



Newsletter of Fruitland Baptist Church

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Pastor's Perspective

Dear Fruitland Family,

I would like to start this letter much like David starts off in Psalm 142. David's focus is giving the reader information that will make them more understanding and successful when they approach God in prayer through times of turmoil. I have chosen for this letter to be filled with information that I hope will make you successful in knowing how the leadership of Fruitland Baptist Church is choosing to move forward.

Currently, we are still working through Phase 2 and the recommendations that come with large gatherings such as the church (i.e. social distancing, encouraging people to wear masks, two services, offering online programming, etc.). As we hopefully enter into Phase 3 in the near future, we will begin to open up ministries such as children's ministry and student ministry with small groups and Sunday School meeting again as normal.

Some of you may have been wondering if any of our leadership teams have been meeting. And yes, a few have but not like they normally meet due to COVID-19 restrictions. In the weeks to come, we hope to turn the corner by leadership teams such as Finance, Nominations, Personnel, Policy & Procedures, Property, and Deacon Teams resuming meeting as needed. Each of these teams will continue operating with the same team members and same leadership as we begin the new church year in September. The decision to do this was made during a roundtable discussion among the Deacons, myself, and Pastor William. We felt it was the most fluid way to move forward as we open back up.

Each decision that is made, as we have done in the past and continue to do in the present, is done with prayer and careful consideration of Fruitland Baptist Church as a whole. Thank you for partnering with us in prayer and your generosity. In closing, I would like to steal and share some verses of scripture A.J. Ball often shares:

"May the Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make His face shine upon you, May He be gracious to you, show you His favor, and give you His peace."
(Numbers 6:24-26)

May God Bless You!

Written in love,
Pastor Craig

Bringing Our Family Back Together

We are excited to have the opportunity to begin meeting together again on Sunday mornings at 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM! We have really missed you and look forward to seeing you again! Sunday School classes are also beginning to meet together again so check with your teacher to find out the plans for your class.

Ladies Zoom Bible Study

August 11th, 25th and September 8th at 8:00 PM

Keeping Place on Right Now Media

Meeting code is: 426 252 5986



Back to School Sunday

Sunday, August 16th

We will have a special prayer for students and teachers as they enter into a non traditional start to this year.

Vacation Bible School 2020

August 2nd to August 6th

"Concrete and Cranes"

We have passed out 150 tool kits. We have kids in four different states participating and are encouraging our friends in Kenya to tune into our videos as well! We will post videos each morning at 9:00 AM on Fruitland's Facebook page to watch. Students will Zoom with their age groups each night for a Bible lesson. Each age group will have a chance to come on campus at 6:30 PM for a water night once throughout the week.

Monday - Youth

Tuesday - 3rd-5th Grade

Wednesday - K-2nd Grade

Thursday - Preschool

Parents, please plan to stay with your children.

Bring a towel and plan to change at home due to COVID-19. The gospel will be shared in Wednesday's video. Please pray for hearts to be open and ready to accept His Good News!

Children's Devotions for August

For the month of August, our Fruitland Children will not Zoom or have videos. We know that students are going to be spending at least 4 hours a day in front of a screen due to school being digital. We encourage families to use the 5 devotions in the back of your VBS materials and we will provide more. As parents, it is our job to teach God's word to our children. Our children are going to crave in person interaction and communication since school will be online. Please make these devotions a priority in your family!

Youth Pool Party and Cookout at the Elks Lodge Pool

Friday, August 7th from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM

We will meet at the pool. If you need a ride, contact Pastor William.

Off Campus Youth Bible Study at Justus Orchard

Wednesday, August 12th at 6:30pm

Join us for a fun time on the air pillow and Bible Study led by Julius! Chick-Fil-A supper will be provided. If you need a ride, you can meet at church at 6:15 PM or you can meet us there (187 Garren Road).

Community Food Pantry

The Fruitland/Edneyville Community Food Pantry needs our help! Stefanie Sigmon is coordinating our effort to help our neighbors in need. The Fellowship Hall is open every Tuesday from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM for any food donations you would like to give. If you can't make it there during this time, please come by Turf Mountain Sod (3277 Chimney Rock Road) during business hours and someone will come out to your vehicle and unload it for you. Stefanie will make our deliveries weekly. If you would rather give a money donation, please make a check out to Fruitland Baptist and in the memo put Community Food Pantry. Thank you to everyone that has given to this ministry so far! Keep up the amazing work!



2020 Appalachian Christmas Outreach

Once again we are helping with backpacks for children ages 4-7. If you are willing to help pack a backpack, please contact Anne Gilbert. Things we need are: toys (balls, dolls, small stuffed animals, yo-yos, jump ropes, slinkys, card games), small pop-top cans of food (ravioli, tuna, beef stew), candy (individually wrapped, no chocolate please), hygiene items (deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrush, soap, washcloth, brush, comb, shampoo in ziplocks).

Thanks for helping meet this great need. Your gifts will mean so much and may make an eternal difference in a child's life!

AUGUST 2020

FRUITLAND BAPTIST CHURCH

SUN

MON

TUE

WED

THU

FRI

SAT

01

BIRTHDAYS
BRYNN JUSTUS
ANNE LAUGHTER

02

-WORSHIP
GATHERINGS ON
CAMPUS
9:00AM & 11:00AM

VACATION BIBLE
SCHOOL ONLINE

03

BIRTHDAYS
MATT DALTON
TIM JONES
CAROLYN SISK
-VACATION BIBLE
SCHOOL ONLINE
-YOUTH WATER
NIGHT 6:30PM

04

BIRTHDAYS
ISAAC DERMID
ERIC HYDER
-VACATION BIBLE
SCHOOL ONLINE
-GRADES 3-5
WATER NIGHT
6:30PM

05

-VACATION BIBLE
SCHOOL ONLINE
-GRADES K-2 WATER
NIGHT 6:30PM

06

-VACATION BIBLE
SCHOOL ONLINE
-PRESCHOOL
WATER NIGHT
6:30PM

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BIRTHDAYS
SHELIA CORN
-YOUTH POOL
PARTY & COOKOUT
AT THE ELKS LODGE
POOL 7:00PM-
9:00PM

08

BIRTHDAYS
AUSTIN RHODES

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BIRTHDAYS
DAN CASTO

-WORSHIP
GATHERINGS ON
CAMPUS
9:00AM & 11:00AM

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BIRTHDAYS
JOYCE LIVINGSTON
ADAM PRYOR
-LADIES' ZOOM
BIBLE STUDY
8:00PM

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BIRTHDAYS
EMILY FREEMAN
-BIBLE STUDY 6:30PM
-OFF CAMPUS YOUTH
BIBLE STUDY AT JUSTUS
ORCHARD 6:30PM

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BIRTHDAYS
TABATHA MEYER

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BIRTHDAYS
LOGAN MCMINN
ALLEIGH RAYMOND

-WORSHIP
GATHERINGS ON
CAMPUS 9:00AM &
11:00AM

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BIRTHDAYS
JOE CORN
DONNA REDINGER

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BIRTHDAYS
MARGIE MARSH

-BIBLE STUDY 6:30PM

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BIRTHDAYS
MORGAN HART
BOB HUDSON
JACE WILSON

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BIRTHDAYS
TUCKER PACILLI
PEGGY SPERRUGGIA
HELEN THOMPSON
MARK WILSON

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BIRTHDAYS
MARVIN WARD

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BIRTHDAYS
HAILEY GLASPY
JANE HUDSON
LISA MANEY
MICHELLE ROBINSON
KERSTON VAUGHN

-WORSHIP
GATHERINGS ON
CAMPUS 9:00AM &
11:00AM

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BIRTHDAYS
KATHY JONES
MIA PALACIOS
KRISTIN QUEEN

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-LADIES' ZOOM
BIBLE STUDY
8:00PM

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BIRTHDAYS
RON GRIFFIN
SIERRA VAUGHN
-BIBLE STUDY 6:30PM

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BIRTHDAYS
DYLAN DALTON

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BIRTHDAYS
MARILYN HORNE

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BIRTHDAYS
ISAAC JONES
PEGGY LOTT

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BIRTHDAYS
JOE HILL
WINNIE PACE
PATRICK SINGLETARY

-WORSHIP
GATHERINGS ON
CAMPUS 9:00AM &
11:00AM

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PRAY WITH US

HOSPITAL

HEALTH

Timmie Albergotti ~ Hazel Ashburn
Mildred Bane ~ Peggy Barton ~ Laura Breedlove
Perry Breedlove ~ Dan Casto ~ Robin Casto
Bud Chandler ~ Rick Collins ~ Carol Day ~ Evan Fortin
Belinda Frantz ~ Jane Hardin ~ Edie Hicks ~ Joe Hill
Jessica Howard ~ Eric Hyder ~ Lynnina Hyder ~ Kathy Jones
Steve Jones ~ Tim Jones ~ Bruce Keltz ~ Scott Kicklighter
Chick Ludwig ~ Debbie Ludwig ~ Russell Lyda ~ Randy McMurray
Tracy Meink ~ Judy Merrell ~ Wayne Miller ~ Mack Pittillo
Caroline Queen ~ Wanda Rogers ~ Anita Rozell ~ Pam Seymour
Beverly Simpson ~ David Sitton ~ Sandra Sitton ~ Rob Snyder
Michelle Sparrow ~ Mandy Stairs ~ Phillip Staton
Rachel Stertzbach ~ Dean Tyler ~ Parke Waggoner
Kathy Willingham ~ George Wrenn

FAMILY & FRIENDS

Aaron & Rebekah Barker & Family
Michael Barnett & Family
Lemar Ward

MISSIONS

Michelle in Central Asia ~ Scot Love / Evangelism Explosion
Glasses For Missions ~ June dela Fuente & Family in Philippines
Kennedy Gilbert in Ecuador ~ Carissa C in Clarkston, GA
John & Kristi Craig in Papua New Guinea ~ Mark & Caron Otto / Harvest Hills Ministries, Ohio
Pastor Steven / Bidii Baptist Church in Kiyo, Kenya ~ The Persecuted Church Worldwide

MILITARY

Levi Blount / Navy ~ Bryan Cannon / Army ~ Jeremiah Closius / Marine Corps
Nick Eddy / Army ~ Josh Kirby / Army ~ Tyler Kiser / Marine Corps
Holly Lance / Army National Guard ~ Glenn Lyons / Army ~ Jenna Mack / Air Force
Rhett Tsitouris / Marine Corps ~ Paul Wrenn / Air Force

SPECIAL REQUESTS

All those affected by COVID-19 across the world
Our nation and its leaders
Vacation Bible School

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



Missions Emphasis For August - Lottie Moon International Missions

Lottie Moon—the namesake of Southern Baptists’ international missions offering—has become a legend. But in her time, Lottie was anything but an untouchable hero. In fact, she was like today’s missionaries. She labored tirelessly so her people group could know Jesus.

Born Charlotte Digges Moon, December 12, 1840, in Albemarle County, Virginia. Lottie rebelled against Christianity until she was in college. In December 1858, she dedicated her life to Christ and was baptized at First Baptist Church, Charlottesville, Virginia.

Lottie attended Albemarle Female Institute, female counterpart to the University of Virginia. In 1861, she was one of the first women in the South to receive a master’s degree. She stayed close to home during the Civil War but eventually taught school in Kentucky, Georgia and Virginia. Lottie wrote letters home detailing China’s hunger for truth and the struggle of so few missionaries

taking the gospel to the 472 million Chinese in her day. She also

shared the urgent need for more workers and for Southern Baptists to support them through prayer and giving.

In 1918, Woman’s Missionary Union (WMU) named the annual Christmas offering for international missions after the woman who had urged them to start it.

Disease, turmoil and lack of co-workers threatened to undo Lottie’s work. But she gave herself completely to God, helping lay the foundation of what would become the modern Chinese church, one of the fastest-growing Christian movements in the world. Lottie Moon died at 72 — ill and in declining health after decades ministering to her beloved Chinese. But her legacy lives on. And today, when gifts aren’t growing as quickly as the number of workers God is calling to the field, her call for sacrificial giving rings with more urgency than ever.