



Dear Friends in Christ,

The early church emphasized the importance of fellowship. Acts 2:42 says, "And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers." In the early church, people attended the temple together and broke bread in their house churches." From their example, we easily see that Christian fellowship was very important!

Fellowship with other Christians is just as important now as it was in the early church. So, let's fast-forward to life in 2020. Right now, there is no way to prevent being infected by COVID-19 after being exposed to it, even though researchers are racing to create a vaccine to prevent it.

So the question remains: Should Christians still gather for church services? There is no pat answer, so what is the correct response? Right now, our church we may be erring on the side of precaution, but your health is a huge concern.

One point to consider is that many – if not most – of the events that took place in the early church happened when they were not in large groups. We know that members of the early church often had to meet in small groups because they suffered persecution. Even today, many Christians still do that because of restrictions on worship. Sometimes, "groups" are as small as two or three.

You may ask, "What does all this mean for us today?" It means that if you are concerned about meeting in the church building for worship services on June 7, it is okay. Don't feel guilty if you decide to stay home and watch the sermon on Facebook Live, or that afternoon on our church's website. It also means that if you want to attend church in person that day, that's okay too! We will practice recommended social distancing, wearing of masks, and other recommendations that are set forth by health professionals.

God is interested in our hearts. We please Him when our motivations and intentions reflect Him. I really do hope to see you soon! If you need anything, please call. I'm only a phone call away. Until we meet again face-to-face, let's pray and seek the Lord. In Jesus' Holy Name, AMEN!

*Pastor Mark Davis*

*I'm happy to announce church services will be held in the church building on June 7*

Until then, 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 - fbcседan.com

*At midnight on May 26, the State's emergency declaration expired. That effectively lifted many of the emergency orders. The Ad Astra plan is now only a guideline, and counties are free to issue their own emergency plans.*



### Happy Birthday

06/04 ..... Donna Glover  
06/07 ..... Jo Custer  
06/08 ..... Patty Hart  
06/09 ..... Alma Foster  
06/11 ..... Brycen Dickens  
06/21 ..... Ralene Davis

### Happy Anniversary

06/08 ..... Rodney and Marsha



**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

**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)



First Baptist Church of Sedan  
**WeHOPE**  
 Women's Prayer Coffee  
 1st Saturday of each Month  
 at the Church Parsonage

Dear Ladies,

It seems like it has been forever since we have been able to meet. Don't we all want our lives to go back to normal? It is so hard not being able to go sit down and eat in a restaurant, get our hair cut, and go to church on Sunday! But the state is opening back up slowly. So, we will set a tentative date to have a prayer coffee on Saturday morning, June 6, at 7:30 AM. Notice, that date is 'tentative,' which means things may change before then.

Prayer is one of the most important parts of being a Christian. When people pray together, things will change. Things do not change when we just have Bible studies about prayer, or when we just discuss prayer, or even when we memorize Bible verses that speak to us on prayer. Things only happen when we actually get down and pray!

The Bible teaches that God wants us to bring our prayers and petitions to Him. That is why in 2020 we started having our Women's Prayer Coffee on the first Saturday of each month. During that time, we share concerns and prayer requests, but then we pray. The prayers are short, but they are focused.

The ladies who have been faithful in this prayer ministry until COVID-19 struck, do so because they have caring hearts. They understand that we all have pressing issues, but many times, we haven't shared them. Our prayer time gives us a chance to encounter God, who gives us peace and rest to our souls.

So ladies, don't forget to mark June 6 on your calendar and plan to join in us for our hour of prayer! ~ Ralene



## Secretary's Corner

### We'll Get Through This

Lord, our troubles. Are so great,  
 We don't know what to do;  
 The price for our Iniquity  
 Is finally coming due.

The world is crumbling  
 All about; No safe place can be found.  
 Right is wrong, Wrong is right;  
 The change is quite profound.

Lord, we need; Your guiding light  
 To lead us out of here;  
 We'll focus on Your Word, and prayer,  
 To take away our fear.

Temptations of this dying world  
 We'll rule out and let go;  
 Give our burdens  
 All to you, shed all worldly woe.

That's how we'll  
 Get through this, Lord,  
 Fixed on heaven above,  
 Assured of Your protection, help,  
 And everlasting love.

*By Joanna Fuchs*



## Pray without Ceasing – by Ruth Ann Lovelady

1 Thessalonians 5:17 – “Pray without ceasing.” What did Paul mean when he wrote that short verse? It does not mean pray constantly, but instead, it means to pray persistently and consistently.

Has your prayer room gotten dusty? I'm sure you have heard the old saying, “When you awaken in the morning, do you say, “Good morning, Lord,” or do you say, “Lord, is it morning already?” Charles Stanley says when he awakens in the morning, he says, “Good morning Lord.” What do you have for me to do for You this day?

I appreciate and thank all of you for praying for me. It has been three months now since Dr. Manus told me I had 5 or 6 months to live, as I was full of lung and liver cancer. The good news is, I am still alive! Please just pray for me to have energy as I fight this disease.

My choice for deacon of the month is John Chase. On a very hot day, he came by and mowed my lawn. And a servant planted my rose bush. Thank you all. I love you!

