



FAITH UMC NEWS



Dear Faith Family,

I know the question on everyone's mind is: when are we going to start having in-person worship again? You long for the day when we can be together in person—I feel that longing as well. I also know that the longer this goes on, the more frustrated you feel. Please believe me when I say I feel that frustration, too.

I'd like to take a minute to share the results of the questionnaire that was sent out a couple weeks ago. I appreciate everyone who took the time to share your thoughts. 72% of those who responded indicated that they would like to begin having church services again immediately. Most of the other 28% weren't necessarily opposed to re-opening, they simply felt like it was too soon for them to come back for a variety of reasons. Almost everyone responded that they would either wear a mask voluntarily or would if asked. About 1/3 were in favor of doing outdoor worship, while another 1/3 said they would do it, though it wasn't their preference, and the remaining 1/3 said they would not be able to attend outdoor worship. And many of you responded that you'd be willing to help however you could.

What this tells me is what I already knew in my heart: our Faith Family wants to be together again. To that end, the church council and I will be meeting early next week, and my prayer is that we will begin implementing a plan to re-open our building.

In the meantime, please continue to keep our church family, our community, and our state, nation, and world in your prayers. These are difficult times, but by the grace of God we will get past them.

Grace and peace,

Brandon

June Birthdays

- 6/3 Brad Hobby
- 6/4 Meliaha Desmond
- 6/5 Lise VanWinkle
- 6/8 Jeanne McKee
- 6/12 Mary Ann Williams
- 6/13 Judy Kelosky
- 6/15 Paulette Odeneal
- 6/18 Jerry Conway
- 6/18 BJ Scott
- 6/23 Josh Apodaca
- 6/30 Condi Hosey



July Birthdays

- 7/5 Doris McKellar
- 7/6 Shari Tice
- 7/7 Rich Patsios
- 7/10 Callie Ray
- 7/14 Lori Hebson
- 7/14 Teann Yeager
- 7/14 Jamie Musso
- 7/17 Jane Cobb
- 7/19 Marc Strickland
- 7/22 Judi Horn
- 7/24 Jacob Lucia
- 7/28 Norma Jacobs
- 7/28 Dylan Cornelius
- 7/28 Cindi Patsios
- 7/30 Nicole Ennis

Church Council is scheduled to meet, Tuesday, June 11 at 6pm .

Admin Council

- Pastor Brandon Rodgers
- Lay Leader Teann Yeager
- AC Rep Cindi Patsios
- SPRC Chair Eric Roberson
- Finance Chair Sherri Swickard
- Trustees Chair Norman Odeneal
- Treasurer Sherri Swickard
- Seniors Rep Bob Scott
- Youth Rep Lori Ennis
- Missions Chair Jennifer Jones*
- Admin Chair Jennifer Jones
- Young Adult Rep
- Children's Rep

*Chairperson

Trustees

- Norman McClure
- Ron Creamer
- Norman Odeneal*
- Greg Battles
- 2022
- 2022
- Finance**
- Pastor Brandon Rodgers
- Lay Leader Teann Yeager
- AC Rep Cindi Patsios
- Admin Chair Jennifer Jones
- SPRC Chair Eric Roberson
- Trustees Chair Norman Odeneal
- Financial Secretary Melinda Varner
- Treasurer Sherri Swickard*

Nominations

- Brandon Rodgers *
- Teann Yeager
- Carol Hobby
- Meliaha Desmond
- Polly McClure
- Joanna Lucia
- Lori Roberson
- SPRC**
- Pastor Brandon Rodgers
- Lay Leader Teann Yeager
- AC Rep Cindi Patsios
- 2020 Lise Van Winkle
- 2020 Eric Roberson SPRC Chair*
- 2021 Rebecca Brayman
- 2021 JoeHobby

Missions

- Jennifer Jones*
- Terri Colvin
- Lay Leader**
- Teann Yeager
- AC Rep**
- Cindi Patsios

2020 Virtual VBS



Synchronous Week: July 13-17, 2020

This virtual VBS will be the bee's knees! This year's hive of virtual VBS activity will take place synchronously online on July 13-17 and in backyards across our area. And you'll be snug as a bug (in a rug) to know that all of this opportunity is free to any church or individual who would like to participate! Don't let yourself get too many butterflies in your stomach, because you'll have everything you need to know ahead of time along with videos and written instructions for everything coming in this virtual VBS.

Registration will open on May 20. Since this VBS experience will be virtual, it is not limited to your local church, but also to children who live in your household or neighborhood. You are invited to also share it with your grandchildren, nieces, nephews and friends' children in other states! The goal of this virtual VBS is to connect to friends across our North Alabama Methodist connection and bee-yond!

Virtual VBS: How It Works

How It Works

Registration lies within the conference office in order to distribute materials to each participant each day. Churches can promote the link for registration and families can sign up individually. Primary delivery for virtual VBS will be in digital format (for example, via email, sites like YouTube/Vimeo for videos), and participants will get an email each day with the suggested schedule and a list of activities as well as videos that accompany them. There will also be a synchronous worship time together as well on a platform called Church Online, either in the morning or evening (which would be available on demand if missed).

Families can work at their own pace. There is also a possibility that some areas may be able to do a type of backyard activity with some neighbors, for which Safe Sanctuaries guidelines will be provided. There will be activity sheets and videos for each day to do a craft, snack, science experiment, Bible story, game, and service/mission activity. Plus, participants can submit photos of their activities to a specific link to share with others through a video slideshow we hope to show during the synchronous worship! There's even a possibility of kids singing our custom-written theme song and editing it to be a virtual choir for all of the participants to see and to show at Annual Conference.

Beginning June 18, a list of supplies will be provided to participants to allow collection of items, all of which will be common things around the house (toilet paper rolls, raisins, pencils, etc.). For those who do not have the means to collect these, local churches may be able to provide supplies kits. When people register, they will choose whether they want a fully digital option or a mailed paper option. The digital one will come to someone's inbox each day with instructions. The mailed option will be sent a week ahead so that there are full instructions and alternative ways to view the instructional videos.

[Register Now!](https://na-reg.brtapp.com/2020VirtualVBS)

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Use the above link to register for virtual VBS.

Share this with your family and friends
so their children can join in the fun!

FYI: Faith is in the Cheaha District