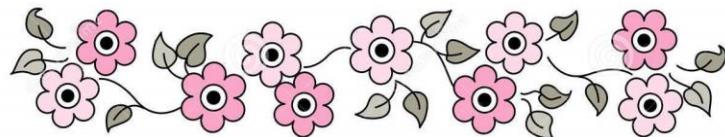


Let's Worship Together Online  
until May 10 (????)

The main worship service will be Sundays  
at 10:30 AM on Facebook Live.  
Log onto your Facebook page and like:  
First Baptist Church of Sedan, Kansas  
or watch the service on our church's  
webpage on Sunday afternoon -  
fbcsedan.com

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-at-home order. The order went into effect on Monday, March 30, and lasts through Sunday, May 3.



### Happy Birthday

05/10 ..... James Butterfield  
05/11 ..... Red Anthony  
05/18 ..... Jim Smith  
05/20 ..... Elliot Miller  
05/22 ..... Jacob Glover

### Happy Anniversary

05/23 ..... Bernie & Christel



1 Thessalonians 5:16-17 – Rejoice  
evermore. Pray without ceasing.

Dear Friends in Christ,

It was on March 28, that Governor Laura Kelly issued an executive order making Kansas the 22<sup>nd</sup> state in the nation to institute a temporary, statewide stay-at-home order. Since then, our lives have changed significantly. A Pew Research Center survey found that COVID-19 has had a profound impact on our personal lives in a variety of ways. The survey found that nine out of ten adults say their lives have changed.

Until we beat COVID-19, we will adapt. One way in which we have already adapted is by attending church online. If you don't already have a Facebook page, now is the time to get one. I reviewed the stats on the church's Facebook insights page and discovered

between April 6 and April 12, our page has reached 940 people. We have added 32 new followers during that time period. Sunday mornings we do Facebook Live, so you can watch the sermon live at 10:30. If you don't have Facebook, go to our fbcsedan.com and watch the sermon after it is posted on Sunday afternoon. To help strengthen us spiritually, I'm writing and posting a daily devotional on the Facebook page as well.

If you need anything, please let me know. I'm only a phone call away! Until we meet again face-to-face, let's keep praying and seeking the Lord. In Jesus' Holy Name, AMEN!

Pastor Mark Davis

### Many Americans say they have changed religious habits due to coronavirus outbreak

% saying they have ...



Among those who said in a 2019 survey they attend religious services at least once or twice a month, % saying they have \_\_\_\_ as a result of the coronavirus outbreak



Source: Survey of U.S. adults conducted March 19-24, 2020.  
"Most Americans Say Coronavirus Outbreak Has Impacted Their Lives"

PEW RESEARCH CENTER



**General:** Bertha Dean; Dale Fadely; Donna Glover; 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

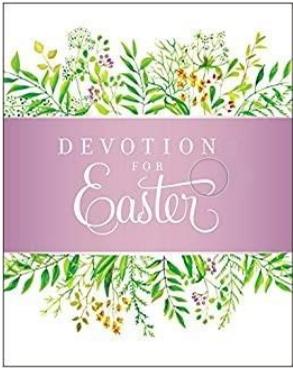
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**Our Senior Saints:** Marlene Bailey; Naida Carpenter; Betty Ditmore, Bob Emery, Dale Fadely; Sue House; Diane Watts

**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)



Here is a devotional that Mariah Hart, Mitchell and Alma Foster's granddaughter, found on Instagram. I think you will find it to be a real blessing. Enjoy!

### *Easter 2020*

The very first Easter was not in a crowded worship space with singing and praising. On the very first Easter the disciples were locked in their house. It was dangerous for them to come out. They were afraid. They wanted to believe the good news they heard from the women: that Jesus had risen. But it seemed too good to be true. They were living in a time of such despair and such fear. If they left their homes their lives and the lives of their loved ones might be at risk. Could a miracle really have happened? Could life really had won out over death? Could this time of terror and fear really be coming to an end?

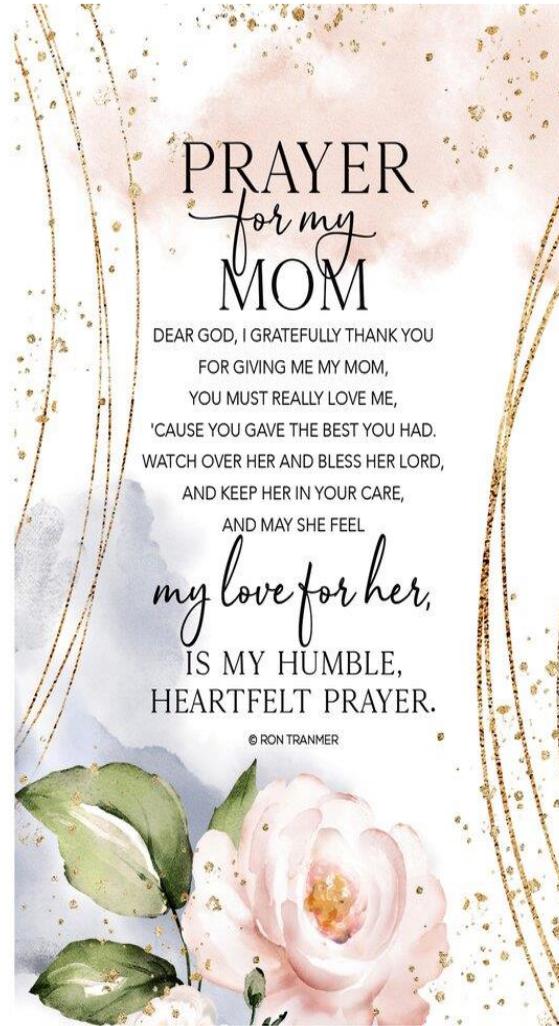
Alone in their homes they dared to believe that hope was possible, that the long night was over, and morning had broken, that God's love was the powerful of all, even though it didn't seem quite real yet. Eventually, they were able to leave their homes, when the fear and danger had subsided, they went around celebrating and spreading the good news that Jesus was risen and love was the most powerful force on earth.

This year, we might get to experience a taste of what that first Easter was like, still in our homes daring to believe that hope is on the horizon. Then, after a while, when it is safe for all people, when it is the most loving choice, we will come out, gathering together, singing and shouting the good news that God brings life even out of death, that love always has the final say!

This year, we might get the closest taste we have had yet to what Easter was like.



## Secretary's Corner



## 40 Bags of Cookies – by Ruth Ann Lovelady

Have you ever heard of someone anonymously giving 40 bags of cookies to someone with cancer to use as they see fit? My first thought was – wow – I could eat them all. My late husband, Ellis, would have, and he would have loved every bite. Perhaps you would have too if you are honest?? However, I decided to make them prayer cookies so everyone that got a package prayed for me with every bite. Can you imagine how many prayers went up to Jesus? A lot were from young children. I always feel like they send up the best prayers, as Jesus said bring the little children unto me and forbid them not. Those cookies went all the way to Louisiana. Thank you, Jesus, for whomever gave me the cookies. They were a tool of prayer.

As for my prognosis, I have 3-4 months to live or so Dr. Manus in Bartlesville says. There is no treatment being done at this time. I will be going for a second opinion May 4, 5, 6, to The Cancer Treatment Center in Tulsa. I have no fear of dying. I've been talking to Jesus since I was four years old. My private chapel was an old brooding house on a Kansas farm. God heard me and answered my prayers. My scripture is, "No, dear brothers and sisters, I have not achieved it, but I focus on this one thing: Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead, I press on to reach the end of the race and receive the heavenly prize for which God, through Christ Jesus, is calling us." And I also love Philippians 4:6-7, "Don't worry about anything (even the Corona virus); instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need and thank Him for all He has done. Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds everything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus."

Many of you have asked what you can do for me. Well, here's my list: 1) Pray 5 minutes a day for me. 2) Come by or call. I love to have visitors. Please call first as napping has become part of my daily routine. 620-205-9289. 30 minutes is a good visit time. 3) I need a rose planted. It is a Chrysler Imperial.

The saint of Sedan Baptist Church for the week: Pastor Mark, who rang my doorbell at 11:45 AM with a fresh, hot-cooked turkey meal. ALL white meat, which I love, for my lunch. Thanks! It was so good. God bless you. I love you all!