

# June 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 Summer Blast  
 & Awake for Students, Ladies Bible Study 6:45 pm—Choir Practice

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

<b>Deacon of the week: 4 - Roger Jones, 11-Vernon Sykes, 18-Nick King, 25-James Langley</b>				1	2	3
4 Women's & Men's Teams Meetings 4pm Chile Mission Meeting 4pm	5	6	7 No Wednesday Night Services Vacation Bible School Leadership Team Meeting 5:30 pm	8	9	10
11 VBS FAMILY DAY Covered Dish Following AM Service Chile Mission Meeting 4pm	12	13	14 No Choir Rehearsal Youth Camp / Generate Meal by Donaldson Class	15	16	17 Laura Harris Thompson Baby Shower 1 pm
18 Chile Mission Meeting 4pm	19	20	21 Student Ministry Pool Party Meal by Gerry McGraw Class	22	23	24
25 Chile Mission Meeting 4pm	26	27	28 No Wednesday Night Services Children's Camp	29	30	



### 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](http://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

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**June 4** - Women's & Men's  
Team Meeting

4:00 pm

**June 7** -Leadership Meeting

5:30 pm

**June 4, 11,18,25** - Chile Team Meetings 4:00 pm

VBS Family Day is June 11 during our worship service, followed by a potluck lunch. With our pre-registration numbers at a record high, we

**family Day!**



expect record attendance at VBS and at Family Day. Therefore, it is vital that we have plenty of food for everyone. *Our guests are not expected to bring anything.* Please plan to be here for lunch and bring lots of food with you.

# 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.

It's A **BOY**

Please join us for a Baby Shower honoring **Laura Harris Thompson**

**Saturday** June 17 Home of **Beth Harris** 5480 HWY 16 E. Benton, MS 39039 **One** o'clock

Registered at Target and Amazon.com

June is going to be a full month!  
Please be in prayer for....

- VBS - June 5 - 9**
- VBS Family Day -June 11**
- Youth Camp Generate -June 12-16**
- Children's Camp - June 26-28**
- Chile Mission Trip June 29-July 7**

**SUMMER WORSHIP CHOIR**

This summer, our youth are joining our Sanctuary Choir as they have been challenged to find ways to serve. Aaron has also been teaching them about worship and has encouraged them to serve in this area. It was exciting to see our choir filled a couple of weeks ago with both young and old faces serving together. If you would like to come join us this summer, we are a lot more laid back and would love to have you! In fact, you may like it so much you might stay with us! We rehearse at 6:45 on Wednesday evenings.

As my personal schedule with the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board picks up with my camps and conferences, there will be several times that the choir will not meet. Here is our choir schedule for the month of June:

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|-------------------------------------|---------------------|
| June 4 - Worship                    | June 18 - Worship   |
| June 7 - No Rehearsal               | June 21 - Rehearsal |
| June 11 - VBS Family Day (no choir) | June 25 - Worship   |
| June 14 - No Rehearsal              | June 28 - Rehearsal |

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	

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

May 7	May 14	May 21	May 28
Bible Study Attendance	Bible Study Attendance	Bible Study Attendance	Bible Study Attendance
282	245	250	209
Worship Service Attendance	Worship Service Attendance	Worship Service Attendance	Worship Service Attendance
275	287	253	201
Budget Offering	Budget Offering	Budget Offering	Budget Offering
<u>\$22,927.89</u>	<u>\$19,460.38</u>	<u>\$11,709.20</u>	<u>N/A</u>

**Gifts were received for the following designated funds:**

*To the Capital Improvement Fund in memory of Rex Brown, Richard Huxtable & Cecil Lee*

*To Crest Hill, IL Missions Fund in memory of Rex Brown, Cecil Lee & Roy Lee Shackelford*

*To Baptist Children's Village in memory of Evelyn Brister, Rose Isaqhoulinn, Evelyn Johnson, Lillian Parker & Sadie Saxton*

*To Baptist Children's Village in honor of Jannie Hillhouse, Jeannie Hoben, Sue Jennings, Velma Warren & Jean Weaver*



The Tenere wastelands of northeastern Niger were once populated by a forest of trees. By the 20<sup>th</sup> century, there was one. It sat alone in a sea of sand. How had it survived? This tree's roots stretched deep down into the earth for nearly 120 feet the result of a continual search for the only water available.

A redwood tree can grow to be more than 350 feet tall. Its roots are only five or six feet deep, however, they spread horizontally for as much as 100 feet, intertwining with the other redwood roots. For the wind to knock over one tree, it would have to topple them all.

Both of these trees can teach us something about the nature of abiding in Christ. We must be progressively moving deeper into our relationship with Him. And we must spend time in fellowship, interlocking our lives with other Christians for encouragement, guidance, and strength.

If we are going to be strong and thrive like these trees, we must continue to be focused on MORE. You might be tired of seeing and hearing this word, but it is our word for the year because I am convinced it is time we do MORE as individuals and as a church for our Lord. We need to pray more, serve more, give more, lead more, share more, grow more, worship more, and never be satisfied with where we are in our walk with the Lord.

Even though we are challenged to do more, I am not sure we are living it out. We are comfortable where we are and unwilling to be stretched and made uncomfortable in order to honor the Lord. I think it all boils down to one issue: **we think too small.**

I am really not sure when it all started or even why it started, but somewhere down in line or through the years, God's people starting thinking too small. I have seen this small thinking mindset to be a reality in my years as a pastor and also as I look back to my years growing up in the church. The biggest things on the mind of church members are often these:

- \* *They better get my announcement in the bulletin this week.*
- \* *Why are we singing all these "new songs" when we have a hymnal full of songs already?*
- \* *Why is the pastor and Sunday School literature not using the KJV?*
- \* *What is all this talk about small groups and community?*
- \* *How can we increase our giving while reaching no new people and not being "preached to" about tithing?*
- \* *Why will these "young people" in our church or community not show up or do anything?*
- \* *Why do we have all this staff?*
- \* *When can we have another potluck?*

\* *Somebody better start turning off the lights in those classrooms or we are not going to be able to pay the preacher next month.*

\* *I hope they don't plan on using my classroom for VBS and moving stuff around.*

\* *Why should we give to the Cooperative Program when we can use that money right here? Why should we go off for missions when we have lost people here?*

I could go on, but I think you see my point. Not only is the mindset of so many churches wrong, but it is really small minded.

Jesus never thought small! Jesus always thought BIG! Jesus did not sit around like a group of Baptists bemoaning the fact that He only had 12 Disciples. Jesus thought BIG! He decided that He could take 12 unlearned, common men and transform the world, not just while He was with them, but after He had ascended into Heaven and left them alone! Jesus told them this in Acts 1:8: ***"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come on you, and you will be My witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."***

This was large thinking! This was a huge, unproven idea. This was a major paradigm shift in the way people thought. Why? Because Jesus was thinking BIG! He was challenging His followers to expand their own thinking and their faith in Him. This was the fulfillment of Jesus' mission from Luke 19:10, when Jesus said, ***"For the Son of Man has come to seek and save the lost."*** Big thinking!

What would happen if right now in our own lives and in our church we starting thinking BIG? What if we stepped out on faith and started attempting to do some BIG things for the glory of God? What if we decided we were going to make it really hard for a person in our city to die and go to Hell from this city because of the BIG influence, ministry, and gospel message being shared? What would happen if we as followers of Jesus got serious about making the Lord THE priority of our lives? What if we stopped getting distracted by the temporary things of this world and genuinely started living out our faith with boldness? What if we starting thinking BIG? Are you thinking big enough? Is our church thinking big enough?

It is time for us to think BIG and do MORE. Who do you need to ensure comes to VBS? Who does your Sunday School class need to reach out to? How can you share what the Lord has done in your life? This is Kingdom business and it is time for us to take a step forward.

Honored to be your pastor,  
Bro. Clint



It's time! VBS 2017 is set to be our biggest and best VBS ever. With exciting music and great Biblical lessons about the Creator of the Universe, you will not want your child to miss this great opportunity. June 5-9, 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. On Sunday, June 11, the kids will be our special guests as they sing some of the songs they learned during our morning worship service. Mark it on the calendar!

Oh yeeeeaaaahhhh! It's our summer blast program and it's here! Beginning June 14, each Wednesday night will be a night of Biblical teaching followed by craziness. We will be experiencing everything from Messy Games to Water Games to Swim Parties to Wild Games including Blacklight Dodgeball...maybe even...! Parents, you will receive ample notification to help you make plans for your kids but whatever it takes, make sure your kids don't miss this fun and exciting time! It all begins with the first one...June 14 MESSY GAMES. Yes, clothes that are "expendable" is the first step. After that you might want towels or a tarp over the inside of your vehicle. We will begin with pizza at 5:30 then games begin at 6 p.m. It will be a night to remember! Mark these Wednesday dates down for Summer Blast...June 14, 21, July 12, 19, 26 and Aug 2.



- John



**REGISTER NOW**  
VBS June 5 - 9  
[www.fbcyazoo.org](http://www.fbcyazoo.org)



**Children's Camp:** Parents, if you haven't already, it's time to pay the remainder of your camp fees. Also, Buffy is here in the office and available to notarize your form and this is a must. Again, the dates are June 26-28. We will leave at 8:30 Monday morning and return mid-afternoon on Wednesday, May 28.

A special thanks to all who have chosen to invest in the children of our community through the School Supply Collection program, VBS and the I Love Yazoo projects. With a different school item collected each week, it is easy to fall behind or even quit. Please remain faithful to the collection of items so that we have a great supply of much needed items in which to bless others.



**Donation Items for June**

- 4 -4 Plastic Folders with Pockets
- 11-6 Handwriting Tablets with 5/8" lines
- 18 - 3 Primary Handwriting Tablets
- 25 - 2 Boxes of Crayons (8, 12 or 24 count)

Dear Church Family,

You have blessed me in so many ways during this period of recuperation, and I thank you. You have been faithful to pray, and your prayers have sustained me. Brother Clint's visits have been helpful and greatly appreciated.

God is so good. His love and care transcends all else. He has healed my neck and strengthened my body. I am so thankful.

Having a loving church family is such a blessing.

Love, Joan Atkinson

**Financial Report through April 2017**

Total Budget Offering \$317,541.83 less Expenses \$318,640.74 = **-\$1068.91**  
Total Approved Budgeted through April 2017 = 337,017.15  
Actual Expenses \$318,640.74= \$18,406.41 spending under budget