

Dear Church Family,

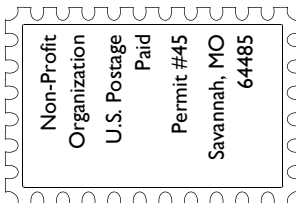
I hope all of you are doing well and taking the necessary precautions to keep yourself safe. The Covid-19 virus is continuing to disrupt the lives of millions of people across our country. The Church, is NOT unaffected. We have already gone nearly three weeks without being able to see, talk, shake hands, hug, and most of all, worship together. While many were hoping this would be over by now, the news coming out of Washington this week from the CDC and President, along with our own local governing body, is that they are recommending extending the social distance mandate until April 30th. While this is disheartening on a number of levels, we must remain faithful that God has a plan and purpose for this season of tribulation.

The staff at FBC has met a number of times and has decided the appropriate thing for the church to do is to honor the requests and recommendations of the those in authority, as per Romans 13, and continue to follow social distancing mandate until April 30th. With that being said, we will continue our Sunday service livestreams, as well as, our Sunday night, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday morning online Bible study lessons. I know many of you are concerned about missing Easter Sunday. We have been working on a number of different options to make a gathering possible. At this point we are planning three Easter morning "Drive-In" style worship services. 8:00am, 9:30am, and 11:00am. We will not be getting out of vehicles but will use a staggered parking approach to see the stage on the East side of our lot. The building will NOT be open for any reason as we are abiding by the recommendations of the mandate. Service will only last about 45 minutes; however, the staff (and I) feel very strongly that we need to think outside the box to meet and praise our risen Savior on this very special day.

As things typically go in these crazy times, all services and events are touch and go, meaning, at any moment we may need to suspend a certain service or postpone a meeting until this is all over. I want to personally thank you from the bottom of my heart as your pastor. This season has been unlike anything I (or any of our staff) have ever dealt with. Our church family has been so understanding and supportive of the difficult decisions we've had to make thus far.

Have faith, stay strong, trust in His plan.

- Pastor Jason.



RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Savannah First Baptist Church  
500 East Pawnee  
Savannah, MO 64485

*The Enlightener*

*I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened...." Ephesians 1:18*

**Connecting Building Sharing**

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OUR MISSION:

**TO  
CONNECT  
PEOPLE TO  
GOD AND  
CONNECT  
PEOPLE TO  
EACH  
OTHER**

**TO  
PRODUCE  
POWERFUL,  
POSITIVE  
LIFE  
CHANGE**

Serving April 5, 2020	Serving April 12, 2020	Serving April 19, 2020
<u>Classic Service Ushers</u> N/A	<u>Classic Service Ushers</u> N/A	<u>Classic Service Ushers</u> N/A
<u>Contemporary Svc Ushers</u> N/A	<u>Contemporary Svc Ushers</u> N/A	<u>Contemporary Svc Ushers</u> N/A
<u>Invocation/Intercessory</u> N/A	<u>Invocation/Intercessory</u> N/A	<u>Invocation/Intercessory</u> N/A
<u>Classic Service Greeter</u> N/A	<u>Classic Service Greeter</u> N/A	<u>Classic Service Greeter</u> N/A
<u>Contemporary Svc Greeter</u> N/A	<u>Contemporary Svc Greeter</u> N/A	<u>Contemporary Svc Greeter</u> N/A
<u>Welcome Center</u> N/A	<u>Welcome Center</u> N/A	<u>Welcome Center</u> N/A
<u>Security Team</u> N/A	<u>Security Team</u> N/A	<u>Security Team</u> N/A
<u>Classic Service Nursery</u> N/A	<u>Classic Service Nursery</u> N/A	<u>Classic Service Nursery</u> N/A
<u>Contemporary Service Nursery</u> N/A	<u>Contemporary Service Nursery</u> N/A	<u>Contemporary Service Nursery</u> N/A
<u>Van Driver</u> N/A	<u>Van Driver</u> N/A	<u>Van Driver</u> N/A

<b>BUDGET OFFERING</b>		
<u>02-02-2020</u>	<u>02-09-2020</u>	<u>02-16-2020</u>
<b><u>WEEKLY BUDGET NEEDS</u></b>		
\$7,263.00		
<b><u>BUDGET RECEIPTS</u></b>		
\$10,891.80	\$7,516.00	\$7,870.53
<b><u>BFT RECEIPTS</u></b>		
\$70.00	\$20.00	\$20.00
<b><u>DESIGNATED RECEIPTS</u></b>		
\$719.09	\$811.00	\$430.00

<b><u>DEACONS OF THE WEEK</u></b>		
<b><u>Apr 5, 2020</u></b>	<b><u>Apr 12, 2020</u></b>	<b><u>Apr 19, 2020</u></b>
Doug Watson 261-4760	Ted Coats 324-3936	Al Gates 262-6658
Terrel Clark 261-5659	Rodney Cole 428-4209	Phil Gould 721-7702

<b><u>VISITATION TEAM</u></b>		
<b><u>Apr 5, 2020</u></b>	<b><u>Apr 12, 2020</u></b>	<b><u>Apr 19, 2020</u></b>
Donna Morris Valinda Robertson	Carole Paxton Fonda Gabriel	Debbie Coats

<b><u>PARKING LOT ATTENDANTS</u></b>		
<b><u>Apr 5, 2020</u></b>	<b><u>Apr 12, 2020</u></b>	<b><u>Apr 19, 2020</u></b>
N/A	N/A	N/A

<b><u>ATTENDANCE</u></b>	
<b><u>March 22, 2020</u></b>	<b><u>March 29, 2020</u></b>
<b><u>CLASSIC SERVICE</u></b>	
N/A	N/A
<b><u>CONTEMPORARY SERVICE</u></b>	
N/A	N/A
<b><u>SUNDAY SCHOOL</u></b>	
N/A	N/A

**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS**  
**MONDAY-THURSDAY**  
 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
**FRIDAY**  
 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.  
 Office #: (816) 324-3314

**IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY** please call Pastor Dan @ (816)261-7271. **If no answer in the office on a work day**, please leave a message on voice mail and someone will return your call as soon as possible.

Fax #816-324-7634  
 E-Mail: fbcsavmain@gmail.com  
 www.fbcsavamo.com

## WEEKLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 5, 2020 - April 11, 2020

### Online Bible Studies

#### April 5: SUNDAY

##### **Palm Sunday**

10:00am Live Stream Worship Service  
(FBC Facebook Page/website)  
4:00pm Children's Study  
(Ginger Esely's Facebook Page)

#### April 6: MONDAY

#### April 7: TUESDAY

10:00am Adult Bible Study  
(FBC Facebook Page/website)

#### April 8: WEDNESDAY

6:00pm Adult Bible Study  
(FBC Facebook Page/website)  
7:00pm Youth Bible Study  
(FBC Facebook Page/website)

#### April 9: THURSDAY

10:00am Adult Bible Study  
(FBC Facebook Page/website)

#### April 10: FRIDAY

##### **Good Friday**

#### April 11: SATURDAY



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[www.fbcsavmo.com](http://www.fbcsavmo.com)

(QR Reader is required)

Like us on Facebook:  
[First Baptist Church Savannah, MO](https://www.facebook.com/FirstBaptistChurchSavannahMO)

Electronic Giving



## WEEKLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 12, 2020 - April 18, 2020

#### April 12: SUNDAY

##### **Easter Sunday**

8:00am Drive-In Worship Service  
(FBC Parking Lot)  
9:30am Drive-In Worship Service  
(FBC Parking Lot)  
11:00am Drive-In Worship Service  
(FBC Parking Lot)  
**ALL PARKING LOT SERVICES - STAY IN YOUR VEHICLES AT ALL TIMES**  
4:00pm Children's Study  
(Ginger Esely's Facebook Page)

#### April 13: MONDAY

#### April 14: TUESDAY

10:00am Adult Bible Study  
(FBC Facebook Page/website)

#### April 15: WEDNESDAY

6:00pm Adult Bible Study  
(FBC Facebook Page/website)  
7:00pm Youth Bible Study  
(FBC Facebook Page/website)

#### April 16: THURSDAY

10:00am Adult Bible Study  
(FBC Facebook Page/website)

#### April 17: FRIDAY

#### April 18: SATURDAY

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Senior Pastor: Dr. Jason Abbott

Pastor of Admin & Technology  
Dan Mefford

Youth Pastor  
Jeff Davis

Senior Adults/  
Children's Minister  
Stephanie Mefford

Interim Music Leaders  
4Givin' Praise

Musician(s)

Meredith McDonald

Custodian

Terry Toalson

Part-Time Custodian

Ruthie VanSchoiack

Secretary

Roberta Watson

## WEEKLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 19, 2020 - April 25, 2020

### Online Bible Studies

#### April 19: SUNDAY

10:00am Live Stream Worship Service  
(FBC Facebook Page/website)  
4:00pm Children's Study  
(Ginger Esely's Facebook Page)

#### April 20: MONDAY

#### April 21: TUESDAY

10:00am Adult Bible Study  
(FBC Facebook Page/website)

#### April 22: WEDNESDAY

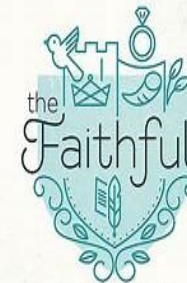
6:00pm Adult Bible Study  
(FBC Facebook Page/website)  
7:00pm Youth Bible Study  
(FBC Facebook Page/website)

#### April 23: THURSDAY

10:00am Adult Bible Study  
(FBC Facebook Page/website)

#### April 24: FRIDAY

#### April 25: SATURDAY



Heroes of the Old Testament

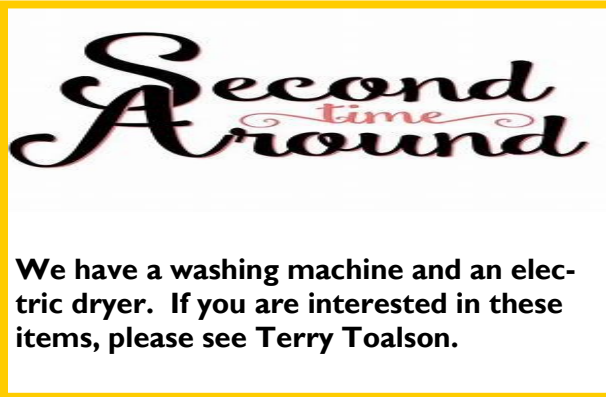
PRISCILLA SHIRER  
KELLY MINTER  
BETH MOORE  
JENNIFER ROTHSCHILD  
LISA HARPER



Due to the COVID-19 concerns, the Monday evening Bible Study "The Faithful" is being put on hold. We will send out notifications via our Facebook page, Enlightener, and our OneCall system. If you have any questions, please contact Vicki Gates.



Due to the recent COVID-19 scare, most youth events have been postponed. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Jeff Davis.



We have a washing machine and an electric dryer. If you are interested in these items, please see Terry Toalson.

No matter where you are or what you do as a Christian, the priority is the Gospel. That is why we send thousands of Missionaries across the U.S. and Canada to share Christ with those who have no other hope. Our Annie Armstrong Easter Offering goal this year is \$2,500.00.



## Living Community

Living Community of St. Joseph is not accepting visitors at this time due to the COVID-19 scare. If you would like to send a card or call one of the residents, the address and phone number are below:

Living Community of St. Joseph  
1202 Heartland Road  
St. Joseph, MO 64506

816-671-8500

## Shady Lawn

Shady Lawn Nursing Home is not accepting visitors at this time due to the COVID-19 scare. If you would like to send a card or call one of the residents, the address and phone number are below:

Shady Lawn Nursing Home  
13227 State Route D  
Savannah, MO 64485

816-324-5991

## LaVerna Village

LaVerna Village is not accepting visitors at this time due to the COVID-19 scare. If you would like to send a card to or call one of the residents, the address and phone number are below:

LaVerna Village  
904 S Hall Ave  
Savannah, MO 64485

816-324-3185

The next Enlightener date will be:  
**April 15, 2020**  
Submission deadline - 04/10 by 9am



**Fear Not**  
By Pastor Jeff

Church Family as I write this, I am thinking that for the first time in a long time, this enlightener is one major way we can communicate in the wake of our current Pandemic. We are living in uncharted waters for most as we watch our country in most ways come to a standstill. We have had to change the ways we communicate and associate with people. I, for the first time in my life looked online to see if there was any toilet paper (out of curiosity). It is easy to sub comb to fear of the unknown. Although we need to be aware and informed of our surroundings and do our best to keep ourselves and families healthy and protected, we must not let the FEAR overtake our faith and identity in God.

It should be of no surprise that there is "fear not or "do not be afraid" or "do not fear" mentioned in the Bible 365 times. God who is our comfort, our shelter, our refuge, our creator, our savior amongst many other attributes deemed it very important to remind us every day to "fear not". **Psalms 90: 1-2, says "Lord, you have been our refuge in every generation. Before the mountains were born, before you gave birth to the earth and the world, from eternity to eternity you are God" (CSB).** I just heard this scripture the other day for the first time and it resonated with me. God alone is our refuge (or place of safety to dwell). It is healthy and wise to be aware of our fears as they signify that there is something not right within our souls. Yet in the chaos of experiencing in very real ways that we do not know what tomorrow brings, we can find comfort and peace in the certainty of God's promise that he is forever faithful and is always "our refuge, our ever present help in times of trouble" (Psalms 46:1).

By His Grace,  
Pastor Jeff Davis