

*Let's Worship Together Online*

until after April 19, 2020!

The main services will be held each Sunday at 10:30 AM. Log onto your Facebook page and like this page: First Baptist Church of Sedan, Kansas.

*On Saturday, March 28, Governor Laura Kelly issued an executive order making Kansas the 22nd state in the nation to institute a temporary, statewide stay-home order. The order goes into effect on Monday, March 30, and lasts until Sunday, April 19.*

**Did you know** that when you have your newsletter emailed that you will get an extra page of news?  
**Did you know** that you can see the newsletters on the church's website? <https://fbcsedan.com/newsletter>

**April Birthdays**

- 04/01 ..... Charlene Sturges
- 04/04 ..... Linda Caswell
- 04/08 ..... Leon Caswell
- 04/09 ..... Ruth Ann Lovelady
- 04/12 ..... Linda Chase
- 04/12 ..... Terri Tunison
- 04/13 ..... Mark Davis
- 04/18 ..... Abby Usry
- 04/21 ..... Heath Lampson



Philippians 3:14 - *I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.*

Dear Friends in Christ,

I want to begin my monthly letter by expressing my sympathy to everyone who has been affected by the coronavirus. Sedan has not had any cases yet, and we pray that our families and friends will be untouched by this sickness. While this virus impacts the health of thousands of people, it also affects the economy, businesses, travel, and even our churches.

Although we live in uncertain times, we need to be thankful that we serve a God who loves us. Through this calamity, we have an opportunity to bring our families together, to grow stronger spiritually, and to build better connections among our brothers and sisters in Christ. The Bible is filled with many verses such as Jeremiah 33:6, which holds much promise in times like these, *"Behold, I will bring it health and cure, and I will cure them, and will reveal unto them the abundance of peace and truth."*

While the world trembles in fear from the coronavirus, we serve the Creator of the universe, who tells us not to worry or to be anxious about anything (Phil 4:6-7). The 24/7 coverage of the coronavirus causes panic, and newsmen lead many people to wonder if we are facing a plague of Biblical proportions. Instead of believing *everything* we see and hear on the news, God instructs us to pray for all of our concerns. We are to ask Him for blessings as we make supplication for protection and healing.

But let us not dilly-dally around, either! We need to take precautions in order to remain healthy. Yes, we are also called to pray. Yes, we should pray in times of adversity and in times of prosperity. Yes, we should pray in times of danger and in times of security. Whether we face crisis, coronavirus, cancer, or calamity, we must not stop praying. In Jesus' Holy Name, AMEN!

*Pastor Mark Davis*



**General:** Bertha Dean; Dale Fadely; John Floyd; Mitchell Foster; Patty Hart; Lezlee Jones; Charity Kossin; George and Carmaleta Lorenz; John and Kathy McMillan; Michele Menke; Maci Miller; Jason Pelkey; John Powers; John and Barbara Taylor; James Tolbert; Earl Tresner; Usry Family; Gordon Willhite

**Cancer Patients:** Naida Carpenter; Lee Coate; Steve Cummings; Rob Darnall; Larry Fueler; Clayalee Glover; Marsha Hale; Randy Hewitt; Lou Kennedy; Belinda Landeros; Ruth Ann Lovelady; Jeanie McGinnis; Opal Smith; George Thomas; Kenny Tyler; Judy Tolbert

**Our Senior Saints:** Marlene Bailey; Naida Carpenter; Betty Ditmore, Bob Emery, Dale Fadely; Sue House; Diane Watts

**Ministries & Missionaries:** FBC-spiritual and numerical growth; our missionaries; lost to be saved; persecuted Christians around the world; the Nation of Israel; Pastor and family

**Others:** President Trump and Vice President Pence; world, national, state, local government leaders; law enforcement officers; emergency responders; military servicemen and servicewomen; students/teachers, school board/school administrators

**Missionary:** Ariel Tatum – [lionofgod2003@gmail.com](mailto:lionofgod2003@gmail.com)



Welcome to the prayer ministry of First Baptist Church! Well, probably most of you have heard I have cancer of both the liver and the lungs. Without treatment I have only 4 or 5 months left to live.

When I went to my cancer doctor, he looked me in the eye and said, "Ruth Ann, you are not going to get well!" What a statement! It was scary at first, but then knowing I bought my ticket to Heaven at the age of 4, I have no worries.

I will have a liver biopsy on March 25<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 AM. So, my first prayer request is that the results are negative. When you follow Jesus's ministry, we will notice He was a healer, and I believe He is still a healer today. So, believe with me that I will be healed.

My second prayer request is for our crazy upside-down world as we battle the Corona virus. Let us first, pray, then get out and do things for the elderly. Pick up some groceries, call them, or write a card. Isolation is a killer, especially one suffers from a little dementia. Or maybe you are called to tutor kids who are out of school, or you might babysit children whose parents work. There are many things we can do! Just pray about what God would have YOU do!

Finally, my third prayer request is for God to raise up prayer warriors in this church. If you want to be a part of the 24/7 Prayer Ministry, call the church office at 620-725-5399. Leave your name, address, phone number, fax number, and your email address with Deanna or Pastor Mark. I will follow up with more information, or you are welcome to call me at 620-205-9289. I will ask you to provide a time slot in which you pledge to pray at the church.

In closing, people have asked what they can do for me. I love having phone calls, texts, and short visits – but please call before dropping by. If you have extra when you have soup, I'd love some. Or if you have an extra slice of pizza, I'd like that too. By the way, I still eat everything! But more than anything else, please pray, pray, pray! I choose to live and not to die. I love you guys!

Ruth Ann Lovelady

## Secretary's Corner

### Why do we drape the cross?

Three different colors of fabric are used in draping the cross during the Easter season: purple, black, and white. This Christian tradition commemorates important events in the life of Jesus beginning with Palm Sunday and continuing through His Ascension to Heaven.



On Palm Sunday, the cross is draped in purple fabric, which represents Jesus' royalty. It signifies the importance of Jesus Christ entering Jerusalem as King. Yes, Jesus is indeed the

King of the Jews, but He is much more than that. He is the King of kings and Lord of lords. (1 Timothy 6:15)

On Good Friday, the cross is draped in black fabric, which represents the death of Jesus Christ as full payment for the sins of all mankind.



(2 Corinthians 5:15)



On Easter Sunday, the cross is draped in white, which represents the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. The white fabric should remain on the cross from Easter Sunday

until Ascension Day, which occurs 39 days after Easter Sunday. Hallelujah, Jesus is risen from the dead and He is alive forevermore. Amen, and amen! (John 2:19-22, John 20:1-18)

An empty cross is a reminder to all the world that "God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16). Hallelujah! Jesus is risen from the dead!



## Easter Word Search

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RESURRECTION  
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CHURCH  
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MARY  
REDEMPTION  
RISEN  
SUNDAY

CROSS  
JESUS  
MIRACLE  
REJOICE  
SAVIOR  
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