

The Flora Scope

AUGUST 2020

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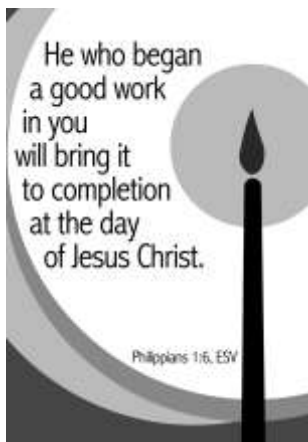
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The mission of FBC Flora is to lead people to Seek, Serve, and Share Jesus Christ.

WELCOME, MICHAEL AND LAINE NANNEY! We are SO excited to welcome Michael and Laine to our Church FAMILY as he joins our staff as our Minister of Students and Single Adults! I can't wait to see what God is going to do through these two awesome young adults as they start ministering to and loving on the youth, college students, and single adults in our church and community. Pray for them during this time of transition as they get moved and settled in.

GIFT CARD POUNDING FOR THE NANNEYS – We would like to show our love to Michael and Laine with a gift card pounding to help them get started in their new home and in our community. Please bring your cards to the church on or before **Sunday, Aug. 9.**

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE! Are you looking for a place to plug into our Church FAMILY and serve the Lord in some way? We've got plenty of places to serve! One big way is in our preschool and children's ministry. Cindy is in need of several preschool and children's Sunday School workers to help once we get to Phase 4 of our WELCOME BACK PLAN and we are able to resume on-campus Sunday School classes. What a HUGE opportunity to be able to invest in the lives of our kids and show them the love of Jesus! Talk to Cindy for more info.

GOD IS AT WORK! Can you sense it? Do you see it? Let's keep praying, keep trusting, keep serving, and keep sharing the Gospel!

I love y'all and am so honored to be your Pastor.....

In His Grip,

Jon

CRAZY TIMES

*"In this world you will have trouble and suffering,
but have courage for I have conquered the world!"*

John 16:33

Anybody else feeling confused, bored, frustrated, anxious, overwhelmed, hopeless, helpless, lonely, trapped, hurting, pointless, worthless and just plain Blah?!? Now the simple Sunday School answer is "Just trust in God and He will make everything ok!" The Bible never promises us a "rose garden" in this world. Jesus promised that we would have trouble. But He also promised that He and His Spirit will never leave or forsake us. Jesus commanded the storm to "Peace, be still". Do we believe God will provide for and protect us? Do we live our lives with confidence in His word and His promises? It's a tough time to try to have a positive outlook and to praise God in all things. Stay grounded in your faith. Stay well, safe and sane as you try to follow the many guidelines. And know that God is not surprised by all that is happening and He knows what your life will look like post-covid! God is at work and is doing HUGE things in and around us. The Church has welcomed new members, and we have at least 10 who are waiting to be baptized! There are guests in each worship service every week!! God is at work!

A song our Choir has sung at Christmas several times, speaks to our situation.

"In these crazy troubled times the world seems so out of tune. Sometimes it's like we're living without a flame to light the room. If you're feeling faithless and you think you've lost your way. There is hope that's bright enough to turn your night to day. And His star still shines after all this time as a light for me and you. It beckons us to seek Him, wise men still do."

MERRY CHRISTMAS!! I know it's too early and far too hot to think about Christmas, not to mention that we don't know what our Christmas celebration will look like, But, I want to invite you to the first Christmas party of the season. Our annual Christmas Choir Kick-off/Reveal party will be in the CLC on August 23 at 5:00 p.m. We will observe proper social distancing and other restrictions. There will be food and fun, decorations and singing. Everyone is invited, but please let us know you plan to attend. Stay tuned for more details.



We welcome these who have recently joined the FBC Family. Introduce yourself, pray for them, and make them feel at home!

Ron & Kathy Mumbower

Rachel & Lane Williams - Hayes, Avery & Rivers

Pat Daily

Blake Watkins

CHILDREN'S CHATTER

VBS Offering Update

I am so excited to report that we exceeded our goal of \$1,400 for the Malaysia Longhouse Project! As of today we have received \$2,242. Thank you to everyone who gave so that people in Malaysia might have a home and the opportunity to hear about Jesus!

New Education Year Opportunities

As we prepare to enter Phase 4, the Children's Ministry is in need of several teachers. The needs are as follows:

Wednesday Nights at 6:30

- (1) RA teacher, (1) GA teacher

Sunday School at 9:30 (This is concurrent with The REFUGE Worship)

- (1) age one teacher
- (2) age two teachers
- (1) K-4 teacher
- (1) K-5 teacher
- (1) 1st & 2nd Grade teacher
- (2) 3rd & 4th Grade Girls' teachers
- (2) 5th & 6th Grade Girls' teachers
- (1) 5th & 5th Grade Boys' teacher

We will also need several volunteers to help us with our new check-in procedures at the beginning of each Sunday School hour.

Is God calling YOU to serve Him through our Children's Ministry? I promise that you will receive a blessing from teaching our children! Please contact Cindy if you are interested.

During the month of August, our church family will celebrate two important milestones in the lives of some of our children.

On August 16, we will recognize our 18 Rising 7th Graders with a gift in our Worship Services. On August 23, we will recognize 21 excited 1st Graders with a gift of a CSB Bible. Be in prayer for these as they both begin a new chapter in their lives.

Parents, you will soon be receiving our new Children's Ministry guidelines in the mail. Much thought has gone into these new procedures and we ask for your assistance and **patience as we implement them for your children's safety.**

I will continue to teach a Sunday School lesson on Sunday at 9 a.m. and a Missions lesson on Wednesday at 6 p.m. on Facebook Live until we return to on campus classes.

I am thankful to serve you and look forward to the day of seeing you back on campus!

From the Executive Pastor

WELCOME! Along with each of you, I want to welcome Michael and Laine Nanney. The Holy Spirit's guidance in leading the Nanneys to us and us to them has demonstrated God's faithfulness to us once again. Michael and Laine are a blessed addition to the FBC Family, and I cannot wait for you to know them better. Their heart for teenagers and desire to see students grow in their faith is quickly evident, and I look forward to seeing the impact they will make on FBC Flora students and single adults. As Michael and Laine move and transition into new jobs and ministry, please keep them in your prayers.

The faithfulness of God is no doubt all around us. We see it in the call of the Nanneys to serve with us. We see it in the addition of new members through salvation and the transfer of letters. We see it in your continued giving and prayers. As we look to the Fall and prepare for Phase Four of the Welcome Back Plan, we are trusting in God's faithfulness once again. Our thoughts and plans regarding 100% capacity in worship, the return of Sunday school/Life Groups, and Wednesday night activities seem to shift daily, and even though we are not absolutely sure of the "when," we are preparing for all these things. We seek the Lord as we plan and prepare, and we are asking for His continued direction and faithfulness.

In preparation for Phase Four, we will add a second hour of Sunday school/Life Groups. Our Phase Four schedule will be as follows:

- 8:00 am – Worship (Sanctuary)
- 9:30 am – Life Groups and Worship (Christian Life Center)
- 11:00 am – Life Groups and Worship (Sanctuary)

We are continually working to enlist teachers and finalize the details of Phase Four and will share those details soon. You will note in Cindy's article that we need several teachers for Preschool and Children, and in addition to those needs, we are praying for teachers of adult classes. I believe that God has already placed every teacher we need in the life of FBC Flora. Please pray about serving as a teacher in one of these areas. As God reveals His plan to you, His will, please contact Cindy or me.

Serving Him together,

Dwayne



Michael and Laine Nanney will begin serving as Minister of Students and Single Adults on August 2. We want to make them feel at home and shower them with words and expressions of encouragement. Please encourage them by purchasing a gift or greeting card. They will be moving into a new home soon, so gift cards to places like home improvement stores, Home Goods, Wal-Mart, Target, and local restaurants would be great. We will have baskets available out front on August 2, and August 9. Please place your cards in the basket, and we will present them to the Nanney's after the 11:00 am service on August 9.



24 families received food through our Food Pantry in July. We also handed out weekend snack bags for the last time at EFE School. Thank you for providing snacks for these. The next pantry distribution is August 15, 9 a.m. at the Jones House. Larry Luby's Sunday School Class will be assisting.



Safety and Security

The Safety and Security Team continues to work hard to develop and implement a comprehensive plan for FBC Flora. Additional individuals are needed to serve on the Safety and Security Team. You must complete the enhanced firearms permit class. If you are interested in serving, please contact Dwayne Moak by text 601-946-5642 or email him at dwayne@moakfarms.com.

FIREARMS POLICY

It is the policy of First Baptist Church of Flora that the carrying of firearms by anyone on any property owned, leased, or controlled by First Baptist Church of Flora must be in compliance with local, state, and federal law. Anyone carrying firearms contrary to these laws is subject to removal from the property and/or criminal prosecution. Further, the open-carry of firearms is prohibited and may result in removal from the property.

FBC Flora does not sanction and or condone possession or carrying of a firearm in any manner while present on or upon the FBC Flora campus unless the same is in compliance with the terms and provisions of the FBC Flora Safety and Security Policy and Procedure Manual.

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YOU
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Sunday Schedule	
Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary	8:00 a.m.
REFUGE Contemporary Worship in the CLC	9:30 a.m.
Families with Young Children in CEC	9:30 a.m.
Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary	11:00 a.m.
Wednesday Schedule	
REFRESH Mid-Week Service	6:30 p.m.

AUGUST DEACON ON CALL	
<i>Friday thru Sunday should a critical need arise</i>	
31-2 Randy Cotton	601-906-2920
7-9 Fred Grogan	601-672-5978
14-16 Ricky Hardy	601-506-6943
21-23 Gregg Logan	601-573-1000
28-30 Dwayne Parker	601-946-5616

First Baptist Flora
TEMPORARY OFFICE HOURS

Monday 8 - Noon
Tuesday 8 - Noon
Wednesday 8 - Noon
Thursday 8 - Noon
Friday - Office Closed (Staff Day Off)

In the event of an emergency, you may contact the Ministerial Staff at any time.



To receive text message updates about church events text FBCFLORA to 95577



We will continue to broadcast our services on Sunday mornings and Wednesday night at 6:30 p.m. on CSpire Channel 44 or 726 and the FBC Flora Facebook page. You can also listen on WYAB 103.9 FM at 10:30 a.m. Sunday.