

# FIRST SOUTHERN BAPTIST CHURCH

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## Pastor's Word

### The Word for this Month is "Hope"

If there is something we need to focus on and hang onto it is hope. When I think of the word hope one of the first things that comes to mind are these words from the hymn, *The Solid Rock*: "My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness. I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus name. On Christ, the solid rock I stand all other ground is sinking sand." Jesus is our hope during shaky and uncertain times. He is our Rock.

There are many great verses on hope. Let me call your attention to this one: **"Let us hold tightly without wavering to the hope we affirm, for God can be trusted to keep his promise."** Hebrews 10:23 NLT

In 2014, Leona J. Ackinson came up with this acrostic for the word hope:

**H**angs on to the promises of God  
**O**vercomes adversity  
**P**ursues truth and believes  
**E**ndures trials patiently

This month let us hold onto hope, by holding onto Jesus and the promises of His Word.

*Pastor Jerry*

**Ray and Mari Ruffin Jr.**  
**Church Planter**  
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**Redford, MI**

Pray the Redford community will be won for Christ. Pray for us as we train disciples who have a burden for the lost.



## April's Verse of the Month

***"I pray that God, the source of hope, will fill you completely with joy and peace because you trust in him. Then you will overflow with confident hope through the power of the Holy Spirit."***

Romans 15:13 NLT

During this time of self-isolation, probably through the end of April, the church will be offering the following on the church's Facebook page at **First Southern Baptist Church**:

- Sunday's message at 10:30 a.m. by Pastor Jerry; upon viewing you are encouraged to **Share** and **Like** so that it will be available to your friends on FB
- Livestreaming of Wednesday's Bible study at 6:00 p.m. led by Janice Lanford on the Book of Philippians



Our church family is encouraged to mail in their tithes and offerings (address is below), or drop them off at the church office during the hours listed below. We hope in the days ahead to have on-line giving available through our church's website at <http://www.fsbcpport.org/>.

This is being sent to members for whom we have e-mail addresses, so feel free to print this out to share with other members, or encourage members to provide the church office with their e-mail address so they can be included. For those without e-mail we will also send out by USPS, as well as sharing it on the church's website (see previous paragraph).

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