

Awana ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please don't forget to finish your books from the 2019-2020 Awana year! The deadline is July 31. Contact Jackie with completed sections!

KIDS

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH CLEVELAND

VBS 2020 @ HOME

July 27-31
Pick up your "tool bag" Sunday, July 26 • 4-6pm
Enter onto N. Court from Leflore Ave.

5 years by 9/1/2020 thru 6th Grade

KIDS REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED - REGISTER BY 7/17 FOR FREE TSHIRT
REGISTER AT UNDERTHESTEEPLE.COM

ONLINE GIVING

AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE
WWW.UNDERTHESTEEPLE.COM

OUR FINANCIAL REPORT

Receipts July 12	\$ 22,473.78
Weekly Budget Goal.....	\$ 22,182.65
Year-To-Date Receipts	\$ 555,682.02
Budget Requirements To Date.....	\$ 621,114.20
Building Fund Receipts July 12	\$3,445.00
Building Fund Receipts 2014-20	\$ 2,170,884.20
Nichols Youth Fund Loan	\$ 0.00
Hollingsworth Music Library Fund Loan	\$ 0.00
Robertson Transportation Fund Loan.....	\$ 57,157.35
Gray Fund Loan.....	<u>\$136,643.88</u>
Total Internal Loan Balance June 30.....	\$ 193,801.23

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Enrollment	887
Members present	
Visitors	
Total	

*Join us for a Bridal Shower
in honor of*

Leah Santucci
Bride-Elect of Sam Williford

July 26, 2020
1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Fire Station #3
Ronaldman Road

Hosted by Adult II Sunday School Class

Registered at Rosson Co., Neysa's, & McCarty's

Please follow church guidelines for Covid-19.
These can be found at
www.underthesteeples.com

THURSDAY NIGHT REBROADCAST
July 23 - Philip Tang

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Under The Steeple

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Regathering Update

Starting July 19




JULY 19




Regular service times will resume:
8:30 • 9:45 • 11:00


JULY 22




Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting (no meal) begins in the Sanctuary at 6pm.




Masks will be required.
(Will have some available if needed.)



All food related activities are suspended until further notice.



Check-in for childcare (2 and under) will be at the East Entrance on N. Bolivar ONLY.
Childcare will be available for 2 years and under for all services.



Reminders

Please be mindful of the following:

- If sick or running fever, stay home.
- Continue to use hand sanitizer and keep with 6ft social distancing.
- Those at high risk are encouraged to worship from home.

Please only enter through the Fellowship Hall.

Dear Church Family,

Hopefully by now you already know that this coming Sunday, July 19, we're going to be regathering here at the church building for corporate worship. We're really excited about getting back together to sing, study, pray, and worship the Lord, and we hope you will join us.

As we regather, please review our guidelines found on our website at underthesteeples.com and take note of some changes that will go into effect this coming Sunday. For starters, we will go back to our normal Sunday worship times (8:30, 9:45, 11am, and 6pm for evening service), and we will start back our Wednesday night prayer meeting in the sanctuary at 6pm on July 22 (no meal). We will also continue to enter in the building through the Fellowship Hall entrance only and exit out the east side of the building. We will have nursery available for children up to 2 years of age and drop off/pick up will be on the east entrance near the nursery. We will continue to discourage physical contact (hugs, handshakes, etc...), keep with 6ft in social distancing, and sit together only in family groups (ushers will seat and dismiss you in order to help keep with physical spacing). If you are in the "high risk" category according to the CDC and MSDH, we are advising you to stay home and continue to worship with us online or on TV.

One last guideline is a new one, but something we feel is important. Starting this Sunday and into the foreseeable future, we will be requiring the proper use of masks for all of our worship services. I'll be honest, this was a difficult decision to make. It's not an emotional decision or one that we made hastily. But through much prayer and discussion, and in talking with our medical advisors, our leadership feels that going mask mandatory significantly mitigates the risks of catching the virus, while also allowing us to worship together consistently week to week. At the end of the day we feel this is the wisest thing for us to do, based on the information given, to keep one another safe.

I know that it's possible that some may think we are acting out of fear, rather than faith. But I would encourage everyone to see this not as a faith vs. fear decision, but as a "love for my neighbor" decision. The Lord has called us to love him supremely, and to love others sacrificially (Matt. 22:37-39). And what an incredible opportunity for us to do that. So please come with your own personal masks, and if you forget, no worries, we will have one available for you. May God continue to keep us safe, and may our confidence always remain in Him!

³ Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, ⁴ not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

Philippians 2:3-4



In Christ,

Brad Beckwith
(Lead Pastor)