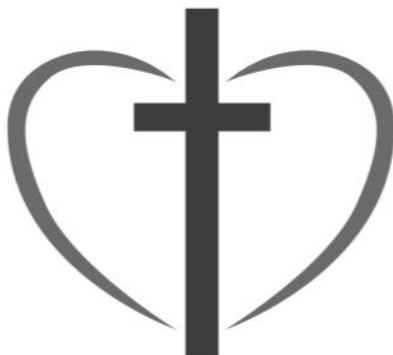


Temple Baptist Church



October 2020

Wade Allen

Lead Pastor

John O'Connor

Pastor of Community Engagement

Ron Fields

Pastor of Senior Adults & Care Ministries



As we continue to navigate the Coronavirus Crisis, ***we are offering both online and in-person worship experiences.*** We would invite you to join us either for our 9:00 AM service or our 10:30 AM service. We are also



reopening some of our Bible study classes (Sunday School). Adult classes are available at during both Sunday services. For more information about these classes, please read the article on page 3.

If you have students in middle school or high school, we have a class available for them during our second worship service. Our student Bible study group will be led by Rick Johnson. They will be focusing on how to deal with the things that cause the anxieties that our students face in today's culture. We want to encourage you to worship together with your students during the first worship service and then join an adult class in the fellowship hall during the second worship service.



our younger children during the second worship service as well. Our kids are studying all about God's great

Of course, we will be continuing our Kidz Time ministry for our

creation and the way that the flood affected the world! I want to thank our Children's Ministry Team for all they are doing to provide an exciting and educational experience for our kids.

If you are not yet comfortable to come to our in-person services, we are using Facebook Live for our primary streaming service at this time. For non-Facebook users, each week's services are available on YouTube and our website by Sunday afternoon.

In the volatile circumstances that we are currently facing in our society, we know that there may be times when you are unable to be present for in-person worship services. We want to encourage you to use your own judgment as to whether or not you are well enough to be present in our services.

For the past three months, our health screening volunteers have been checking your temperature as you entered the building. Starting on Sunday, October 11, they will no longer be doing this.



We will still ask that you enter through the main double doors to come into the building so that we can maintain an accurate list for contact tracing in case someone tests positive for COVID-19. The health screening area will be there, but you will be encouraged to screen yourself (e.g. ask yourself the posted questions, make sure you have a mask, etc.). We simply ask you to be considerate of others in your decisions!

Ron Fields, Pastor of Senior Adults and Care Ministries

In our annual business meeting September 27th, the church considered a recommendation from the pastoral staff and deacons in how we move forward in our search for a new pastor for our students. After a lengthy explanation, the recommendation to search for a full-time, Pastor of Family and Worship was voted on and passed unanimously.

Here are some of the highlights of this position:

Responsibilities: Fulfill the Mission of the Church—Connect, Unite, Equip—in the areas of worship and family ministries.

Family Ministries

Birth-2 yrs old – Coordinate with the Nursery Director to provide a nursery ministry staffed by volunteer workers.

Pre-K-5th Grade – Provide overall leadership for the various children’s ministries and work with ministry leaders to coordinate all the volunteer workers and teachers for these ministries.

6th Grade-12th Grade – Provide direct leadership to all student ministries and coordinate all the volunteer workers and teachers for these ministries. This will also include all special activities, youth conferences/camps/mission trips, and fund-raisers for these activities.

Parents – Provide overall leadership for the equipping of parents with the necessary skills and tools to raise their children in the discipline and instruction of the Lord (Eph 6:4).

Worship Ministry

Plan the corporate worship services in consultation with the Lead Pastor and do so with prayer, conceptual forethought, theological accuracy, and musical appropriateness.

Ensure that all the musical and technical aspects of the service advance the theme for the day.

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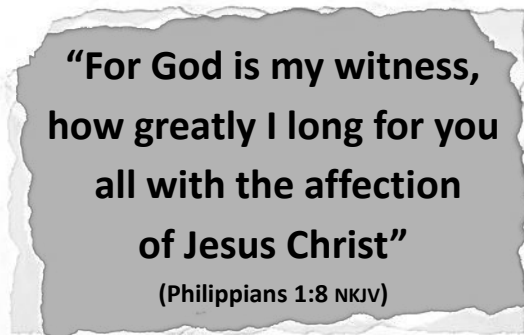
Several months ago our schedule was disrupted by a virus. Covid-19, we learned, could spread like wildfire and endanger every life. We shut down, masked up, and socially distanced.

We discontinued Sunday School, adapted to morning worship by scheduling two services in order to minimize the number of people in the worship center, and we refrained from other meetings and events.



Gradually, we are returning. We are keeping an eye on the number of cases and trends in our area. We are slowly adjusting, keeping in sight the danger to high risk situations as well as the desire to gather as a church family.

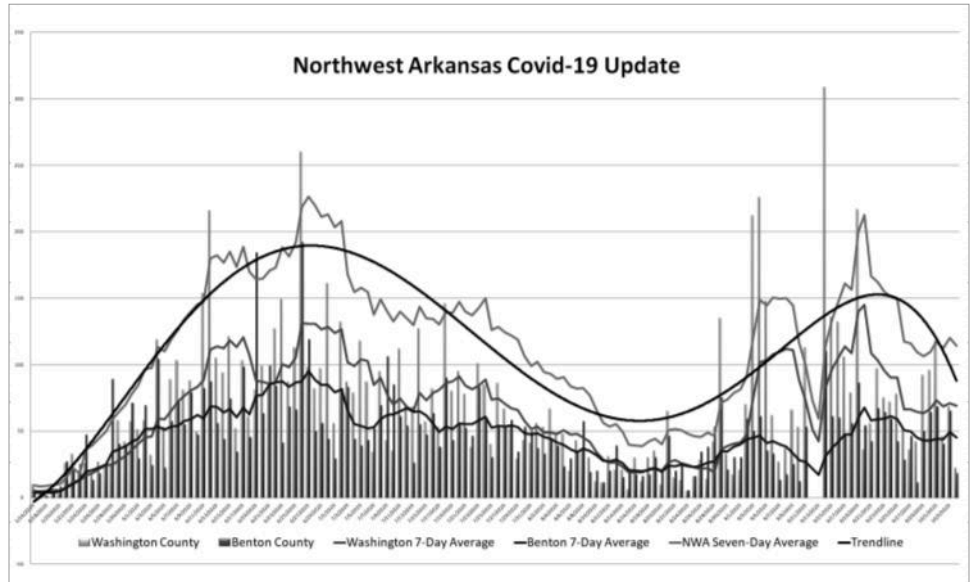
Some children’s activities are taking place. Soon adult Sunday School classes will begin (October 11).



This is my verse to our church family. We are family. We are brothers and sisters in Christ. Your smile, your hand clasp (or elbow bump), is great encouragement. Your prayers are greatly desired.

PARTIAL RETURN TO SUNDAY SCHOOL

As you can see in the adjacent chart, the number of new COVID-19 cases in Northwest Arkansas (specifically Benton and Washington Counties) spiked again around the middle of September. There was a great deal of concern that this spike was going to dwarf the previous spike this past June-July. By the grace of God, this hasn't happened the way the models predicted. We praise Him for His continued mercy!



We mourn the loss of more than 200 of our neighbors here in Northwest Arkansas. Of course, we do not want to minimize the impact that this virus can have on an individual family, but we are thankful that fewer and fewer families are being touched by this pandemic. However, that doesn't mean that family life isn't being greatly impacted by Coronavirus.

How many of us have heard something like this? "You need to self-quarantine for the next 14 days—even if you're asymptomatic—to ensure that you do not spread the virus." Having had to self-quarantine twice now, I know that it is an inconvenience, but I would encourage you to think of it in this way: "Don't look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too." (Philippians 2:4 NLT)

Trying to err on the side of caution, we have been reluctant to reopen our Sunday School classes—opting to wait and see the effect that in-class instruction would have on our public schools. Our public school teachers and administrators should be commended for the excellent job they have done in trying to contain the impact of this virus on our community.

Since our numbers have remained somewhat steady, we have decided to return to a limited Sunday School schedule beginning October 11th. This limited schedule will include both youth and adult classes, but will not include children's classes at this time. But do not worry, **we will continue to have Kidz Time during the second worship service at 10:30 AM.**

FIRST SERVICE - 9:00 AM

Adult Ladies' Class—Karen Kreeger
Education Building—1st Floor

Adult Class—Russell Jones
Fellowship Hall

SECOND SERVICE - 10:30 AM

Adult Class—Ron Simpson
Fellowship Hall

6th-12th Grade—Rick Johnson
Education Building—2nd Floor
Youth Room

UPCOMING *Mark Your Calendars* **EVENTS** 

- October 11 **Sunday School Resumes**
Adult & Adult Ladies—9:00 AM
Adult & Youth—10:30 AM
Kidz Time—10:30 AM
- October 11 **Ordination—Derrick Bremer**
3:00 pm—Area Churches Invited
- October 25 **Guest Speaker—David McEuen**
(Allen Family Vacation)

ORDINATION
— *Service* —

You are cordially invited to witness/
participate in the ordination service for

Derrick Austin Bremer

Sunday, October 11th
at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

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Oversee song and choral selection, media preparation and presentation, sound and lighting enhancements, and coordination of all instrumentalists, vocalists, and dramatists.

Serve as lead worshiper in all worship services.

The worship pastor will be the "producer" of each worship service and special programs.

Although the senior pastor is the "director" in terms of setting the theme and overall direction, the worship pastor will oversee and coordinate all the details that a service encompasses.



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