



First Baptist Church of Tellico Village

WEEKLY UPDATE

January 22-28, 2024

A Word from Pastor Dave

This last week I began our sermon with a picture of a dumpster in New York City with the graffiti, "Alright, God. Now What?" We have all certainly experienced times when it seemed like difficulty came and came and came and came.... Difficulty can be relentless, and it often leaves us with a feeling of "What's next?" We can be despairing, anxious, fearful, and a host of other emotions as we experience the difficulty.

I have two favorite theological terms that you will not find in any theological dictionary or book. The first is "God's got this!" And I truly believe he does. No matter what the situation might be, we live under the rule and reign of a sovereign God who is FOR us and WITH us. He is watching over every detail of our lives. I, for one, am so thankful for this, and I pray that you are too. Let's be sure to give him praise for the many ways that he is WITH us and FOR us: providing for our daily needs, bringing friends into our lives to encourage us, our health or good care when our health is failing, a warm home to live in, a church where Jesus is exalted, etc. As the song so aptly is sung, "Let praise arise!"

Obviously, we often search for meaning to the difficult experiences that come into our lives. "All things work together for good" we might find ourselves saying as we explain the difficulties that we are up against. Sometimes that is helpful, but sometimes it is not. Sometimes it just seems like our difficulties are too big or too painful, and we cry out, "Why me, God?" Well, that takes us to my second favorite theological term, "It's above your pay grade." And it is. There are many times when we simply will not know the "whys" of the difficulties we experience. But we can rest in the fact that the Lord is good...all the time...all the time...the Lord is good. And he is.

We have been through quite a lot in the past ten days, and I trust that you are surviving well. Regardless, I want you to be encouraged with these two theological truths. Whatever you might be going through, remember "God's got this!" and if you lack understanding of the reasons he is allowing something into your life, remember "It's above your pay grade!"

May you know the Lord's presence in your life each step of the way. Let's pray for one another and encourage one another to be faithful until Jesus returns.

4th Annual Chili Cook-off and Bunco Game Night January 27, 5:30 PM

Come join us this Saturday to eat and vote for your favorite chili! If you are able, please bring a side dish or dessert to share. Afterward, we will play a HUGE game of Bunco together in the Fellowship Hall. Plan now to come and enjoy the evening!!

Fifty Reasons Jesus Came to Die - Beginning February 11

We want to challenge you to pick up one of these 50-day devotion books to read as we prepare to celebrate Jesus' resurrection on Easter Sunday. John Piper has gathered from the New Testament fifty reasons why Jesus came to die. Not fifty causes, but fifty purposes. He also leads us to answer this question - What did God achieve for sinners like us in sending His Son to die? Pick up a **book and daily reflection questions** in the Narthex or the Church Office. We begin reading on **February 11**, fifty days before

Easter. It would be a joy for us to all be reading this book because it would lead to rich discussions and cause us to encourage and exhort one another.

Update on Music Ministry

First, we ask you to continue to pray for us as we plan and execute our weekly worship services. Because of various issues, our orchestra will not participate in our worship services for the next couple of weeks. However, our choir will continue to practice and help lead us in worship. If you are interested in joining either group, note the practice schedule in the bulletin. You are welcome to join us.

Second, we are specifically looking for people who play various instruments as we would like to expand our musical offerings. Violin? Light drums? Guitar? Cello? Call the church office, and we will put you in contact with the appropriate leader.

Third, we love our worship team singers/leaders, and we would like to add to their number. We will be having many opportunities in the future, so we would like to grow our team. Again, call the church office, and we will put you in contact with the appropriate leader.

Fourth, we will be posting our open pastoral position in the near future, and we all need to join together and ask God to lead us to the man of his choosing, one who can shepherd us in worship.

Celebration of the Lord's Supper February 11

Our next Celebration of the Lord's Supper will be Sunday morning, February 11, during both worship services.

Discover FBCTV Class to Begin - February 11

The three classes meet on Sunday evenings at 5:00 p.m. at the Lindsays' home. During the study you will learn more about our church's purpose and what we believe. Prayerfully consider joining us to study, discuss, and pray together. If you are interested in becoming a church member of FBCTV this is your first step. Membership, partnering together, is very important to us. For more information, contact Kem + Carol Lindsay at 704-913-6543 or klindsay@fbctellicovillage.org.

Painting Class Tuesday, February 20, 1:00-4:00 p.m.

Art teacher, Susie Stebner, will lead step-by-step instructions in this painting class. No talent necessary! Everyone goes home with a painting. Sign up by calling the church office at 865-408-0110 or emailing at church@fbctellicovillage.org. The class is limited to 25 people, and there is a supplies fee of \$10. Join us and have some FUN!

Lunch with the Talley's

Pastor Dave and Joni have been setting aside time to meet with "newcomers," but we also want to invite the broader FBCTV family, who have called FBCTV "home" through the years. So, on **March 17**, we will host a lunch for anyone who wants to come. Space is limited. Call the church office to secure your spot around the table. By the way, we would enjoy coming to your home as well! Find Joni and let's get a date on the calendar!

Bible Study Classes on Campus – January 28, 2024

9:00 AM

Rob Walker – Co-ed Class

Nancy Christensen - Ladies Class

Children (Birth to 8 years old)

Fellowship Hall

Classroom 200

Children's Room

Romans

Names of God

10:15 AM

Open Arms - Co-ed	Classroom 100	Sermon Passage
Roman's XII Christians - Co-ed	Classroom 300	Spiritual Warfare
Children (Birth to 8 years old)	Children's Room	

Bible Study Home Groups

Bob and Joyce Wold Tuesday, 1:30 p.m. 100 Okema Pl. (Coyatee)
Contact information – (224) 239-7291 or robertandjoycewold@gmail.com

Kem and Carol Lindsay Monday, 6:30 p.m. 200 Vinita Pl. (Tanasi)
Contact information – (704) 913-6543 or kem.lindsay57@gmail.com

Dave and Nancy Slaughter Monday, 7:00 p.m.
Nancy Christensen (Host Home) 218 Higoliya Trl. (Kahite)
Contact information – (423) 884-3923 or dslaughter1159@outlook.com

Ron and Pat Randle Tuesday, 6:30 p.m. 134 Naduli Trl. (Kahite)
Contact information – (970) 215-0598 or rrandle400@gmail.com

A Call to Pray

Sunday Morning Prayer Group	Classroom 300	8:30-8:50 a.m.
Tuesday Prayer Group	Larkins' Home	1:00 p.m.
Wednesday Men's Prayer Group	Classroom 600	10:00 a.m.
Friday Women's Prayer Group	Classroom 600	10:00 a.m.



**Wednesday
FELLOWSHIP MEAL**

Wednesday Night Meal and Prayer Meeting, January 31 at 6:00 p.m.

Hey, ya'll, **next Wednesday Night Meal**, Craig Wilson and Friends will be playing some Bluegrass after dinner. Don't miss having a great dinner and listening to some awesome music. This would be a great night to bring a friend. The menu that night will be:

Biscuits, California Salad, Broccoli Salad, Fried Chicken, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Assorted Desserts.

The cost is \$10 per person. You can sign up by calling the church office (865) 408-0110 by Monday noon, online at www.fbctv.org or on Sunday morning circle "A" at the bottom of the bulletin tear-off and indicate how many will be attending. Cash or check accepted on Wednesday night.

Church Calendar

January 27, 5:30 p.m. 4th Annual Chili Cook-off and Bunco Game Night
January 31, Craig Wilson and Friends to play Bluegrass after dinner
February 4, Celebration of the Lord's Supper during morning worship services
February 8, 9:30 a.m. Comfort Coverings meeting in Room 600
February 9, Steekee School Staff meal
February 11, 50 Reasons Jesus Came to Die begins
February 16, 11:30 a.m. Golden Girls Lunch
February 20, 1:00-4:00 p.m. Paint with Me led by Susie Stebner

Statistical Blessings

January 21, 2024

Worship	(10:30 a.m. only) 238
Budget Receipts	\$16,356.00
Missions	\$735.00

Office Hours

Monday – Thursday: 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Friday: Closed

Contact Information

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Pastor Dave	Call Church Office
Kem's Cell	(704) 913-6543