

the Connection

NEWSLETTER OF FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH REDWATER

Keeping the Body Connected in Ministry

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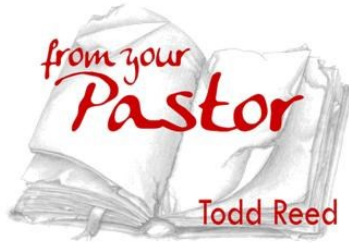
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*"Return, O Lord! How long?
And have compassion on
Your servants.
Oh, satisfy us early with Your
mercy, That we may rejoice
and be glad all our days!
Make us glad according to
the days in which You have
afflicted us, The years in
which we have seen evil.
Let Your work appear to
Your servants,
And Your glory to their
children.
And let the beauty of
the Lord our God be upon us,
And establish the work of our
hands for us; Yes, establish
the work of our hands."*

Psalm 90:13-17

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"I was glad when they said unto me let us go unto the house of the Lord!"

Psalm 122:1

Once again, the Word of God proves relevant because that is exactly how we all feel!

Our Father has just brought us through the most amazing unpredicted month in the history of our fellowship. We know the burning question is "When can we begin our normal worship services again!?" Well, as you know our services have never really been normal, but we are working on a plan for

our "re-opening" now and have some announcements for you. There will be no changes for the first weekend in May. Everything will be online live at 10:45am on YouTube, Facebook, and radio on 97.1FM, 94.1FM and 1400AM. We plan to continue all of these platforms even after we come back together.

On Mother's Day, May 10, we would like to invite any of you who are interested to come sit in the parking lot and listen via radio or your phone during the service. Immediately following the service, we will come to the parking lot exits and have a gift for mothers as you leave. As soon as our governor and state leaders adjust distancing requirements to allow 50% capacity in our buildings, we will begin having two services on Sunday mornings. The first service will be at 9am followed by a service at our regular 10:45 time. Anyone is welcome at either service, but we recommend that our senior adults and those who are physically vulnerable attend the early service and that we all be patient and sensitive to individual distancing concerns. There will be no childcare or Sunday School for the first few weeks, but we will begin to implement those incrementally. With the way things stand at the present, those services will not begin until Sunday, May 24th, but that is subject to change. We will do everything we can to keep you informed as the Lord gives us direction. Remember, each church in our area has unique logistical considerations, so no two churches will have the same plan of action. Continue to pray for us as we work with pastors in our area and strive to hear the Lord's plan for our fellowship. Please share this information with anyone you know who has been missing our services or who may not get this e-mail newsletter.

Pastor Corey, Pastor Mike and I will continue to broadcast daily at noon our program "Resting in the Refuge". Currently you will find it on our Facebook page. Resting in the Refuge is 30 minutes of encouragement from the Scriptures and prayer together. You can stay connected by commenting in your prayer needs and others can join you in prayer over these as they view the program as well.

We want to thank those of you who have been so faithful in your tithing. Because of your faithful giving, not only have we been able to keep up all of our missions commitments, but God has put us in the position to help provide much needed resources for the Haven Home (a special needs adult living center), to help an area bivocational pastor and his family with financial needs and also to partner with Redwater High School in providing a special tribute for the graduating class of 2020. It has been so encouraging to see your commitment and support. The online giving is also available on the church website at fbcredwater.org and is now easier than ever to find.

Let us encourage you now to continue to BE THE CHURCH. Now is your time to shine! Continue praying for the sick, as well as the anxious and fearful. Be active in praying for your pastors and leaders, including our national leaders. Be active in pursuing your personal relationship with the Lord. Be still. Listen. Obey. And be active in sharing Jesus as the Source of our strength, hope and peace! We love you all. BE THE CHURCH.

"But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear." - 1 Peter 3:15

Join Us

FOR WORSHIP SUNDAY AT 10:45A

Find us on YouTube Live, Facebook and broadcast
on radio through 94.1FM, 97.1FM and 1400AM



Common People Ministries

“Now all who believed were together
and had all things in common.”

- Acts 2:44

Bro. Corey Calicott, Youth Pastor
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I am thankful for your prayers and encouraging words as I have been preparing for camp this summer. I never imagined that we would be discussing quarantines, pandemics and the safety of our gathering. All of us have felt the effects and changes and I am encouraged to see what might finally signal that we may soon get back to normal.

However, at this time, it is my understanding that things will phase back into normal over time and not all at once. Government officials will watch to make sure that the numbers of those infected with COVID-19 do not rise once again. Because of that, in Texas, at this time we are still not encouraged to meet in large groups.

Since we cannot fully know what the full situation will be by June, both NETxtreme and Student Life Camps have been cancelled at this time. Please know that this was a decision made with prayer and great reluctance. I believe in the value of camp, but feel that we have to do what is in the best interest of our church and safety of our students.

We plan to resume camp in the summer of 2021.

I encourage you join us on Zoom for Youth Bible Study each Wednesday at 4p until we can meet together again. If you would like to be a part of our study, send me a message and I will share the link to the meeting.

Now to those who have registered for camps: If you have already sent in a deposit, it can be refunded to you in full. As an option, if you would like to keep your deposit for next summer, we can hold your spots for 2021. If not, a check can be issued in the coming weeks. If there is any way I can serve you and your family during this time, please don't hesitate to let me know.



Mike's MEMO

At this writing, it is really too early to tell when we can "open" our meetings and JOY Group activities so nothing extracurricular is on tap for May. I will say this, we have been able to share the Gospel so many new ways and reach more people than ever in the last Gospel weeks! I doubt there has been an Easter Sunday on record where the Gospel was shared more than in 2020. Know that we may still be locked out but the Church is not closed! If we can serve you please let us know as we help each other through these trying times. I want to hug every one of you so bad and one day, "What a day of rejoicing that will be!" I love you all in Jesus' corona-free name!



May 10th
Mother's Day

She is clothed with strength and dignity; she can laugh at the days to come. She speaks wisdom and faithful instruction is on her tongue. Proverbs 31

Join us in the parking lot to listen to service on the radio or on your phone. Staff will be passing out gifts for mothers after service.



Online Giving Available

Go to <http://onrealm.org/FBCRedwater/Give>



Sunday Morning Bible Study

Join in on Facebook Live Sundays at 9:30a with Bro. Mike Powell (through his Facebook Page)



PRAYER REQUESTS

let the Church pray alongside you

Submit prayer requests to prayer@fbcredwater.org or call the church office at (903) 671 2142



RESTING

in the Refuge

Monday-Saturday at Noon
on Facebook Live

