

Trust God Bless Others Celebrate Grace

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upcoming weeks, I hope to see more friendly faces. While there are no plans to make drastic changes to our routine, the church building is going to become more accessible for the church and her Some classes will be ministries. gathering for bible study. Others will continued on back page...

Sunday night, I had On opportunity to see many cheerful, faithful friends of Third Baptist Church. In fact, 64 people gathered around for our outdoor evening of worship. What a beautiful night we had to share our faith together! In the



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be doing mission work. As excited as we are to welcome friends and family into our church building, we want to make sure that we create • Require that everyone wear a and sustain a safe environment. This is how we aim to do so.

- Request that anyone who has been exposed to Covid-19, or anyone who is feeling ill stay home. (The church has a digital thermometer that can be used to take temperatures)
- Disinfect gathering spaces after

Women in Ministry Workshop: Dr. Laura Levens

Preaching Friday Night: Dr. David Gushee

Preaching Saturday Morning: Rev. Molly Shoulta Tucker

Cafe Au Lait with Rev. Karen Thomas Smith!

## **Breakout Sessions:**

Dr. Lewis Brogdon, Race Relations

Dr. Elaine Hernandez, **Caring for the Deported** 

Dr. David Gushee, Addressing LGBTQ with Grace

Rev. Amanda Standiford and Rev. Sara Turpin - Godly Play for Everyone

each use. (A new safe-touch sanitizing system and air purifier have been purchased to help with this process)

- mask on the church campus when others are nearby.
- ♦ Ask that everyone maintain a physical distance of at least 6 feet from others.
- ◆ Suggest that restrooms he available for emergency use.
- Provide hand sanitizer and masks

## **DEACON INFORMATION**

September 27

Curtis Hannah, Harold Wilson **Hope and Harvest Team** Vickie Wels, Gary Kirtley

October 4

Chris Holbrook, Dan Atteberry **Hope and Harvest Team** Elaine Williams

## **MEMORIALS**

in memory of Jim Gordon by Nancy Gordon in memory of Carroll E. Martin by Muriel Martin



Think of a world without rules. You could drive a car when you were 12. You could not do any of your chores at home. You could decide to homework vour not. You could go to bed

when you please. This would open up a lot of time to do anything you wanted. You could watch television or play video games as long as you wanted. Sounds pretty amazing, doesn't it? But if you really think about it, you would have a stomachache from eating too much junk food and no teeth from eating too much sugar. Cars would be all over the place because of kid drivers. Your mind would become mush from all of the useless knowledge you learned from too much television and not learning anything in school. Rules are

good! They help us make good choices and help protect people. It would be hard to get a job if you did not know math or English.

Life needs order! Order keeps us safe and protects us. Teachers are in charge of students. Parents are in charge of kids. Law enforcement officials guide parents. Governments rule society. God is over the governments. In fact, for the world to work in an orderly manner, God has to be in control and things have to go as God planned. God is perfect and he rewards people that do good and punishes people that choose wrongdoing. Deuteronomy 32:4 says that God does no wrong. He is upright and just. The one thing we can do is follow the rules to honor Him and give him respect he deserves. If more people would follow God's rules, there would be less violence in our world. Always remember to

Trust God. Bless Others. Celebrate Grace!