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# Beacon

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Dear Church Family,

What a wonderful day of worship the Lord gave us this past Sunday. May He continue to draw us closer to Himself.

I want to extend to each of you an invitation to register and participate in a Listening Session. It is of the utmost importance to aide me in my work as your Transitional Pastor. Having an opportunity to meet you and to hear your heart is a top priority. In doing so, it will allow the church body to have a better understanding of how we can assess current realities and develop a path forward in accomplishing God's purpose for His people. Be intentional and call the church office (638-2986) to register for one of the following Listening Session opportunities. (Each opportunity is limited to 20 people max):

Sunday, October 11 at 2:00 pm in the Dining Hall

Sunday, October 18 at 2:00 pm in the Dining Hall

Wednesday, October 21 at 6:30 pm in the Choir Room

Sunday, October 25 at 2:00 pm in the Dining Hall

Wednesday, October 28 at 6:30 pm in the Choir Room

Brother Don Bickers has graciously agreed to lead our Adult Bible Study on Wednesday evenings during the month of October. Thank you, Don!! This will allow me to speed up the process of getting to know you and begin the current realities process.

Thank you for allowing me to be your Transitional Pastor. We are in this season of transition together. Please make it a priority to attend a Listening Session and help College Street become all that Jesus died for us to be!

In His Love,  
Ken Forrester

# Student Ministries

- Lauren Beddingfield, Director of Student Ministries

Dear CSBC Family,

At the time of writing this article, we have reopened 2 out of 3 of our children's programs: Bible Quest and C Street Kids Children's Church. We are planning to reopen VBS @ MARK Club on November 1st. Bible Quest has averaged over 15 children each week since reopening and we have been so glad to have them back with us again. The challenge of creating a balance between normality and health and safety was daunting. However, we have some amazing volunteers and members of church leadership working with us. Their guidance and suggestions have been a huge aid in getting our programs back on track. Fortunately, our students are used to most of these protocols at school and they have been good sports about it all.

Our first youth group meeting on Wednesday night resumed two weeks ago on September 9<sup>th</sup>. Since reopening, our highest number in attendance is 17 youth! It's been great to have our youth coming back. I know they are glad to be back with their friends on Wednesday nights again. Right now, they are going through a Bible study provided by our State Convention. This Bible Study was created in lieu of SummerSalt camp and is hosted and written by the SummerSalt staff and SCBC leadership. The youth will resume their Sunday night small groups on November 1st when MARK Club resumes.

It has been a joy and answer to prayers to reopen again. It has been so good to see our children and youth happy to be back at church. Please continue to pray for our ministries as we go forward and our children and youth as they press on with their school year. I am looking forward to introducing our "Concrete and Cranes" VBS curriculum into MARK Club this year. The theme is "building a foundation on Jesus"! What an ideal theme for this year that has been filled with unknowns and uncertainty. We are looking forward to updating you as we begin MARK Club and I know that the children will be excited to share what they have learned this year!

So thankful for YOU CSBC! Brighter days are ahead! Let me know if there is anything that I can do for you or for your families.

~Lauren

*"Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.  
In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. "*

*Proverbs 3: 5-6 (KJV)*

**FOOD PANTRY MONTHLY INFORMATION**  
**Month of September 2020**

<b>Total number of families served this month:</b>	<b>98</b>
<b>Total number of people in households served:</b>	<b>207</b>
<b>Total number of families that received USDA products:</b>	<b>97</b>
<b>Total number of people in the families that received USDA products:</b>	<b>205</b>
<b>Total number of seniors (60+) served at your pantry:</b>	<b>54</b>
<b>Total number of children (under 18) served at your pantry:</b>	<b>65</b>

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**THANK YOU NOTES**

Dear College Street Baptist Church Family,

“The family of Mary Catherine Putnam Newell acknowledges with grateful appreciation your kind expression of sympathy.”

Thank you for all your calls, cards and prayers for our family. Mom loved going to church with us and everyone always welcomed her. She loved God and all her family and friends. Thank you again!

Sincerely,  
Julian & Janet Davis II & Family



Dear College Street Baptist Church Family,

Clarence and I are doing extremely well after weeks of dealing with the COVID-19 virus. He was hospitalized for 13 days and me 6 days. Recuperation was slow but we were thankful for even baby steps and we are now able to walk 1 or 2 miles a day. We serve an awesome God!

Words cannot express our heartfelt appreciation for the many, many ways we have been blessed by so many of you. Thank you for the prayers, calls, cards, messages, food, errands, etc. Thanks again for your many acts of kindness.

Love,  
Carolyn Blankenship



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