



BARCELONA ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH

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May 26, 2020

Dear Church Family:

This Sunday, May 31, will be a significant day in the life of our church. It will be the last Sunday Duane and Pat Blakley will be with us. They have served faithfully in our Music Ministry for nearly eighteen years. We regret that we will not be able to say a face-to-face “good-bye” with them. Rather, we will recognize them during the pre-recorded service that you will see on our website. Duane and Pat will be moving to Little Rock, close-by, so we hope they will return later for a special Sunday in their honor.

Next Sunday also will be significant, in that it will mark Ruth Manweiler’s last Sunday with us as our Pianist. Ruth had planned to stay on a little longer, but her daughter’s declining health has led her and Gary to make this decision now. Ruth’s retirement letter is found on the back of this pastoral correspondence. Ruth also will be recognized in the May 31 service. How grateful we are for the love, friendship, and ministry we have shared with the Blakley and the Manweiler families. They have a special place in our hearts.

The Personnel Committee joins the Pastor in asking Rose Mary Dauber to fill the role of Interim Minister of Music. Rose Mary served here as Minister of Music years ago. Susan Wade has agreed to be our Pianist. Both will begin their ministry effective June 1, with added responsibilities when we meet again for regular worship.

Our giving record for the past week reveals \$7,089 given toward the budget, bringing the total thus far for May to \$45,050. We are grateful for the generous offering to the Arkansas Baptist Children’s Homes in the amount of \$935.00.

In this envelope you will find a list of June birthdays and anniversaries. A June Barcelona Banner will not be printed.

The important question remains. When can we gather safely for worship? The short, indefinite answer is perhaps in a few weeks. In conversations your Pastor and Staff have had with you, we are hearing that most of you are not ready to return. The age and health of our membership are major factors in the decision to begin worship. Also, we are staying in touch with other Baptist churches like Balboa and Coronado to coordinate our return. Finally, we pay close attention to the guidance of our governmental leaders and medical specialists. Recently, Arkansas has demonstrated an increase in COVID-19 cases. We must be careful and prayerful.

Our worship this Sunday focuses on God’s grace. My sermon is titled “The Fullness of His Grace” and is based on John 1:16-17, “From the fullness of his grace we have all received one blessing after another. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.”

Your Pastor,

Jon M. Stubblefield

May 15, 2020

Dear Pastor Jon,

It is after much prayer and consideration , that I am turning in my resignation as church pianist effective as of May 31st.

It has been an honor and privilege to serve the Lord at Barcelona Baptist Church at the piano and as the Ladies Bible Study leader, but the time has come to turn my attention to the health of my husband and of our daughter. This will allow the Lord to lead me and the church in a new direction.

Thank you for your support through out these past 12 years and may the Lord continue to bless the wonderful people at BRBC.

In Christ,



Ruth Manweiler