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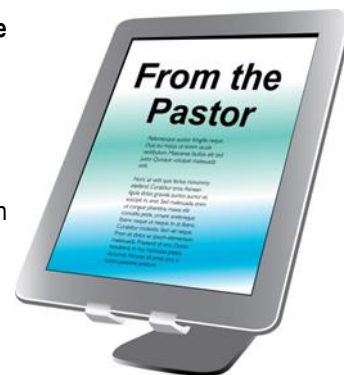
[Paula Zimmer](#)

I found the following article from Thom Rainer. I think it is well done and wanted to share with you.

NINE GOOD REASONS TO ATTEND CHURCH WEEKLY

I think I've heard most of the excuses:

- You don't need to attend church to be a good Christian.
- We give our family priority when we miss church to do sports on Sunday.
- My church really doesn't meet my needs.
- I'm not getting fed at my church.
- Sunday is really the only day we have off.
- My church has a bunch of hypocrites.



Why is it important for us to attend church services regularly? Allow me to share nine reasons.

1. The local church was God's plan in the New Testament. From the founding of the first local church in Jerusalem to the growth of new congregations throughout the Roman Empire, the New Testament is clear. God wanted His people gathering regularly and faithfully. All of these churches had problem people. Hypocrisy was real and pervasive, but it was not a valid excuse to give up the local church.
2. The Bible speaks clearly about the priority of local congregations. If you read the New Testament from Acts to Revelation, you will see that a gathered church was not just one important factor for the Christian, it was one of the highest priorities.
3. We are commanded and designed to enjoy worshipping the one true God as a gathered community. What if church members really did one thing in worship services? What if they asked God to let them see Him and know Him fully as the church gathered together? What if that was the priority over evaluating the style of music?
4. A unified church can stand strong in a culture turning away from God. We can't be a unified church with sporadic attendance. We can't stand together if we aren't persistently gathered together. A faithfully attended church is a unified church. A unified church is an evangelistic church.
5. The world looks at our priorities and evaluates what we deem as important. We can't expect the community we serve to get excited about our church if the members of the community see it to be a low priority among the members.
6. Accountability takes place in the local church. When we gather together worshipping with others, we are holding each other up and accountable. We need people holding us accountable in love. We need others looking after us.
7. Families that attend church faithfully and regularly are happier and healthier families. Study after study shows that families who are in church almost every week are among those with the best-adjusted children. Marriages are healthier. Though these studies are affirming, we can see throughout the New Testament how God has a clear and compelling plan for His children and their families to gather together regularly and faithfully.
8. Discipleship takes place in the local church. Remember, discipleship is simply becoming more like Christ. We become more like Christ as we gather and worship together. We become more like Christ as we listen to the preached Word every week. We become more like Christ as we do ministry and evangelism through our local church.

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From the Pastor (continued)...

September Birthdays

9. God gives us great joy when we serve others through the local church. We can experience incredible joy as we serve others, as we put others before ourselves, as we don't focus on our own preferences and desires. We experience incredible joy as we serve other church members and those who reside in our community.

All of these nine reasons, of course, presume we are faithful attenders. We are neither obedient nor are we able to experience the full joy of our church if we attend once or twice a month or even less.

Faithful weekly church attendance is important. It brings us joy. It helps us to grow spiritually. It is one of the primary characteristics of a healthy family.

Above all, it is an act of obedience to God. And that's what really matters.

I know that COVID-19 has hindered our attendance, but attendance is still important! We are sanitizing the building after the 9:00 am service so the 11:00 am service has a clean and sanitized building to be in and the building is sanitized before the next Sunday. If you are having no symptoms and are not in a high-risk group, I encourage you to come back to worship in the building. We need the fellowship of God's people!

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| 1 | Jonathan Lingle |
| | Tally Peters |
| 3 | Kathy Miller |
| 4 | Joe Bailey |
| | Lizzy Andre |
| 6 | Linda Hagerty |
| 9 | Jana Weaver |
| 10 | Rachel Stooksbury |
| 11 | Mark Stooksbury |
| | Zoey Fischer |
| 13 | Sofie Lingle |
| 15 | Paul Smith |
| 17 | Amy Easton |
| 18 | Sarah Long |
| 20 | Billie Lingle |
| 21 | Chuck Peters |
| 22 | Willie Mangrum |
| 24 | Adam Vaughn |
| 25 | Kathy Wilson |
| | David Warren |
| 28 | Edna Durham |
| | Ann Smith |
| 29 | Jan LaRose |



Free Books!

The library ladies have been working to update the records and found duplicate books in our system. Since library space is limited they are offering these books to anyone who would like them. Watch for the basket near the library and help yourself to some great reading.



Thank you for your generous support of The Well. We continue to collect food for this local food pantry – bring items when you come to worship on Sunday or if you are not attending "in-person" worship yet, feel free to drop by the office during office hours and we will come pick up the items from your car. We are also taking monetary donations – mark your offering "The Well".

2020-21 TENNESSEE MISSIONS EMPHASIS



'Return home and tell how much God has done for you.' Luke 8:39a

GoldenOffering.org



TBM Tennessee Baptist MISSION BOARD

Each September, Tennessee Baptists focus on Missions within our state. The week of prayer for the Golden State Missions Offering is September 13-20. Prayer Guides will be available at the Welcome Desk. Begin praying now as to how you might give.

Our Church Goal: \$2,000.00

Designate your gifts to Golden Offering. You may give online, text giving, or the Church Life App.



Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

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|  | | 1 10 am Ladies Prayer Group | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 6 Worship Service 9:00 & 11:00 am | 7  Office Closed | 8 10 am Ladies Prayer Group | 9 | 10 | 11  | 12 |
| 13  Worship Service 9:00 & 11:00 am | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| Week of Prayer for Golden State Missions Offering - September 13-20 Offering Goal: \$2,000.00 | | | | | | |
| | | 10 am Ladies Prayer Group | | | | Facility in Use |
| 20 Worship Service 9:00 & 11:00 am | 21 | 22  10 am Ladies Prayer Group | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 |
| 27 Worship Service 9:00 & 11:00 am | 28 | 29 10 am Ladies Prayer Group | 30 |  | | |

Schedule of Services:

Sunday

Worship – 9:00 am & 11:00 am
Children's Worship – 11:00 am

Wednesday

*All Activities other than Sunday Morning Worship are currently suspended until further notice.
Thank you for your patience as we work through the Guidelines for re-opening during the pandemic.*



Children's Worship is now offered during the 11 am Sunday Worship service for ages up to 5th grade. Parents, please bring your children downstairs to the Fellowship Hall to sign them in. You will also need to come back at the end of the service to pick them up. Thank you for your patience as we continue to navigate the guidelines for safe meeting during this pandemic.



"PROJECT BLUE"



It's Shoebox Time!

2020 has been a year full of changes. One thing that hasn't changed is that people need to hear the Gospel. Operation Christmas Child sends the Gospel around the world. Please begin praying now for the

OCC program, the volunteers, and the recipients of the shoeboxes.

We have many options for participation...

1. Go online to samaritanspurse.org where you can donate \$25 and they will pack a box for you.
2. You may pack a box yourself (boxes are available in the Sr. Ladies SS Classroom). When complete, return the box to church with \$9 to cover shipping. You may also pay your shipping online and track your box to its destination. (See list of Do's & Don'ts below)
3. You may donate \$money\$ and we will shop for you and pack your box.

Questions?? Please contact Vivian Bowen or Patty Welch

Do's: Washcloth, Comb/brush, Bar Soap, Band aids, Reusable plastic water bottles, blanket, flip-flops, hats & scarves, pencil sharpener, personal hygiene items, toys, Crayons, Coloring book, Notebooks, Playdough & plastic cookie cutters, stickers, craft kits, matchbox cars, balls, Slinky, clothes, musical instruments.

Don'ts: Candy, toothpaste, gum, used items, war related items, chocolate, food, seeds, fruit roll ups or snacks, drink mixes, medications, vitamins, breakable items, aerosol cans.

THANK YOU!!



Future Growth Funding

\$19,682.62 in a Construction Acct.
at First Farmer's & Merchant's Bank
\$346,901.07 in a Building Fund at the
Tennessee Baptist Foundation.

The Women's Ministry of FBCSH is sponsoring a ministry outreach project to a precinct in the Metro Nashville Police Department and Spring Hill Police Departments. The goal is to help raise morale of these officers during the difficult times of our current days. With guidance from the Fraternal Order of Police, we want to collect, package, and deliver approximately 450 "Snack Bags" to the police departments. Suggested items for the bags includes (but is not limited to) crackers/cookies, lip balm, small note pad & pen, LifeSavers, and small bottled water.

The Ladies *are not* asking for donations of the items, but rather monetary donations so that items can be purchased in bulk to create uniformity in the contents of the bags. A \$100 donation has been received with a challenge for others to match. Any monetary donation is greatly appreciated—Approximately **\$800 is needed.**

The goal of \$800 is needed by September 15.

Donations should be Designated to **Project Blue** when placed in the offering.

Thank you for helping to be a Light in the darkness!!



*Isn't it wonderful to be back to "in-person" worship services? If you remember, there were guidelines to follow so that we can safely worship together: **Social distancing, wear a mask, wash your hands often,** and we sanitize the facility following each service. In recent weeks, we have become lax in following the guidelines: Social distancing does not include hugs and handshakes, so lets help keep those among us healthy by giving air hugs and elbow bumps. Thank you!*