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Christian Love & Sympathy
Is expressed to Trevin Bender & family in the loss of his grandmother.

Church Office Hours
The church office continues to operate on a limited basis. If you need to come by the church for any reason, please call first. The phones are being answered everyday. You can continue to worship through giving tithes and offerings by mail to the church office. Mail is checked everyday.

Worship Continues at FSBC
We will continue to livestream on the church Facebook page ("First Southern Baptist Church of Clarksville") at 9:30 a.m. Sundays and 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays. We may post at other times as well and possibly through other means.

Facebook Update
You can find Pastor Russ and Karen on Facebook at "RussandKaren Lievers." You can find the church FBook page at "First Southern Baptist Church of Clarksville".

Wednesday Night Meal
All Wednesday night meals are cancelled until further notice.

Offering Information
Budget Needed: \$ 9,457.00
Offering Received: \$ 12,873.00
Designated Other: \$ 450.00
Total: \$ 13,323.00

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*Worshiping, witnessing, growing,
serving...in the name of Jesus
Christ and for His glory.*

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Calendar of Events

Friday, April 10

Good Friday Service - CANCELLED

Saturday, April 11

Children's Easter Event - CANCELLED

Sunday, April 12

Easter Sunday (To be announced)

No evening service or activities

Thursday, April 16

XYZ group going to Madison - CANCELLED

Wednesday, April 22

Administrative Professionals Day

Saturday, April 25

VBS Clinic at FSBC - CANCELLED

Saturday, May 2

Church-wide wedding reception for Jon & Hayley (Lievers) Pierre in the FLC

Sunday, May 3

Church-wide SS breakfast hosted by Acts, Ruth Logos & MTC classes in FLC-8:45 AM (subject to change)

Deacon's meeting - 7:20 PM (subject to change)

Sunday, May 10

Mother's Day

No evening service or activities

Sunday, May 17

VBS worker's meeting - 5:00 PM

Thursday, May 21

XYZ group cook-out at the home of Gerry & Sharron Richards
Subject to change

Pastor's Paragraphs

How are you faring during this crisis, FSBC family? We love and appreciate each one of you, and we are anticipating with eagerness the day we can meet together again. I read an article recently that said we should miss the fellowship of our church family as we would miss our natural family. I can identify, and I look forward to seeing you again. Meanwhile, we connect through electronic means, phone, email, etc.

Our church is in the habit and practice of ministering to itself. It is like a human body that naturally heals itself of many maladies. Each member of the church has a deacon assigned to you who prays for you and seeks to minister to you. Also, each member is encouraged to participate regularly in a Sunday school class. These smaller Sunday school groups are at FSBC the places where people connect and minister to and serve one another. Other connections form naturally, and there is fellowship one with another. These two means, our deacon ministry and our Sunday school classes routinely fulfill the ministry of the body of Christ, "edifying of itself in love" (Eph. 4:16). This edifying ministry continues even in this time of plague and is now, especially, a lifeline for ministry.

This is a good time to remember that this world is under a curse (Gen. 3:17-19; Rom. 8:20-22). That is why we have things like the Corona Virus. The curse of sin unleashed every earthly blight that man suffers. Through Christ, however, we have great hope that we and all the created order will be "delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God" (Rom. 8:21). This is the promise and the hope brought to us by the "Second Adam," our Lord Jesus Christ. This is the hope and promise we celebrate this Sunday, Easter Sunday. The resurrection of Jesus Christ changes everything.

Love, *Bro. Russ*

The Upcoming Week

Sunday, April 12 - Easter Sunday

10:45 AM Worship Service (TBA)
No evening service or activities

Wednesday, April 15

Awana will resume in August
Adult Bible Study/Prayer Mtg (TBA)

Thursday, April 16

8:15 AM Men's Prayer Breakfast at
Bob Evans - subject to change
XYZ group going to The
Broadway Hotel in Madison
for lunch.- CANCELLED

Sunday, April 19

10:45 AM Worship Service (TBA)

Wednesday, April 22

Administrative Professionals Day
Awana will resume in August
Adult Bible Study/Prayer Mtg (TBA)

Sunday, April 26

10:45 AM Worship Service (TBA)

Wednesday, April 29

Awana will resume in August
Adult Bible Study/Prayer Mtg (TBA)

May 2

Church-wide wedding reception
For Jon & Hayley Pierre in the
FLC - everyone is invited to
attend

100th Birthday

Dan Fidler's uncle, Russell Josephson, is turning 100 on April 4th. He lives in a nursing home and LOVES mail. If you would/could send him a birthday card his address is: Mr. Russell Josephson, 1250 West Carl Sandburg Drive, #512, Galesburg, IL 61401.

A Word from John

As we continue in this unusual state of separation as a church family, I offer this hymn of worship to all of us as an encouragement and a reminder of the Lord's eternal sufficiency and of His love for us. Please read carefully and thoughtfully.

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

Isaac Watts (1674 - 1748)

O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home:

Under the shadow of thy throne,
Thy saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is thine arm alone,
And our defense is sure.

Before the hills in order stood,
Or earth received her frame,
From everlasting thou art God,
To endless years the same.

A thousand ages in thy sight
Are like an evening gone;
Short as the watch that ends the night
Before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
Bears all its sons away;
They fly, forgotten, as a dream
Dies at the opening day.

O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Be thou our guide while troubles last,
And our eternal home!

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John



Remembering in Prayer

Beehive Assisted Living: Patty Rogier

Maple Manor: Daphne Ryan

Riverbend: Clyde Barnett

Home: Vera Benton, Wanda Coleman, Lois Hollingsworth, Jim & Gayle Lemonds, Gina Markin, Bobby McCandless, Pat & Loy Morgan, Bro. Jim Pinkley, Sue Robinson, Charli Ruiz, Geanie Smith, Pauline Sullivan, Harold Swisher, Beulah Truesdell

Biblical Creation Resources

A References List is available for the church from Morris Lewellyn's current teaching on creation. Please take one if you are interested in knowing reliable books and websites for information.

Staying Connected to the FSBC Family While Staying at Home

Here are some things you can do during our "Stay at Home" strategy to stay connected to the church family for fellowship and ministry:

- Continue to practice your personal disciplines of Bible reading and prayer
- Utilize social media to stay connected
- Like us on Facebook ("First Southern Baptist Church of Clarksville"). We are posting services (some live, some pre-recorded) on Sunday mornings at 9:30 and Wednesday nights at 6:30
- Our services are also posted on our website (firstbaptistclarksville.org)
- Invite someone else who needs Christ to view the service
- Call someone who may need a call during this time
- Do an essential chore or run an essential errand for someone else
- Write a letter or two (or three)
- Maintain faithfulness in giving and in your financial stewardship (Mail to FSBC at 215 E. Ettels Ln., Clarksville 47129)
- Pray - for each other, for our world and nation
- Continue to send out your Sunday school class prayer request emails (many classes do this)
- Reach out to our pastor or staff by phone, email, text, etc., if you need us, or if you know someone who does. We are here for you.
- What ideas do you have?