


July 2017

Regular Weekly Sunday Services

9:45 am—Sunday School
11:00 am—Worship Service &

Wednesday Services

5:30 pm—Family Supper; 6:00 pm—Prayer Meeting, Children's Summer
Blast & Awake for Students, Ladies Bible Study
6:45 pm—Choir Practice

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Deacon of the week: 2 - Bill McGraw, 9- Dan McLeod 16 - Grant Andrews, 23 - Dallas Powell, 30 - Craig Standley			Family University Registration opens JULY 1			1 Chile Mission Trip
2 Chile Mission Trip	3	4  <i>Happy Independence Day</i>	5 No Services	6	7	8
9	10	11	12 Student Black Light Dodge Ball Project 226 Swim Party Staff Serving	13	14	15
16 Business Meeting / Ice Cream Fellowship 5:00	17 Student Super Summer Camp	18	19 Project 226 Ice Cream Party Atkinson Class Serving	20 Family University Registration Deadline	21	22
23	24	25 6th Grade Move to the Youth Party	26 Project 226 Swim Party Donaldson Class Serving	27	28	29 Family University 9:00—Noon
30 Local Benevolence Offering Sunday School "Shot in the Arm" Clinic, 5:00 pm.	31	NO Choir Rehearsal July 5, 12 or 19		Crest Hill, IL Mission Trip—August 13 - 17 If you would like to be a part of this mission opportunity please call the church office or talk to Bro. Clint		



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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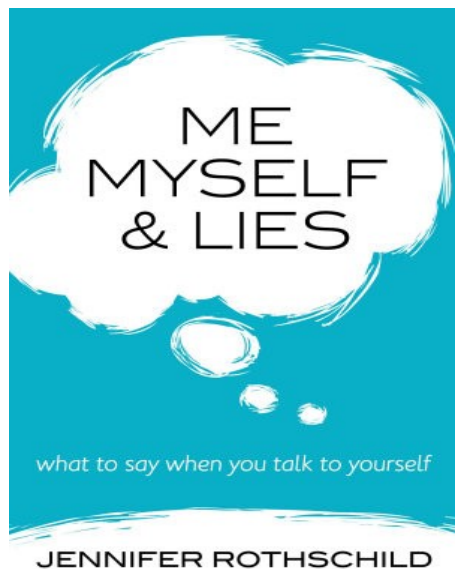
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A new Ladies
Bible Study
Starting
Wednesday
August 16
At 6:00 pm
Led by
Dana Guthrie

Grace Water

Well Sponsorship Goal \$8,000

We continue to work toward our goal of \$8,000 to drill a well with Grace Water. Please consider an additional gift toward this ministry to enable fresh water to be provided in areas of great need. Most importantly, the well will create opportunities for Gospel ministry and changed lives. *Current Total : \$800.00*

FAMILY UNIVERSITY

July 29

9:00 am - Noon

Our second annual Family University is Saturday, **July 29**, from 9:00-noon. This is a condensed schedule from last year but is full of family impact. Our leaders will be Barrett and Michelle (Roark) Bowden. Registration will open on July 1 at fbcyazoo.org and everyone is asked to register by July 20. Barrett is Pastor of Island Community Church in Memphis and has a heart for families. Michelle, Assistant Professor of Pediatrics at Le Bonheur, who is a Yazoo City native and grew up in our Church. Michelle specializes in adolescent development at Le Bonheur Children's Hospital. Gary Permenter will also be here to assist in the weekend as there will also be youth and children's tracks, so register the family and make plans to attend.

Please be in prayer for our Chile Team leaving
on June 29 and returning July 7

Aaron Sibley	Matteo Dougherty	Marshall Standley
Lori McGraw	Mary Sibley	Sid Burrough
Matt Migliazza	McGraw	Mason Myers
Melissia Standley	Chris Guthrie	

Annual Deacon Election is **August 6**. To prepare, a list of eligible men will be distributed July 23 and 30. All men who have been a member at least one year and are over the age of 25 will be eligible for selection by the church. If you wish to not be considered, please contact the church office no later than **Wednesday, July 19**.

Gifts were received for the following designated funds:

To the Capital Improvement Fund in memory of Mary Lou Mashburn

& Roy Shackelford

To the Missions in memory Mary Lou Mashburn

To the Prime Timers Ministry in memory of Mary Lou Mashburn

To the Baptist Children's Village in memory of Rex Brown, Lecil Lee & Roy Shackelford

To the Crest Hill, II Mission Fund in memory of Rex Brown, Lecil Lee

& Roy Shackelford

To the Christian Service Center (School Uniform) Fund in memory of Rex Brown, Bill Hawkins, Dick Huxtable, Lecil Lee, Mary Lou Mashburn, Billy McConnell, Roy Shackelford, Carol Sudduth, Sue Tatum and Allen Winters

To the Christian Service Center (School Uniform) Fund in honor of Joan Turner

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

June 4	June 11	June 18	June 25
Bible Study	Bible Study	Bible Study	Bible Study
Attendance	Attendance	Attendance	Attendance
267	266	253	292
Worship Service	Worship Service	Worship Service	Worship Service
Attendance	Attendance	Attendance	Attendance
253	398	301	N/A
Budget Offering	Budget Offering	Budget Offering	Budget Offering
<u>\$18,147.50</u>	<u>\$16,169.00</u>	<u>\$12,929.30</u>	<u>N/A</u>

It is hard to believe that one-half of the year is behind us. Fresh on our minds is the great VBS that we had in the first of June. I cannot say "THANK YOU" enough for the role that everyone played. We had great teachers and workers, but the most impressive thing was to walk in the gym after the Family Day service and see so much food! Our guests are still commenting on the meal and the fellowship! One of our men said, "Preacher, you have reason to be proud of your church today!" Know that I was a very proud pastor.

The past couple of weeks have been spent on VBS follow-up. We had over 60 children that listed no church affiliation, so they have been my priority. I have enjoyed hearing how much the children enjoyed the week, but it is heart-breaking to see the lack of interest of the parents in the spiritual lives of their children. Many have the attitude of "they had a great time and look forward to next year," but there is not much concern about their spiritual progress over the next year. The parents just show a "don't care" attitude about spiritual matters.

I must admit that I have a difficult time with this apathy, but before I get too upset, I remember how easy it is for all of us to fall into that condition. We will notice the apathy in the letters to the churches in Revelation beginning this month.

Someone once said, "The nice thing about apathy is you don't have to exert yourself to show you're sincere about it." During our "Stand Up" sermon series, we examined several individuals that were unwilling to be apathetic but stood up to face the crowd. We must do the same. Here are some areas where we need to gather against apathy.

Attendance. Hebrews 10:25 urges us, "Do not give up the habit of meeting together..." You make the choice every Sunday whether or not to gather for corporate worship. Actually, you make the choice on Saturday when you determine how you will spend the weekend. For some, it does not take much for the thought of, "it's only one Sunday," or a child whining not to attend church to cause you to become apathetic to worship attendance. As I have said numerous times in our "Stand Up" series, we need each other. So, while you may not think you will miss anything by skipping church, someone might miss what you could give them.

Prayer. Prayer makes a difference, but when

apathy sets in, we wonder, "what good does prayer do." We are called to be a people of prayer, but our prayer life can be relegated to an emergency line when we need the Lord to help us out. We need to pray for Kingdom advancement.

Ministry Involvement. It is the time of year when the Leadership Team will work on nominations for those willing to serve in various capacities. Many show their apathy by attending but not getting actively involved in the ministries of the church. The Apostle Paul describes the church as "one body with many parts." You and I are the parts! When we refused to get involved, we have a body with missing parts; therefore, the body cannot function properly.

Sacrificial giving. Financial support of the church and its ministries is an area where we often become apathetic and excuse our behavior due to our many financial commitments. Too many families today live beyond their means, but a biblical view of finances begins with the tithe (10%), then living off the other 90%. Until we understand this, our finances will be messed up and we will think it is someone else's responsibility to give sacrificially.

Acts 1:8. We are commanded in each of the Gospels and in Acts to take the Gospel to the ends of the earth, as well as our community. I believe this is where we often struggle with apathy because sharing our faith is another level of commitment, even more so than sacrificial giving. Around the time that you get this newsletter, our youth team to Chile will be on their way, plans for the "I Love Yazoo" Day will continue, and details are being finalized for our next trip to Crest Hill, Illinois. Not to mention that Sunday is coming. Who can you invite to hear God's Word? How can you be involved in local ministry and in taking the Gospel to the ends of the earth? If these questions do not stir our hearts, then apathy has set in.

We are getting ready for our Fall ministries, and we need you! Let us commit to ridding our life of apathy.

*Honored to be Your Pastor,
Bro. Clint*

Sunday School "Shot in the Arm" Clinic is Sunday, July 30 at 5:00.
This time will help us prepare for the upcoming Sunday School year, which starts August 6. All teachers and class members are encouraged to be in attendance to help you discover your role in Sunday School.



What a wonderful and incredible week we had at VBS this year. A genuine, special thank you goes to every volunteer and to the staff who stepped up in various roles to guarantee a VBS that operated so well. With record numbers and children's lives changed, our challenge now becomes one of not sitting back and basking in the success but pressing forward and reaching more kids for Christ.



Our summer blast schedule continues this month. Make sure your child joins us! Along with each activity, we will have a short Bible lesson so your child will grow in Christ as well as have lots of fun. It's the month of Swimming this month. 2 Swim parties!! And sandwiched in between is a night of Ice Cream Sundaes.

July 12, Swim Party at the Country Club. Pizza will be provided at the pool. You may drop your child off at the pool by 5:15 and pick them up by 6:45. In order for your preschooler to participate, parents must stay at the pool.

July 19, Ice Cream Sundaes – pizza, ice cream, and the message of God's plan for us! Perfect!!

July 26, Swim Party at the Country Club.



Attention 6th graders moving up into 7th grade!

There is a special day planned for you on Tuesday, July 25. We will be taking off with Aaron and the Student Ministry for a send off from our kids ministry as you move into the Student Ministry. Reserve the date!

NEW SERMON SERIES STARTING JULY 9

You've
Got
Mail

Letters to the Churches
from Revelations



**Webster School Supply
Donation Items for July**

- 2 - 1 Box of Quart Ziploc Bags & 1 Box of Gallon Ziploc Bags
- 9 - 1 Canvas Zipper Style Pencil Bag
- 16 - 2 packages of Paper Towels
- 23 - 2 binders 1 inch
- 30 - 4 pocket folders with brads

**Homemade Ice Cream
and Finger Foods Fellowship
and Business Meeting
Sunday, July 16, at 5:00.**

Sunday School classes are asked to bring at least one flavor of homemade ice cream, then everyone is asked to bring finger foods. The business meeting will include information for "I Love Yazoo" on August 6, the nomination report from our Leadership Team, and an update on our 2020 Vision.

Financial Report through May 2017

Total Budget Offering \$380,008.91 less Expenses \$398,992.30 = **-\$18,983.39**

Total Approved Budgeted through April 2017 = \$417,892.57

Actual Expenses \$398,992.30 = \$18,983.39 *spending under budget*