

FIRST SOUTHERN BAPTIST CHURCH

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Pastor's Word

The word is "perseverance".

We live in an especially challenging time. We are called on to persevere through them, and we will!

Today (July 13, 2020) the Governor announced the statewide closing of all indoor places of gathering and, because Tulare County is on the state's Covid watchlist, this includes places of worship.

So, we will be temporarily stopping the face-to-face meetings which include the Sunday morning Bible study and worship, Wednesday evening Bible Study and Thursday morning Ladies Bible Study.

We will be broadcasting the Sunday morning time in "Worship and Word" on Facebook at 10:30 a.m. We will continue to livestream the Wednesday Evening Bible Study at 6:00 p.m. on Facebook. I am looking to add a couple of bible studies on-line through Zoom or some other format that can be interactive. If you have online access or iPhone and are interested in participating when it is ready please let me know. I will do my best to help you learn how to use whatever format is selected.

We will persevere and make the necessary adjustments and join God in what He is doing.

"Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything."

James 1:2-3 NIV

Pastor Jerry

PRAYER NET

Prayer requests can be submitted by a phone call or text.

The first contact is: Barbara Harness
783-1016 phone
339-8353 cell

If Barbara is unavailable, the second contact is:
Pastor Jerry Lanford
661-703-2514 cell

If neither of the above is available, please contact the church office at 784-1641 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon, Monday – Friday.

Please note that Barbara and/or Pastor Jerry will be responsible for getting the prayer requests out to those on the Prayer Net. We are requesting that you use this process only to put prayer requests on the Prayer Net.



July's Verses of the Month

"Study this Book of Instruction continually. Meditate on it day and night so you will be sure to obey everything written in it. Only then will you prosper and succeed in all you do. This is my command – be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged. For the LORD your God is with you wherever you go."

Joshua 1:8-9 NLT

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North American Mission Board

Prayer Calendar - July 2020

Mike and Sarah Blackaby

Church Planter
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Pray that God would continue to open doors for us in our community and that God would give us wisdom to navigate our cultural climate.

Keith and Angie Radke

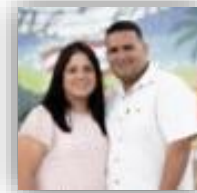
Church Planter
River Community Church
West Jordan, UT



Pray for people of River Community Church to engage our city with the gospel, meeting real needs and bringing God's hope and healing to broken lives, one heart at a time.

Jonathan and Yesenia Santiago

Send Relief
Puerto Rico Ministry Center
Juncos, PR



Pray God continues to protect us and our volunteers as we seek to minister in the hard soil of Puerto Rico.

J.D. and Andreina Fasolino

Church Planter
Emmanuel Baptist Church East
Pickering, ON



Pray for God to continue equipping His people in east Toronto to be active members of His Body who impact the communities where they live with the gospel. Pray for more laborers.

As Pastor Jerry shared in his article, we are still offering the following on the church's Facebook page at **First Southern Baptist Church**:

- "Worship and Word" broadcast at 10:30 a.m. on Sundays 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. We are currently studying the book of 1 John.

The church family is encouraged to continue to mail in their tithes and offerings, or drop them off at the church office during the hours listed.