



*Our Vision is to be Christ to each other
and our community— doing
justice, loving mercy and
walking humbly with our God.*



FACEBOOK LIVE
Bible Study
every Wednesday Night at 6:00pm

Sunday Morning Worship Time

every Sunday at 11am online

We will be uploading the video on our [website](#) each Sunday
and also will be on our Facebook page.

Choral Corner

In our time of social distancing, musicians have been cleverly putting together ensembles through electronic media. Zoom, Facebook, and other modes have made it possible to put performers side by side on a screen although the individuals are actually many miles apart. These “virtual” performance projects have been utilized for several years now, but the necessities created by our pandemic have brought a surge in their output. As we celebrate Mother’s Day this Sunday in our respective places, here are a few virtual performances in honor of our mothers.

“All My Life You Have Been Faithful” -Recorded March 22, 2020
Mother and Daughter’s Choir from Bangor Elim Church in Northern Ireland

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xqULC9KnhNQ>

Down to the River Virtual Choir-Recorded August, 2017

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BumCkswUUDA>

This not particularly Mother’s Day specific, but it is a choir of woman, most of which are likely mothers. The 36 voices you hear were all recorded separately at different times and in different locations. Each woman had only the melody playing in her ear and then sang the part that she wanted, no music was written out. All videos were recorded using cell phones.

Stafford Turner



Obviously, that is not something I can do on my own. We have almost 100 individuals and families, and there is no way I could call everyone once a week. So, I asked some of our deacons and some

other folks who have the gift of reaching out to people to join me in calling our members. Currently, we have 11 people calling everyone weekly. Each week, people get a different group to call. That means that, over time, you will receive a phone call from every person on the team.

But that also means that if you are waiting for a phone call from me, the pastor, it will be a while. I am calling some of you every week, but it will theoretically take several months for me to call all of you. If other people on our pastoral care call team hear of a specific need that should be followed up on, they let me know, and I call those people in addition to my assigned group for the week. I also would be happy for you to call me if you need something. Don't hesitate to give me a call if you need to talk to your pastor!

I hope that this system, which I believe is both necessary and practical, can also teach us something important about the nature of the church. We are all ministers to one another. A call from a deacon or a church member IS the church reaching out to us. It IS the church caring for us. It doesn't only "count" if it's the pastor on the other end of the line. We are all in this together.

If you have not been receiving calls, please let me know. We sometimes have incorrect contact information. We want to make sure that everyone is being checked on. I know this is a difficult time for all of us. But I also know that we can get through this together. I know that God is with us, especially now. And I know that God's love, expressed through a phone call from someone at Fernwood, is a great reminder of God's love given and received each week.

I look forward to hearing your voice.

Matt

May Birthdays

- 2 - Wendy Case
- 2 - Nathan Erps
- 3 - Susan Plemmons
- 7 - Madge Atkins
- 8 - Reid Howard
- 11 - Bill Bagwell
- 12 - Mac Johnson
- 12 - Andrew Myers
- 15 - James Bell
- 17 - Kathy Hensley
- 19 - Benjamin Vitale
- 19 - Melissa Patton
- 21 - Martha Ann Carter
- 21 - Mary Phillips
- 26 - Del Lockhart
- 29 - Ann Haar
- 30 - Ben Smart

May Anniversaries

- Conley & Nancy Easler
May 11, 1974
- Bailie & Lee Anne Bailie
May 14, 2005
- Jim & Jean Pruett
May 23, 1970
- Randy & Sarah Gardner
May 26, 1974

Caring & Sharing

Button Wilburn
Lakewood Senior Living
Rm. 414, Memory Care
3709 Clark Road
Boiling Springs, SC 29316

Financial Support

It is vitally important to the future of our church that we continue to give our financial support during this time. You can mail your contribution to the church at our new mailing address, ***P. O. Box 7058, Spartanburg, SC 29304***, set up an automatic bill pay through your bank, or use the church's online giving option. Simply click "donate" on the church's website under the "News and Info" tab or on this link <http://onrealm.org/FernwoodBaptist/give/now>

FERNWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH OPERATING FINANCIAL RESULTS Year-To-Date April 2020

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	Actual Better or (Worse) Than <u>Budget</u>
OPERATING RECEIPTS			
Contributions Received	\$104,124	\$128,667	(\$24,543)
Use of Building Receipts	\$5,675	\$0	\$5,675
Interest Income	\$429	\$0	\$429
Processing Fees	\$47	\$0	\$47
Other Income	\$0	\$0	\$0
Transfers	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Operating Receipts	<u>\$110,275</u>	<u>\$128,667</u>	<u>(\$18,392)</u>
OPERATING EXPENDITURES			
Total Personnel Related Children / Youth Ministry	\$55,765	\$58,910	\$3,145
Music Ministry	\$59	\$611	\$552
Community Ministry	\$1,242	\$1,567	\$325
Ministry Teams	\$5,063	\$7,717	\$2,654
State & World Missions	\$2,550	\$3,633	\$1,083
Operating Ministry	\$4,411	\$5,150	\$739
Total Operating Expenditures	<u>\$65,309</u>	<u>\$51,079</u>	<u>(\$14,230)</u>
OPERATING RECEIPTS MORE(LESS) THAN OPERATING EXPENDITURES	<u>(\$24,124)</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>(\$24,124)</u>

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Baby
Announcements

Sweet Little Baby Boy - **Blaze Nicholi Johnson**
Born April 11, 2020 - 7 lbs, 8 ozs.
Proud parents are Makayla Hutzell and Cory Johnson
Proud grandmother is Kim Hutzell

Sweet Little Baby Girl - **Kyleigh Elizabeth Greer**
Born April 27, 2020 - 6 lbs, 6 oz.
Proud parents are Wesley and Lauren Greer

Publication Notice

The next bi-weekly e-blast newsletter publication will be **Wednesday, May 20, 2020**. Deadline for all articles is **Tuesday, May 19, 2020 at Noon**.

PLEASE NOTE: You may submit your information via email (angie@fernwoodchurch.org) or through the church office. Please do not submit any information over the phone. Information submitted after the deadline will not be published until the following issue (no exceptions). Thank you for your understanding!