

February 2017

Regular Weekly Sunday Services

9:45 am—Sunday School
 11:00 am—Worship Service &
 4:00 pm FAITH Teams, 5:00 pm—Awana & Small Groups

Wednesday Services

5:30 pm—Family Supper
 6:00 pm—Prayer Meeting, Children's Living
 In Side Out & Awake for Students, Ladies Bible Study

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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5 Leadership Team Meeting 4pm Joey Greco deacon ordination following Morning service	6	7	8 Nick King will share about Grace Water Mission Trip during prayer meeting.	9	10	11 Student's Straight Outta Compton Time TBA
12 Breakfast at Church 9—9:40 am	13	14	15 No Family Supper	16	17 Student Girls' Night Out 6PM	18
Revival - 11am & 5pm	Revival - Lunch services at 12:15 Evening Services at 6:30 pm					
19 Finance Team Meeting—4:00 pm	20	21	22	23	24	25
26 I ♥ Yazoo Day No Awana or Small Group	27	28	Deacon of the week: 5 - B. McGraw, 12-D.McLeod, 19 - G. Andrews, 26- D. Powell			



WATCH US LIVE ONLINE!

Sunday morning service will now be available **LIVE** online. You can watch the service live by going to the web address www.thewayofthecrossleadshome.com and clicking on FBC Yazoo in the Church directory box.



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OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday

8:00 am - 5:00 pm

FRIDAY—CLOSED

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Delivered to the post office January 26, POSTMASTER please do not hold.

Wednesday, February 8

Nick King will be sharing about the recent *GraceWater* mission trip to Zimbabwe as part of our Wednesday service at 6:00pm in the fellowship hall.

I ♥ YAZOO – February 26

"I Love Yazoo" Day is February 26 following our morning service. We will have lunch at the church, followed by projects in the community. Our goal is to have projects that will impact individuals and families, so if you know a family with a need that a group could meet, please let Brother Clint know very soon. A list will be published in Sunday School classes by February 12 for classes and individuals to commit to participate.

Wednesday Night Family Supper will now begin at 5:30 pm

First Baptist Church
Worship, Grow, Serve, & Share Yazoo City



IM NEW ABOUT CONNECT MEDIA GIVE



Have you seen the NEW Website?

If not please go to www.fbcyazoo.org and check out the new site. Also keep a eye out in your bulletin for the announcement of the App Launch for both Android and Apple devices.

You can watch live, play archived sermons, give, sign up for small groups, download the newsletter and stay tuned in all in one place. If you have any questions please call the church office.

team meetings

Leadership Team Meeting - February 5 at 4:00 pm in the church office.

Finance Team Meeting - February 19 at 4:00 pm in the church office

At the end of our worship service on Sunday, February 5, we will ordain Joey Greco into the Deacon Ministry. This will be a special time for Joey and his family, as well as for our church family.

Financial Report through December 2016

Total Budget Offering \$996,962.93 less Expenses \$992,237.22 = \$4,725.71

Total Approved Budgeted through December=\$ 1,029,000.67

Actual Expenses \$992,237.22= \$36,763.45 *spending under budget*

Gifts were received for the following designated funds:

- To Oasis Ministry in memory of Vicky Steele
- To the Capital Improvement Fund in memory of LaNelle Sherrard and Eddie Purvis
- To Lottie Moon in Honor of James & Sue Pearson and Gerry McGraw
- To Mission in memory of Marion Ann Ledbetter and Vicky Steele

*\$19,183.41 required weekly to meet budget.

January 1	January 8	January 15	January 22
Bible Study	Bible Study	Bible Study	Bible Study
Attendance	Attendance	Attendance	Attendance
216	247	253	250
Worship Service	Worship Service	Worship Service	Worship Service
Attendance	Attendance	Attendance	Attendance
244	not available	252	246
Budget Offering	Budget Offering	Budget Offering	Budget Offering
\$12,918.00	\$24,220.46	\$27,314.00	\$18,001.00

It is hard to believe that we are almost through the first month of the year! As a church, it has been a great start to the year. We have a sweet fellowship, we have enjoyed new members, and we continue to have guests join us each week, many who have been invited for a long time by their friends. God is so good to us.

Many have commented about their enjoyment of the 40 Days of Prayer devotionals, and it remains my prayer that the Lord will do a great work in and through our church and bring revival to us. Our revival services are February 12-15 and all the information is found elsewhere in this newsletter, but I want to encourage you to make attendance a priority. You are going to love Doug Compton and will be challenged through his messages from God's Word. Your children are going to love the simultaneous children's services. We must remember that as the Lord works, so will Satan. Obstacles will come up throughout the week to attempt to prevent you from attending, so I ask that you make the commitment now to attend.

As I explained at our celebration evening a few weeks ago, the word that I have for us this year is "**MORE!**" I know this to be fact: if our church is to be effective, and if we are going to take the Gospel to the ends of the earth, then what we are going to need from you is "**MORE!**" The Biblical principle is found in the words of Jesus from Luke 12:48 when Jesus says, "Much will be required of everyone who has been given much. And even **more** will be expected of the one who has been entrusted with **more**."

More is a great word in the Bible. We often overlook such a small word but consider these examples: Jesus came to give us life **more** abundantly (John 10:10). Our faith is **more** precious than gold (1 Peter 1:7) and God's blessings are **more** than we can number (Psalm 40:5). We are **more** than conquerors through Him who loved us (Romans 8:37). He gives **more** grace (James 4:6), so we should bear **more** fruit (John 15:2) and labor **more** abundantly (1 Corinthians 15:10).

The principle of "**MORE**" is a principle that most believers had rather avoid. Far too many "followers of Jesus" come into the church not seeking to do "**more**" or give "**more**" or minister "**more**" or love "**more**." Many come into the church seeking to do all of these things "less" and not "**more**." On average across our nation and denomination, people are giving the Lord less money, less time, less ministry, and sharing our faith is at an all-time low. As Southern Baptists we are winning "less" people to faith in Jesus, baptizing less, and discipling less. How can it be that we are winning less people to Jesus, baptizing less people, and how can our discipleship ministries impact less people each year? Our impact and influence in the life of our cities, families, and country are less. We must remember that all we do is so that there are **more** people in Heaven and less people in hell. I am afraid this is not the focus of the average Baptist church member in America.

What is the answer? Well not to simplify this too much, but the answer is quite simple "**MORE**." We need to spend "**more**" time in prayer seeking God's face, sharing with Him the names of the lost, and discerning His will. We need "**more**" effort and energy spent to sharing the gospel with the lost, teaching them the truth of God's Word, and teaching them how to live out their faith in Jesus. We need "**more**" people who will faithfully give of their resources so that needs might be met, ministries might be expanded, and the gospel might go forth. We need "**more**" people involved in ministry and meeting the needs of their neighbors, friends, associates, co-workers, and family members in an intentional, relevant way. We need "**more**" people who will start telling the Lord "yes" and start telling the world "no."

One way to do **more** is to accept the 5% Challenge, where we are challenging you to increase your financial support an additional 5% to fund new and emerging ministries and missions. You can learn how to pray **more** effectively by attending our Sunday night small group. You can serve **more** by being involved in many ministries in our church. As a church, we are going to begin exploring how we can do **more** to minister effectively as we work toward our 2020 Vision.

"**MORE**"...I need to offer "**more**" to the Lord in 2017! You need to offer the Lord "**more**" in 2017! Jesus asks us this very pointed question in Luke 6:46, "Why do you call me 'Lord, Lord,' and not do what I tell you?" At the end of the day, real obedience to Jesus calls for "**MORE!**"

This is the year for us to take our work for Christ **more** seriously than ever before. We cannot afford to live un-prioritized lives. We are living in the last days, and we should be **more** diligent than ever before in fulfilling God's plan for every day. We need to review our calendars and evaluate our schedules. Are there things we need to delete or undertake for Christ? Let us resolve to do **more** for the Kingdom in 2017.

God bless,
Bro. Clint



Our Small Group Spring Semester will begin March 5. In the meantime, we are offering a

"Non-Traditional" Small Group

Sunday Nights at 5:00 pm This group will meet in the Fellowship Hall for a large group study, then discussion and application in small groups, which will be the people at the table where you sit. We will use this time to prepare for our upcoming revival services by using a study on prayer by Matt Chandler.



Kid's camp registration forms are in the Education Building at the sign in table. Camp is for children who have finished 2nd grade through 6th grade. Cost is \$165. A deposit of \$50, along with a completed registration form, is due by March 1st.

A Heart for God...Kid's revival services begin Sunday night, February 12, 5 p.m. and Monday through Wednesday at 6:30 p.m., in the Education Building



February's AWANA's Emphasis

February 5 - Soup-er Bowl Night
(Wear your favorite team colors/jersey & bring a can of soup for the Manna House) Ms. Wendy says "Go Cowboys!!"

February 12 - NO AWANA - REVIVAL

February 19 - Crazy Hair Night

February 26 - NO AWANA

I LOVE YAZOO DAY (our kids Sunday School will participate by doing our own project)

the gospel resounds
LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING

Church Goal: \$30,000

100% of your gift helps send and sustain IMB missionaries.

Total Offering Collected:

\$24,988.22



Sing to the Lord!

God's people are a singing people. Music is one of the highest expressions of the human soul and First Baptist Church is blessed to have so many talented musicians who are willing to use their talents for the glory of God. Can you imagine coming to church each Sunday and not having music as part of our worship experience? That being said, I would like to invite you to consider joining our choir ministry and help us grow as we start the new year getting ready for revival services and aster. As I've said before, you don't have to know how to read music, just have a willing heart and a desire to serve. Come check us out on Wednesdays at 6:45 pm on the second floor of the education building.



REVIVAL SCHEDULE

Sunday—February 12

9- 9:40 pm - Church Wide Kick Off Breakfast
In the fellowship hall.

9:45 am -Sunday School
11:00 am - Revival Service
5:00 pm - Revival Service

Monday– Wednesday February 13 - 15

12:15 - 12:45 Lunch Service
in the Fellowship Hall
Lunch will be provided.

6:30 pm Nightly Services
In the Sanctuary

*Simultaneous Children's Revival Services 1st—6th grade will be held Sunday night - Wednesday in the Education Building.
Preschool and Nursery Care will also be provided.*



If you have not taken advantage of your invitation to Right Now Media, please do so quickly to take advantage of the many resources available for all ages and all life stages. If you did not receive an invitation, we do not have your email address on file, so please contact the office with that information.