

On-line Worship Celebration www.firstbaptistcarthage.com

To worship with us go to the website, click on the Services tab in the navigation bar at the top right of the homepage. The service will be available beginning at 9:00 a.m.

May 3, 2020

Welcome James McRight
Skylar Hollis

Together We Sing Worthy of Worship
Breathe

Special Music Marilyn Beatty

Scripture Reading Richard Reed
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Message from God's Word Dr. Allen Tilley
"Wake Up! Dress Up! Build Up!"

Sunday Morning Bible Study Kevin Cook
Children's Church

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Dear Church Family,

In a news conference, the Texas Governor said the state "shelter in place" order would end on Thursday, April 30. Working with health care leaders, he is allowing malls, movie theaters, restaurants, and some retail businesses to reopen with a maximum of 25% of capacity. If cases of COVID-19 do not significantly increase, the government will allow more businesses to open by May 18 at 50% occupancy. He reiterated that everyone should continue practicing social distancing and wearing masks. Those susceptible to the virus should remain at home.

I spoke with our County Judge this morning, and our county will abide by the Governor's new order. However, the number of COVID-19 cases has increased from zero to over 140 in our community over the last month. Because there is no way I could select the 25% of our membership to attend a reopening service (nor tell the other 75% that they can't participate) and because the number of cases is rising in our community, I feel that it is best that we not meet on campus at this time. Therefore, we will continue with Digital Church and our online services for the next two weeks, at least.

This is a gut-wrenching decision for me. I love you, and I love worshipping with you in person, but I must consider your physical well-being as much as I do your spiritual health. We will actively monitor this situation and reopen as quickly as possible. I ask you to pray for me, asking God to give me wisdom.

Romans 15:13 teaches, "Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." Here is what this verse tells us. Our God is a God of hope, and He desires to fill us with exceeding amounts of joy, peace, and hope through the power of His Spirit. He has not given us a spirit of fear or despair. By trusting Him in times like these, He will not only give us what we need to survive but thrive. Let's keep our eyes on the Lord, believing He will see us through to the other side. He has not abandoned us, and we must never forsake Him.

You are always in my heart, prayers, and love. I miss seeing you and being with you in worship. If you need anything, please let me know. And remember, God loves you, and so do I.

Dr. Allen Tilley

Messages from Bro. Kevin Cook
Pastor of Education & Children 903.754.7509

Many students are working on their Awana pages at home. Please tell me if you need a book or materials to complete at home. Parents sign their book when they've completed the page or students can call me to tell me their Bible verses. Work can be completed for Awana credit through May.

Look for the Children's Church video on the sermon link page. There is a Parent Page with further activities and discussion help.

Please follow our Children's Ministry page on Facebook.

Message from Bro. Skylar Hollis
Pastor to Students 903.754.2223

GRADUATION 2020

Graduation Sunday - May 17, 2020

High School Graduates please submit your name, picture, and parents' name.

College Graduates (after May 2019) please submit your name, college name, & name of degree.

Your information and picture may be sent to nicole@firstbaptistcarthage.com, or you may send a text message to 903-918-7000 with your picture and information by Friday, May 8.

SAVE THE DATES – please make sure you have these upcoming events on your calendar.

May 17, 2020 – Graduation Sunday
honoring all 2020 graduates

May 20, 2020 – Graduation Dinner
Home of Jerry & Lacy Jones @ 7:00 p.m.

July 16-22, 2020 – High School Summer Trip
YM 360 – Lookout Mt., Georgia
(still scheduled at this time)

FUGE Camp – Jr. High Summer Trip in Glorieta, NM, for the week of June 15-20, 2020, has been canceled by the host. A letter has been mailed to everyone who registered.

TEXT FBCSALT to 844-311-3748 to get text messages and reminders about our student ministry.

Messages from Bro. David Yarbrough
Pastor of Worship 903.692.5028

During this time of physical separation, please take advantage of social media to stay connected. Each week you can find a "Worship Moment" on Facebook. This is a time to meet our faithful instrumentalists, hear about their family, favorite scripture, and favorite song. On Wednesday evenings, at 7:00 p.m., join in for the LIVE Hymn Sing on my Facebook page. Afterwards you can watch a replay on either my Facebook or the Church Facebook page.

New Address. My family is moving to Gary. If you would like to update your directory, our address is 1936 CR 121 Gary, TX 75643.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

MESSAGE FROM THE MISSION MAT

If you are a Senior Adult and you are not able to get out or are concerned about getting out, then the Mission MAT would like to help you. Please call the church office, and the staff will make sure you get the assistance needed. It is a blessing to serve others. Let us know if you need our help.

WELCOME BABY BOY!

Luke Morgan Brewer
Born 04/27/2020
8lbs 13oz, 21.5 in long
Proud Parents - Daniel & Courtney Brewer
Grandparents - Bryan & Cindy Stacy
Great Grandparents - Jerry & Reba Stacy, James & Pat Moon

CONTRIBUTIONS – Tithes & Offerings

Mail your contributions to the address below or simply drop it off through the mail slot on the office door. Offering envelopes can be mailed to you. Please call the church office if you would like some offering envelopes mailed to you. You can also arrange to have your contribution directly deposited by your bank. Online giving is now available on our website. Choose the Give tab in the navigation bar on our homepage.

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Carthage, TX 75633

LAST WEEK'S RECORD

General Fund Offering..... \$19,543.03
General Fund needed..... \$28,000.00

Deacons on call this week:

Danny Yount 903-694-6169
Robert Duncan 903-692-2579

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