one or both days were: Stephen Brubaker, Judy Bundy, Bill Dennis, Debbie Dodd, Ronnie Donoho, Frank Harris, Dale Helpingstine, Keaton Keele, Kevin Keele, Kory Keele, Troy Keele, Emil Nattier, Tom Reed, Ken Smith, and Jon Wieldt. We want to thank all of them for their hard work. Someone asked about how often the lines are painted. The last time that the lines were painted was in September, 2018, so it seems that every two years the painting should be done.

We want to thank Steve Smith for his work this year on the church grounds mowing and keeping the landscape and rock areas clean of weeds and other intruding plants.

At the last church business meeting, the church approved adding additional cameras for security purposes to cover some blind spots. At the last trustees' meeting, the trustees approved adding a speaker for the welcome center area and one for the secretary's office. With these speakers in place, the security personnel can hear the worship services, funeral services, or other events which take place in the sanctuary.

Dallas Bundy
Chairman of the Trustees

Trustee
Ministry

Announcements/Poem

P.I.E. OUTREACH (Prayer, Invite, Evangelize)



OCTOBER 18TH
NOON MEAL
12:45-2:15 Outreach

Please RSVP by calling
the office 548-4060.

CHILDREN'S



**BEGINNING OCTOBER
4TH WE WILL BE
MEETING EVERY
SUNDAY AT 9:10—10:10!
COME JOIN THE FUN
AND BRING A FRIEND!**

Jesus
loves me
THIS I know
for the BIBLE
tells ME SO



"Trust"



*This trust is a bond
Between you and me
Strengthen our love
Deep as the sea*

*My walk is carefree
Trust lights the way
When the shadowy darkness
Enters my day*

*I pray for your kingdom on
Earth
To be as in heaven*

*I walk and talk with You
Preparing for eternity
Along the path of life.*

By
Bev Smith



On Tuesday, August 31, fourteen ladies enjoyed a long overdue morning of fellowship. They were blessed by hearing updates of the ministry's provided by Women on Mission during the time of not meeting in person. We heard updates of our missionaries and a time of hands on mission project was provided.

The group discussed future mission opportunities and future meeting times.

Just a reminder to our church family that September has been the month that we promote the Illinois Baptist State Mission offering and we are grateful for the generous gifts given.

We were unable to promote the baby bottle emphasis in June this year, so we will be doing that in the month of October. Also, there are many children around the world needing to hear about Jesus and His love. Operation Christmas Child boxes will be distributed on Sunday, October 18th. They will be due back November 15th.

Our next Women on Mission meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 5th at 9:30AM in the Fellowship Hall.



40 Days of Prayer
leading up to election
on November 3rd
beginning on
September 24th!



Pray for America

Those wishing to pray with others during this 40 day period can meet on Monday evenings at 6:30PM on September 28, October 5, 12, 19 & 26, and November 2nd at Salem First Baptist Church.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30

6PM - 8PM

CANDY
Donations
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 DEACON
ministry


 Dale Helpingstine, Deacon Chairman

The last couple of mornings have reminded us that fall is upon us. Crisp morning and evening temperatures and just the beginning of colors starting to show in the leaves, it reminds us of the perfect timing of God's creation seamlessly changing from summer to fall. The fall can be an excellent time of year to see and do things that might be on your "Bucket List". The crowds are down, the temperatures are better and the scenery is more beautiful. Barb and I recently had the opportunity to visit the Ark Experience in Williamstown, KY. It is an amazing experience to see the life size recreation of the Ark, built just as it was described to Noah in Genesis. It's hard to imagine how something of this size could have been designed and built in Noah's time. God was definitely at Noah's side during the construction of this great ship. If you haven't had the opportunity to visit the Ark, I would highly recommend it. We didn't have the time on this visit to take in the Creation Museum, which I have been told is even more interesting, as it describes the wonders of God's creation. As a geologist, I am looking forward to making a second trip back to Kentucky someday to take in this museum.

I encourage all of you who can to take advantage of this time of year to get out and take some one or two day trips to see things that are right here in our backyard, both in nature and what man has made. I like what King Solomon said in Ecclesiastes as he tried to find the meaning of life. When I think of the beauty of God's creation that he shows us at this time of year, I wonder if it wasn't this that Solomon was thinking of when he wrote verses 3:11-14, ***"He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the hearts of men; yet they cannot fathom what God has done from beginning to end. I know that there is nothing better for men than to be happy and do good while they live. That everyone may eat and drink, and find satisfaction in all his toil-this is the gift of God. I know that everything God does will endure forever, nothing can be added to it and nothing can be taken from it. God does it so that men will revere him."***

This is what I wish for our church family; to be happy, to be content with what God has blessed you with, to find time in your lives to enjoy the beauty of God's creation, and to be faithful to Him and his church.

Blessings,

Dale Helpingstine, Deacon Chairman



DATE	GREETER	ON CALL	SECURITY
Oct. 04	Roy Rodgers	Gary Watson	Gerald Purcell
Oct. 11	Jon Wieldt	Myron Lloyd	Dale Helpingstine
Oct 18	Greg Strother	Ken Smith	Jon Wieldt
Oct. 25	Gary Watson	Larry Blankenship	Ronnie Donoho

National Collection Week
NOVEMBER 16-23, 2020



PACK A SHOEBOX!
SEND GOOD NEWS & GREAT JOY AROUND THE WORLD

The Amazing Journey of a Shoebox Gift Begins with You and Results in Evangelism, Discipleship, and Multiplication.



**A LITTLE CHANGE...
CHANGES LIVES!**



When you fill this bottle with coins, cash or checks you are making a positive impact on young families in our community!

Pick up your bottle
October 4th and
have it back October
25th!

**KASKASKIA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
BIBLE STUDY**

- 10/01- The Book of Ruth 1:1-22
- 10/08 The Book of Ruth 2:1-23
- 10/15 The Book of Ruth 3:1-18
- 10/22 The Book of Ruth 4:1-22

**KBA Office 10AM –Noon or 6PM-8PM
More information call KBA 227-0001**

October

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 KBA Bible Study 10AM-Noon 6PM-8PM	2	3
4 Children's Sunday School 9:10-10:10 Ages 4 yrs.- 6th grade. Pick up your baby bottle today! Life Chain 2-3PM	5 Prayer Meeting 6:30PM	6	7 5PM Finance Committee Mtg. 6PM Bible Study Youth Group	8 KBA Bible Study 10AM-Noon 6PM-8PM	9	10 "Cars and Coffee" 9:00AM-12:00 Noon 
11 Children's Sunday School 9:10-10:10 Ages 4 yrs.- 6th grade. Constitution/By Laws Mtg. 5PM	12 Prayer Meeting 6:30PM	13	14 6PM Bible Study Youth Group 7PM Deacon's Mtg.	15 KBA Bible Study 10AM-Noon 6PM-8PM	16	17
18 Children's Sunday School 9:10-10:10 Ages 4 yrs.- 6th grade. Operation Christmas Child Begins! Open House for Pastor 6-7:30PM	19 Prayer Meeting 6:30PM	20	21 6PM Bible Study Youth Group	22 KBA Bible Study 10AM-Noon 6PM-8PM	23	24
25 Children's Sunday School 9:10-10:10 Budget Mtg. 2PM Bring you baby bottle filled back today	26 American Heritage Girls 5:30PM Prayer Meeting 6:30PM	27	28 6PM Bible Study Youth Group	29	30 Trunk or Treat 6pm-8pm 	31

Brenton Conner
Grant Reed
Maston Shockley
Kayla Buerster
Ila Westerman
Jon Wieldt
Jerri Chapman
Aden Sands
William Wantland
Cheryl Easley
Molly Smith
Deborah Hays
Brenda Lingafelter
Evelyn Parker

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Amy Trammel
Judy Quick
Joann Holzhausen
Brandon Albert
Brandi Albert
John Buerster
Sharon Woodward
Larry Blankenship
Jeanna Chapman
Susan Salliotte
Samuel Hardcastle
Simon Hays
Charles Stallings

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Dismissed

Our Vision

The vision of Salem First Baptist Church is to become a growing family
Of committed believers with an increasing

- Passion for God
- Passion for People
- Passion to Serve



Office Hours

Monday—Thursday 9:00 to 4:00
Closed 12:00 to 1:00 for lunch
Friday 9:00—12:00 Noon
Closed Friday afternoon

Sunday Morning Worship

9:15 AM. First Worship Service
10:45AM Second Worship Service

Available on Facebook/WJBD 13:50AM or 92.1FM

*During the 9:15 Worship Service children age 4 yrs. through 2nd grade will meet for Sunday School in the fellowship hall. Children 3rd—6th grade will meet in the CIA room. This will be every Sunday beginning in October!

CHURCH STAFF

Dr. Andy DeWitt	Pastor
	Associate Pastor
Rick Meador	Financial Secretary
Glenda Lipe	Secretary
Kevin Keele	Maintenance and Security
Judy Bundy	Organist
Joyce Scrivner	Pianist
Deanna Buerster	Minister to Children

Wednesday Evening

(Currently Dismissed)

(Only items in bold started back for now.)

5:00 PM Women's Chronological Bible Study
5:30—6:00 PM Media Center Open
6:00—7:00 PM Adult Bible Study
Youth Group
Praise Team Rehearsal,
Nursery
CIA, Mission Friends (Fall-Spring)
7:00 PM Evening Prayer Meeting