



MONTHLY

NOVEMBER 2026

M E S S E N G E R

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Worship Schedule

Sunday School 9:45 am
Sundays 11:00 am & 6:00 pm
on Wednesday 6:30 pm
TeamKID 6:00 Youth Group 6:30
Adult Choir 7:25

Ladies
You are Invited to
Prepare Him Room
VIRTUAL EVENT
With Melissa Spoelstra
Worship with Lindsay McCaul
Sunday, November 15, 2026
Lunch (free) begins at 12:30 pm with
virtual event at 1:15 pm
First Baptist Church - 490 Morrow Street
Dresden, Tennessee
Sign up through the church
office at 731-364-2212
or fbsdresden@gmail.com

The poster features a light pink background with a faint silhouette of a woman. It is decorated with pine branches and red berries in the corners. Two circular portraits of women are on the left. The text is centered and uses a mix of serif and script fonts.

Ladies, you are invited to join us for Prepare Him Room 2026!

The Prepare Him Room virtual event is an invitation to intentionally make space to seek Jesus amid the holiday rush. This year it features Melissa Spoelstra as speaker and Lindsay McCaul as worship leader. Throughout the event, you'll be immersed in an atmosphere of worship, encouragement, and teaching that will inspire you to create room in your heart, home, and community for the transformative power of Jesus Christ. Join us as we celebrate the birth of our Savior, embrace the true meaning of Christmas, and prepare Him room.

First Baptist Church at 490 Morrow Street in Dresden, TN is hosting this free event on Sunday, November 15, 2026, beginning with a light lunch at 12:30 pm and the virtual event at 1:15 pm. The service will last around 1.5 hours. Please sign up through the church office at 731-364-2212, email at fbsdresden@gmail.com or QR Code below by Monday, Nov. 9, 2026.



Note from our Associate Pastor, Christian Carr chracarr@gmail.com

As the calendar year comes to an end, it is worthwhile to reflect. We tend to get so busy doing life that we seldom find time to think about our lives. The Psalms are filled with inspired writings where David reflects on his life. He reflects on the hardships and the joys. His times of need and his times of prosperity. But as you read, there always seems to be a constant thread that runs throughout. It is the thread of the Lord's faithfulness to David. David always accounts to the Lord being ever present in his times of reflection.

So, as you consider this past year, can you think of the times where the Lord has been faithful? As you reflect, is the Lord present in your life as a rock, fortress, a present help in trouble? For David, the Lord was all these things and more. As you look back, I hope you see the Lord's hand in your life. And as you prepare for the new year ahead, don't try and face it alone. He is willing and able to abide with you this next year.

Dates to remember in November:

Nov. 1st: Registration for Winter Retreat and CrossCon are open.

Nov. 12th: Provide lunch for UTM students at BCM.

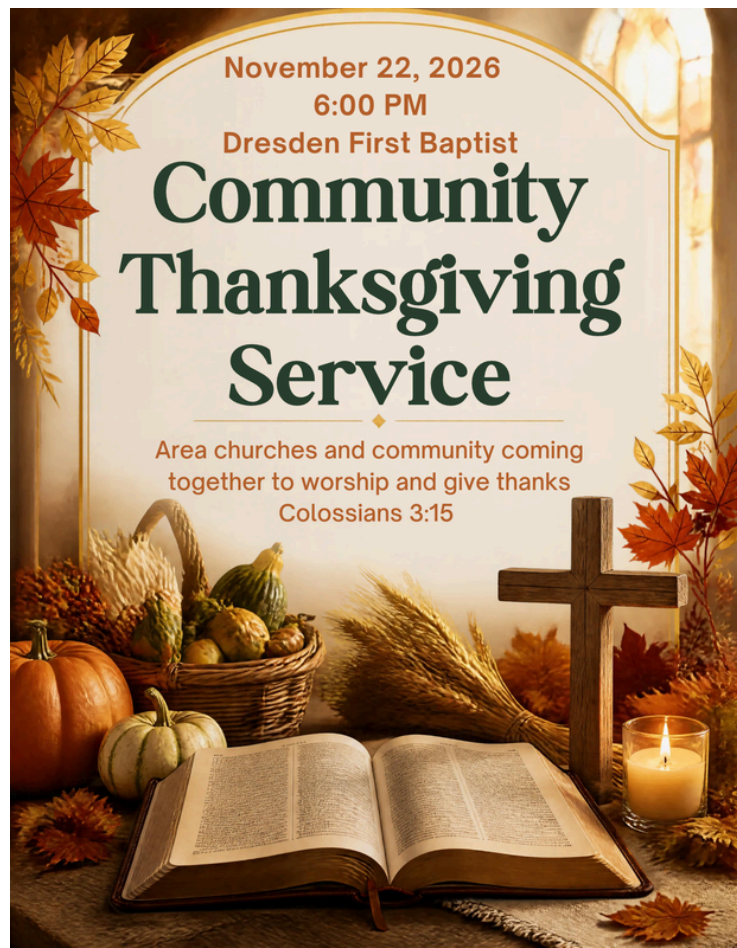
Nov. 17th: JOY Meeting

Nov. 18th: TeamKid pack operation Christmas child shoeboxes.

Nov. 19th: Last day to register for CrossCon.

Nov. 25th: No TeamKid or Youth MDWK.

In Christ,



The 2026 TBC Summit (The Gathering of Tennessee Baptists) will be held from November 15-18, 2026, at the Sevierville Convention Center in Sevierville, TN.

This year marks the 152nd annual gathering of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, themed "All Aboard! Full Steam Ahead".

Let your roots grow down into him, and let your lives be built on him. Then your faith will grow strong in the truth you were taught, and you will overflow with thankfulness.
Colossians 2:7

Worship in Music Robert Nanney, Min. of Music rnanney@utm.edu

November ushers in the wonderful season of Thanksgiving. We have so much to be thankful for as a church and within the music ministry. Jeanie and I are especially thankful for the participants of all ages who are involved year 'round (singing and/or playing chimes or bells), not counting the more than 60 children and adults participating in this year's Christmas program. Several are involved in more than one group, but in all they fill many roles in the music ministry. For that we're so thankful.

This is always the busiest time of the year musically as we continue preparation for the two major Christmas programs.

Christmas Cantata practice began on Sept. 23 as an extension of Wednesday night choir practice, and we're more than halfway through the process. We appreciate those who are singing with us. Mark your calendars for Sunday, Dec. 20, as we present the cantata "Rejoice" at 10:45 during the morning worship service. There will still be time for Bro. Don to bring his message afterward. It's a beautiful cantata musically and visually with the DVD accompaniment, but more important, it presents a clear Christmas story in a way that will bless hearts. You'll also hear several soloists, including some new ones.

The other big news involves in-person rehearsals, which start in November, for our Christmas program, which will be much different this year. Instead of a themed musical, we'll have skits, solos and, of course, the Christmas story with a nativity scene. See Jeanie's column on this page for more details. This will be presented the evening of Sunday, Dec. 13, at 6:00. I appreciate Jeanie's hard work to oversee all aspects of the program, including coming up with the program from scratch, enlisting participants and assigning them their roles after tryouts and practicing with each group.

Meanwhile, our Adult Choir continues to rehearse and sing each week, and I appreciate their dedication. We're always looking for more, so please see us if you're interested.

Jeanie and I wish you all a wonderful Thanksgiving!



Calls to Worship with Jeanie Nanney, Coordinator

Calls to Worship in October

Because Robert was in Germany on October 4th, there was no organized Call to Worship. The Adult Praise Team opened the service on October 11th with "Sing to the King." On October 18th, the Adult Hand Chime Choir played "Lead On, O King Eternal," with most chimers playing two chimes due to absences from Fall Break and the Pastor Appreciation breakfast. We will round out the month on October 25th with the newly configured Youth Praise Team, consisting of seventh and eighth graders, singing the Call to Worship.

Christmas Program

We are finishing up auditions for solos, skit cast members, and readers of the Christmas story. Practices begin on Sunday, November 1st, with skit practice at 5:00 PM and music practice for second grade and up at 6:00 PM. This year's program features a series of short, humorous skits with meaningful messages, followed by a traditional live Nativity, several songs, and a musical finale featuring everyone in the program. Please mark your calendars for the performance on Sunday evening, December 13th, at 6:00 PM.

Outreach Ministries



Submitted by Sheila Swearingen, JOY coordinator

The JOY group had a wonderful day on October 20th. There were 40 attendees who enjoyed a wonderful, timely devotion given by Judge Tommy Moore. Judge Moore honored his mother by reading from her Bible and also paid tribute to our pastor, Dr. Don McCulley on his fifty years of ministry.

Following a wonderful catered meal of ham, hashbrown casserole, slaw and cornbread plus banana pudding, the group enjoyed a musical program presented by Bro. Grover Westover. Bro Westover was accompanied by his wife, Judy. From Brownsville, Tennessee, Bro. Westover is a Baptist minister but is currently singing and playing his guitar in churches, nursing homes, assisted livings, and anywhere God leads him all over West Tennessee. He stays busy every weekend and we were very fortunate to have the Westovers with us.

Next month November 17th our plan is to have Jay Wainscott as our musical guest. Jay has had some back issues but hopefully he'll be able to be with us. If not you will still enjoy. We have lots of backups!!!!

Hope to see each of you then. We love our JOY participants. Just let us know you're coming!



Submitted by Judy Cleek and Joan Stephens, Livley Ones Directors

After an awesome three days in Gatlinburg for Fall Jubilee 2026, the group of Lively Ones returned with many wonderful memories of uplifting music, preaching, and side-splitting comedy. They are already talking about Spring Jubilee 2027 in Branson, MO! The date is April 19-21, 2027, so mark it on your new calendar and look for more details forthcoming!

A large group of First Baptist Senior Adults enjoyed an afternoon drive to Reelfoot Lake on Saturday, October 24, to take in the beautiful Fall colors and to fellowship around the table at the always-popular Boyette's. No one left hungry after plates of catfish, country ham, onion rings, beans, slaw, and hushpuppies! However, there's always room for a Dairy Queen treat in Tiptonville! Yum!!

As we head to the holidays, Lively Ones are already getting tickets for Bethel University's "Christmas With Renaissance" performance on Saturday, December 5, at 2 p.m. Last year, over 3,000 tickets were sold for their 4 performances! Tickets are \$16 (to be paid to Janet) and sign-up by Wednesday, October 28, is on the Lively Ones Board in the north hallway. What a great way to begin the holiday season and get in the Christmas spirit! All Senior Adults are invited to join us for this amazing production performed by the Renaissance group at Bethel! Supper after the performance is, as always, an option! Lively Ones love to eat!!



The ladies in WOM have been busy. We had 15 attend our October meeting. We are participating in the Christmas backpack program. We are "adopting" a college mission kid from Union University whose parents are serving in the IMB. We are excited to be able to serve Taco Salads to the BCM at UTM on Nov. 12 for their Noonday program. I would like to take a moment to appreciate all who are attending and serving the WOM and invite all ladies of the church to join us, we meet in the Truthseekers room, the first Sunday at 4:50 pm. there is room for you at our table.



Nov. 7 | 8 am
all men in community
are invited



18-40 y/o members plan and participate in hands-on service projects designed to benefit their community.

The goal is to encourage young women to live out their Christian values through service and make a positive impact on the lives of others, encourage church involvement, and support community outreach. Come join us!

Gifts to the Church

In Memory of JD Dethloff by: Kelley & Sheila Swearingen (GOTM)

In Memory of Maurine Eaton by: Tom & Suzie McWherter (Bldg)

In Memory of Dolores Quinton by: Lisa & Joe Morgan (Bldg)

In Honor of Jennifer Brooks & family by: Stephanie & Brad Robinson (Blessing Box)

Thank you cards to the church family are posted at Information Station Board



- 1st Peyton Oliver
- 3rd Tate Moore, Tyler Moore
- 4th Kurt Ferrell, Miller Moore, John Cianfarani
- 6th Heather Allen
- 8th Myra Grace Morgan
- 9th Remi Kate Slone, Emm'ley Box
- 10th James Edgar Washburn
- 11th Ryeson Greer, Alex VanMeter, Trudy Sanders
- 13th Samantha Hutcherson, Jase Gallimore, Melissa Morris, Larry Houston
- 14th Emzy Collins
- 15th Cece Dunn, April Cashion, Ken Walker
- 16th Thomas Sims, Brittany Blackburn
- 17th Tamara Harrison
- 20th Marshall Anderson, Jayson Ritz
- 21st Gillian Melton
- 22nd Kenra Simpson
- 23rd Tilley Hopper, Barbara Ferrell
- 26th Tanna Wetherell
- 27th Denton Friar
- 28th Christian Carr, Jake Bynum, Gerline Mansfield
- 29th Randy Morgan
- 30th Finley Strain, Marylou Tibbs

November Volunteers

Nov. 1

Nursery AM: Christie Carpenter, Ashleigh Greer, Addison VanMeter |
PM: Timi Woodward | Kids Worship: Anita Dunn
Greeters: Ricky Finney, Lisa Williams, Brandon Strain
Deacon: Marshall Anderson
Safety & Security: AM: Austin Davis, David Boane | PM: Kenneth
Gatewood | Wed. 4: Jake Bynum, Andrew Pritchett

Nov. 8

Nursery AM: Jennifer Moore, Heather Hodges, Carla Hutcherson | PM:
Janet Robinson | Kids Worship: Brittany Forrester
Greeters: Mark & Dannyelle Williams, Kayla Strain
Deacon: Tommy Moore
Safety & Security: AM: Nyle Carlton, Keith Forrester | PM: Travis Davis
| Wed. 11: Duane Jackson, Travis Davis

Nov. 15

Nursery AM: Paige Davis, Emily Carr, Remi Slone | PM: Lisa Harris |
Kids Worship: Kristin Kibbler
Greeters: Jeremy & Heather Allen, Jerrie Moseley
Deacon: Nyle Carlton
Safety & Security: AM: Troy Hollis, Brent Hopper | PM: Ben Moore |
Wed. 18: Rick Finney, James Washburn

Nov. 22

Nursery AM: Bendy White, Kayla Strain, Janie Clark | PM: Paige
Davis | Kids Worship not meeting
Greeters: Joe & Lisa Morgan, Jim Mosely
Deacon: Ron Phillips
Safety & Security: AM: Jeremy Allen, Rick Workman | PM: Don
Cleek

Nov. 29

Nursery AM: Rhonda, Hudson, Hayden McDaniel | Kids Worship
not meeting
Greeters: Kerry & Renza Adams, Kelley Swearingen
Deacon: Eric Allman
Safety & Security: AM: Chris Poole, Thomas Sims

November Offering Ushers: David Bailey, Will Kibbler, Brandon
Kibbler, Ricky Kimmel, Brenden Patrick, Wayne Robbins

**We're thankful for...
our Volunteers**



**ALWAYS needing more volunteers! If you would like
to serve on any of these ministries, please see Janet
in the church office to be added to the rotation.**



November 2026

connect with us



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Daylight Savings Ends 9:45 SS 11 Worship 4:50 WOM 5 Bible Drills 5 Deacons Meeting 6 Worship	2	3 12 Backpack	4 6 TK Same Color Night 6:30 Youth 6:30 Prayer/Bible Study 7:30 Choir	5	6	7 8am Men's Breakfast 9 am Sew Faithful
8 9:45 SS 11 Worship 4:30 LBS 5 Bible Drills 6 Worship/Business Mtg	9	10	11 Veterans Day 10 LBS 6 TK Red White Blue 6 LBS 6:30 Youth 6:30 Prayer/Bible Study 7:30 Choir	12 BCM Noonday	13	14
15 9:45 SS 11 Worship Prepare Him Room event 5 Bible Drills 6 Worship	16	17 11:30 JOY	18 6 TK OCC Packing 6:30 Youth 6:30 Prayer/Bible Study 7:30 Choir	19	20	21
TBMB SUMMIT SEVIERVILLE 15TH—18TH						
22 9:45 SS 11 Worship 5 Bible Drills 6 Community Service @DFBC	23	24	25 No MidWeek		27	28
29 9:45 SS 11 Worship/Lord's Supper Widow/Widowers luncheon No Evening	30					
WEEK OF PRAYER FOR LMCO NOV 29TH—DEC 6TH THE GOSPEL CHANGES EVERYTHING						



Sermons available online
www.dresdenfbc.org/resources/sermons

DFBC Staff available if we can help in anyway

Dr. Don McCulley, Pastor
 Christian Carr, Associate Pastor
 Dr. Robert Nanney, Min. of Music
 Janet Robinson, Ministry Assistant
 Lisa Harris, Custodian
 Paige Davis, Nursery Director
 Cooper Allman, Student Ministry Intern

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 Live Stream available on facebook.com/dresdenfbc-live
 and [www.dresdenfbc.org/Live Stream](http://www.dresdenfbc.org/LiveStream)
 on Sundays at 11 am & 6 pm and Wednesdays at 6:30 pm
 Sunday 11 am Radio Broadcast on 95.1fm
 Sunday School lesson 10 am on live stream options

Three Ways to Give



At Church
 offering plates or
 boxes in foyer



Online
dresdenfbc.org/Give



By Mail
 PO Box 176
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Thank you for your faithful giving . 2 Corinthians 9: 6-8

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