

# FIRST LIGHT

First Southern Baptist Church



## From the Pastor

BY BRYAN MCCLELLAND

Dear Church Family,

I hope this newsletter finds you well and trusting in the Lord in this odd, new season. I wanted to use the newsletter article to give you all some updates. If you've been following along, all church gatherings, including Foundations and the Worship Service, as well as Wednesday evening Prayer, were postponed until at least April 5th. I want to update you that they are now cancelled for the foreseeable future. We'll continue to evaluate as the situation changes, but at this point, it looks like we're going to be encouraged not to gather for several more weeks. Please keep praying for one another and the church. Please keep praying for healing for our nation and the nations of the world. Please remember that God is the one who carries us (remember Isaiah 46:1-4)!

Perhaps the most peculiar part of this season is trying to be a church, or the gathering of God's people, without being able to gather. We're working on some ways to be connect in prayer and Bible study online. This isn't ideal, but I'm grateful for tools to continue to encourage one another as we walk through this together. To that end, starting next week we will be using Zoom to host our Wednesday night Prayer Meeting online at 6 pm. You will get an email inviting you to the meeting with a link you will click that plugs you into our meeting. We'll make sure you have setup information available for Zoom. It's very user friendly and easy to setup. I'm also planning on hosting a weekly Bible study through Zoom. I hope to start next week and I'm working out the details with the church leadership and will update you soon.

As for Sunday, I will continue to print the weekly sermon so that it might be available to you in print and also so that it can be mailed to those without web access. I am also planning on recording the message so that it can be online during this time as well. We may be stuck at home, but God and His Word are not. I'm glad that though this is all new and bizarre to me, none of it is surprising to our sovereign God.

I am trying, and have encouraged the Deacons and Discipleship Council to try, to make regular weekly contact with our members and regular attenders from our directory. Let me encourage you to also make phone calls, send letters, text, and email one another for the sake of fellowship in this season. Please continue to share any needs you may have, so that we can love and serve one another well. I'm praying that, while we're necessarily apart, that God would use this isolation to draw us uniquely closer to one another and Himself.

God bless you!

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Foundations, Sundays, 9 AM  
Worship Service, Sundays, 10:15 AM

*"...to embody the unconditional love of God."*

# Ways to be Involved

Our goal this year is \$1,500.00.

All of the offering goes directly to the work of the missionaries which includes starting new churches, engaging in student evangelism on college campuses, serving the physical and spiritual needs of people through ministry evangelism, and serving as church plant catalysts. Please prayerfully consider what you can contribute to support these missionaries who are devoting their lives to serve God and others. You can mail your offerings to the church.

## Teachers Wanted

As always, we are looking for teachers and leaders for Foundations. Hillary Confer is looking to put together a schedule for the remainder of the year. If you are thinking about leading, please let her know.

We are also looking for teachers for the children. This might just be as a substitute position or to rotate in so our current leaders can attend an adult class.

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So then, as we  
have opportunity,  
let us do good to  
everyone, and  
especially to  
those who are of  
the household of  
faith.

GALATIANS 6:10

# ECLC Updates

## Infant News

Teachers: Ms. Cindy and Ms. Joy

"Jesus Loves the Little Children"

We've read stories, sang songs, and even took a walk to the playground once.

Mason loves walking around the room and playing. Cami loves to play and be silly. Liam is walking all over the place and turned one! Elli will be walking soon and turned one!

## Toddler 1 News

Teacher: Ms. Kathleen

Our Toddlers joined Pre-School and Pre-K every Thursday this month for Wee Worship where Ms. Elise read the story of David and Goliath.

During the month of March, we enjoyed Spring-themed activities and crafts. We also enjoyed celebrating St. Patrick's Day with a fun party including snacks and games.

When we were naming colors, one of our friends could correctly name them, but when we got to yellow, she would say, "that's my favorite color!"

## Toddler 2 News

Teacher: Ms. Ali

Brooke and Ezra have been so excited to go to Wee Worship.

This month we welcomed Adalynn and Preslee to our classroom. They jumped right in ready to learn about dinosaurs and what life under the sea is like. We made fossils and even went on an archaeological dig.



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# ECLC Updates

## Preschool News

Teacher: Ms. Elise

The month of March started off with learning about community helpers. Ms. Morgan made a super cool obstacle course about community helpers that everyone enjoyed. The second week in March, we learned about the colors of the rainbow. Everyone really enjoyed making a rainbow rice sensory bin. We hid shamrocks and gold coins to find and count. We also did an experiment with rainbow colored water. Over the next few weeks, we were supposed to be learning about the season of Spring and Easter, but we had to take a break from school so that everyone can stay healthy. I love and miss all of my preschool friends! I'm having a hard time keeping up with the days of the week without their help at circle time. I'm praying for all of the ECLC families as we try to navigate this time. I'm so thankful for each one of you!

Love!

## Pre-K News

Teachers: Ms. Ashley, Ms. Tammy, and Ms. Sadie

This month's themes were Community Heroes, Leprechauns and Rainbows, Jump into Spring Weather, and Preparing for Easter.

During our Community Heroes week, we learned about different careers people have, worked in Ms. Sadie's Pizzeria, dressed like who we wanted to be when we grew up, played Community Helper Bingo, and so much more.

During Leprechauns and Rainbows week, we built a giant leprechaun trap out of items our families sent in, made fizzy shamrocks, read St. Patrick's Day books, learned how many pennies it takes to sink a leprechaun's pot of Gold, and so many more fun activities. Unfortunately, we did not get to catch our leprechaun because the center closed due to the coronavirus. We continued to stay connected even at home with our families and even got a special surprise picture of Nugget from Ms. Ashley. We hope to return to our classroom soon and continue our learning.

We continued to learn letters L, Y, R, and G. We did activities related to the letters such a Log rolls for L, Yes for Y, Rain art of R. We also got to try different fruits/vegetables. For L, we tried Leeks and for Y we tried Yellow Squash. We did not get to R (Radishes) or G (Green beans) due to the Center closing.



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# Calendar



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Teresa Ritter's Birthday	2	3 Debbie and Ricky Mosteller's Birthdays	4
5  Palm Sunday	6	7	8	9 Jim Shipton and Bob Turnbow's Birthdays	10  Good Friday	11
12  Resurrection Sunday	13 Church Office closed for the Easter holiday	14 Kelli Hunt's Birthday	15	16	17	18
19	20	21 <u>First Light</u> Article Deadline	22 Darleen Calhoun and Ruth Priester's Birthdays	23	24	25
26	27 Kelly Clark's Birthday	28 Hillary Confer's Birthday	29	30		