

CELEBRATING 10 YEARS DR. JAMES WALKER

If you would like to participate in giving to James,
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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH CLEVELAND

VBS 2020

REGISTRATION
IS ON PAUSE
FOR NOW.



Please watch for
announcements
in the coming weeks.



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OUR FINANCIAL REPORT

Receipts May 10	\$ 31,185.60
Weekly Budget Goal.....	\$ 22,182.65
Year-To-Date Receipts	\$ 391,306.42
Budget Requirements To Date.....	\$ 421,470.35
Building Fund Receipts May 10	\$4,510.00
Building Fund Receipts 2014-20	\$ 2,146,066.20
Nichols Youth Fund Loan	\$ 10,735.90
Hollingsworth Music Library Fund Loan	\$ 28,165.22
Robertson Transportation Fund Loan.....	\$ 69,633.43
Gray Fund Loan.....	<u>\$136,828.96</u>
Total Internal Loan Balance.....	\$ 245,363.51

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Enrollment	887
Members present	
Visitors	
Total	

ANNIE ARMSTRONG EASTER OFFERING

It's all
about the
gospel

CHURCH GOAL \$12,500



2020 BIBLE DRILL

PARTICIPANTS

CHILDREN

Bryce Clark (3)
Emory Prather (2)
Dawson Shook (2)
Matthew Fleming (1)
Trace Howarth (1)



YOUTH

Lauren Livingston (9)*
Mary Claire Martin (9)*
Sara Beth Mullins (9)*
Emma Grace Mullins (7)
Kelly Anne Horton (6)
Thomas Craft (5)
Lindsey Strongosky (4)

*Scholarship recipient / Numbers are years of participation.

THANK YOU to our leaders: Mary Kathryn Kittrell, Meg Howarth, and Wendy Fuller

ONLINE GIVING

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THURSDAY NIGHT REBROADCAST

May 21 - Milton Bradley

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Under The Steeple

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Dear Church Family,

One of the things that you have probably started to hear lately is the news that other churches in our area and across our state are beginning to reopen their doors for corporate worship. Therefore, as a church we want to pray for these churches, their leaders and members, that God would grant them protection and much joy as they gather together to worship our Savior.

Because of this, I know that many of you perhaps are wondering about “when” we too will reopen. And to be honest and completely transparent, I don’t have a definite answer to that question. What I do know is that our leadership here at the church (pastors, ministerial staff, and deacons) are committed to seeking wise counsel, serving you well, and working together. We have had much discussion about possible dates, as well as “how” we can reopen safely when we choose to do so. Of course, we will continue to pray and do our best to stay in step with the Holy Spirit over this important decision and will communicate any changes to our schedule through our mailout, website, and Facebook.

This week I came across a verse that the Lord used to speak to my heart and I want to share it with you. In **Romans 12:12** the Apostle Paul writes:

“Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.”

In context here Paul is speaking of our love for one another. Therefore, we should read this command as attitudes that we are to have in ministry to one another. In light of that, Paul first calls us to be “*joyful in hope.*” So church, may we continue to encourage one another to be hopeful in this difficult season. To trust that God has a plan and purpose. That what the enemy means for evil, God means for our good (Gen. 50:20). He then calls us to be “*patient in affliction.*” May we all resist the temptation to ask “HOW can I get out of this?” but instead ask “WHAT can I get out of this?” Yes, we pray this will all be over with soon. But rather than always praying for deliverance, may we learn to pray for endurance and patience as God has his way in us. And then lastly, we are to be “*faithful in prayer.*” Church, let’s be diligent in praying for one another. Please know that there are people all around us who are confused, angry, upset, devastated, scared, frustrated, and spiritually lost. And so may we not grow weary in praying for all, especially for those who need to hear the gospel or simply be reminded of the gospel today.

Well, there’s your sermon for the day. I love you, church, and miss seeing you! As always, if we here at the church can serve you please let us know. God bless!

“You will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are steadfast, because they trust in you.” Isaiah 26:3.



In Christ,

Brad Beckwith
(Lead Pastor)

