

Notes Along The Journey

Many things in our world have changed in the last few weeks. We have not been able to conduct ministry as we have in the past. And we have been challenged to find creative ways to share the gospel and minister to our congregations during these days we cannot meet together. In my article I am highlighting some ways we can better serve the Lord and the people in our communities.

Ministry Resources for Churches – The COVID-19 virus has deeply impacted all of our churches. It has caused us to pray and seek God’s direction how to continue to share the good news of Jesus Christ with the world. In some ways, it has exposed people to the gospel in ways we have never tried before.

As a way to continue ministry in these difficult days, the TBMB has created and compiled resources for our churches. These resources are excellent helps for us as we attempt to serve the Lord and our churches. You can visit www.tnbaptist.org/cvresources anytime to access these helps.

Food Basket Ministry – During April, I filled out an application for a grant from the TBMB for special ministries to people affected by this pandemic. We were granted \$1500 to use in this ministry. We plan to use this money to provide baskets of food for people in our area who need help. We will carry out this ministry through our local churches. If your church knows of someone (either in your congregation or community) who is in need of food, contact the DBA and we will help you to provide food for them. This will be an excellent way to provide a cup of cold water in Jesus name and share the love of Christ and even the gospel to someone who need to know the Lord. Contact me for more details.

Face Mask Ministry – In the days ahead, it appears we will need to wear masks more in public to continue to curtail the spread of this deadly virus. It is very difficult to purchase these masks since they are being reserved exclusively for the medical community. One way some believers in other associations are helping churches is to have a Face Mask Ministry. Ladies are getting together and making these masks for members of their family and church. If you would like to be a part of a team to make masks for people in our churches, please let me know. I want to enlist some ladies who might want to be a part of this kind of ministry.

Enjoying the Journey,
Dennis R Jones

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THE MOTHER'S DAY OFFERING  BENEFITTING TENNESSEE BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOMES

Your DBA Office has extra Mother Day envelopes.
Please call the office if you have a need.

Financial Secretary needed – We are accepting applications for a new Financial Secretary. If you know of someone who would be interested in this position, we are accepting resumes by email at dbadom@att.net.



Help for our Churches

Macedonian Loan Program

If your church is struggling financially with meeting your financial obligations, please let us know. There is help available. One resource is from the Tennessee Baptist Convention through the Macedonian Loan Program. The TBC will make available a short-term 0% interest loan to churches that have annual income of less than \$400,000. The loan is intended to help smaller churches meet current expenses for church staff and facilities during this crisis. The maximum loan amount is the lesser of \$25,000 or 50% of fixed personnel and facility expenses for the four-month period of March through June 2020. Here are two links to provide information on the loan:

Outline of Macedonian Loan Program for Tennessee Baptist Churches and Associations: <https://www.tnbaptist.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Macedonian-Loan-Information.pdf>

Macedonian Loan Application: <https://www.tnbaptist.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Macedonian-Loan-Application-Fillable.pdf>

Pastors & Wives Prayer Breakfast Resumes



**Monday, May 11
8:30 AM**

**We will meet at the BCM in order to
provide more space for our breakfast.**

Prayer Guide 21 Days of Prayer and Fasting for Coronavirus

Link may be found at <http://dyerbaptistassociation.com/>

What's Happening in Our Churches?

Staff Changes:

First Baptist Dyersburg — Rev. Josh Stone has been called as Minister of Discipleship and Administration

Finley: Rev. Trevor Sewell has been called as co-pastor and is serving along the side of Dr. Charles Halliburton.

Halls First— Dr. Harry Lee Poe has been called as Interim Pastor.

Hillcrest — Bro. Zack Langley has resigned his position to move to FBC Cookeville as Pastor of Students and College.

McCullough Chapel — Rev. Eddie Wilbanks is serving as supply pastor.

Other News:

Hillcrest – will soon be adding three new positions being Next Generation Pastor who will oversee their Youth and Young families, a Worship Leader to lead the music ministry consisting of various methods of worship and finally we will be adding a Senior Adult Pastor to their staff to better meet the needs of those in our congregation who would be considered Senior's. As you can see a lot is going on at Hillcrest and they are in great anticipation to see what God has planned! Update on Mrs. Lynn Durham who suffered a broken knee cap. She is scheduled to see a doctor on April 30th, hoping to be released to have physical therapy. Thank you for your prayers.

Fort Hudson — Rev. Neal Chatham reports the congregation is rejoicing in the recent 5 professions of faith and baptisms.

Miston — Rev. and Mrs. Carmon Dennison announce their grandson, Austin, took his oath to enter the Marines, April 27. Congratulations Austin.

National Day of Prayer — May 7



Memorial Day May 26

Treasurer's Report Oct. 2019—April, 2020

Church Names	APRIL	YTD
Beech Grove	136.00	1,088.00
Beech Grove Viar	350.00	700.00
Bogota	0.00	1,311.76
Calvary Chapel	0.00	0.00
Church Grove	125.00	875.00
Curve	230.00	1,669.00
Dyersburg 1st	2,500.00	17,500.00
Dyersburg 2nd	0.00	650.04
Emmaus	0.00	1,200.00
Enon	171.44	1,469.93
Evansville	59.24	437.65
Fairview	147.33	1,399.38
Finley	542.00	3,794.00
Ft. Hudson	150.00	1,050.00
Fowlkes	0.00	750.00
Gates	40.67	339.61
Halls First	779.54	3,032.66
Halls Westside	194.70	1,428.20
Harmony	33.60	2,155.83
Harvest	0.00	382.17
Hillcrest	1,570.83	10,246.86
Lenox	250.00	750.00
Macedonia	375.37	3,279.65
Mary's Chapel	250.00	3,406.00
McCullough	119.81	1,016.65
Miston	0.00	200.00
Mt. Tirzah	103.34	891.65
Mt. Vernon	793.81	3,597.19
New Hope	50.00	50.00
New Mitchell Gr	50.00	300.00
Newbern First	1,641.01	13,464.45
Parrish Chapel	10.00	70.00
RoEllen	199.58	1,449.15
Southside	304.77	1,608.90
Springhill	604.88	3,844.11
The Path	0.00	0.00
Three Oaks Chap	0.00	400.00
Trimble First	350.00	2,450.00
Westside	0.00	60.00
Williams Chapel	150.00	1,050.00
Woodville	0.00	200.00
Zion Hill	135.56	1,669.30
Total	12,418.48	91,262.14



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<https://http://tndisasterrelief.org/contributions/>