

BARCELONA ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH

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Dr. Jon M. Stubblefield, Pastor May 12, 2020 Willard A. Zeiser, Associate Pastor

Dear Church Family:

It still is not safe for us to meet for public worship. Let me make you aware then of two upcoming worship services that will be pre-recorded and available on our website, <u>www.brbchsv.org</u>.

The service on May 17 will feature our graduating seniors: Taryn Anderson, Megan Archuleta, and Nico Carroll. David Robinson, our Youth Minister, will lead in this presentation of our graduates. Duane Blakley will sing/speak, "The Runner's Song." My sermon is titled, "Running the Race" and is based on Hebrews 12:1-2. We are proud of these fine young people and their accomplishments.

May 24 is Memorial Day Sunday. We will observe a threefold memorial emphasis for this prerecorded service. First, we will pay tribute to our fallen patriots. Second, we will remember our loved ones who have gone to be with the Lord since last Memorial Day. The names of ten precious saints will be called as a bouquet of flowers will be arranged. Finally, Willard Zeiser and I will lead the congregation in the celebration of the Lord's Supper. You will need to provide your own bread and cup. (A piece of cracker and a small cup of juice or water will do.)

Thank you for your continued, faithful giving to the Lord's work through the church. Through the first two Sundays of May we have received \$32,342 in tithes and offerings. I am pleased to announce \$7,500 has been given for our Annie Armstrong Offering. This completes our goal to the penny. The month of May is the season for support of our Arkansas Baptist Children's Homes (ABCH). We recently discovered that the designated envelope for the ABCH was inadvertently left out of your box of envelopes. Please give generously and write ABCH on the "other" line of your budget envelope.

May we continue to focus on personal safety and the protection of our loved ones. One day, hopefully soon, COVID 19 will be behind us. Pray for one another during your 9 o/clock prayer time, or whenever you pray. If you have special needs, contact your deacon or members of the church staff. You can reach the staff at the church office, 501-922-0692, or by means of our home or cell phones listed in the church directory.

At the close of Romans 11, Paul moves from theology to doxology. In a matchless paean of praise, he calls us to worship the Lord. "Oh, the depths of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable his judgments, and his paths beyond tracing out! Who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has been his counselor? Who has ever given to God, that God should not repay him? For from him and through him, and to him are all things. To him be the glory forever!" Amen (Romans 11: 33-36, NIV). Meditate on this doxology in your devotional time today.

Your Pastor,

Jon M. Stubblefield

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