

**“I Love Yazoo”** Day is March 25. Following lunch, we will divide into teams of three and visit the 200+ families that have told us they do not have a church home. These families have attended events at our church, such as the Fall Festival and steak dinner, or have been visited by a team previously. Team leaders will be identified prior to March 25. The children will stay at the church and work on a project, but all youth and adults will make visits. You will be asked to commit to participate by March 18 so that the proper lunch and visit arrangements can be finalized. Look for ways to commit using the bulletin flap and the church website.



**Spring break** is just around the corner and it looks like it will be a busy week. **Thursday of that week on the 15th we will go and play some paintball.** Students should bring \$35 to cover their entry fee. Extra paint will cost extra. You can find the prices and the waiver form at [coderedpaintball.com](http://coderedpaintball.com). Be sure to fill out the waiver. **On Friday we will go back to Clark Creek Trails for another hike to see the waterfalls.** Pack a lunch, lots of water, and money for a fast food meal coming home. Be sure to sign up on the sign up sheets for both of these trips found on the info table in the youth area. **On Tuesday and Wednesday of that week we will be going to spend some time with some of the kids at Woolwine.** There are also several of our students playing in baseball tournaments so our time at Woolwine will be scheduled around those games so we can support our peers! **If you are reading this and have not signed up for and paid the deposit for camp, you have missed the deadline!** But don't freak out. If there are spots available you may still be able to go. But those spots are not guaranteed so contact Aaron ASAP!

Please join us for a baby shower to welcome

**Reames Mohamed**  
 Sunday, March 18  
 2:00 – 3:30pm  
 in the family life center

Reames made an early appearance on October 5, 2017 before we could properly celebrate his arrival. Now that spring is here both Reames and Abbye are ready to venture out. Join us as we celebrate his growth!  
 Reames currently weighs 12 pounds and wears a size 3-6 months and a size 2 diapers.

\*\$17,217.11 required weekly to meet budget.

February 4	February 11	February 18	February 25
Bible Study Attendance	Bible Study Attendance	Bible Study Attendance	Bible Study Attendance
277	242	269	274
Worship Service Attendance	Worship Service Attendance	Worship Service Attendance	Worship Service Attendance
282	271	295	274
Budget Offering	Budget Offering	Budget Offering	Budget Offering
<u>\$18,024.75</u>	<u>\$16,151.50</u>	<u>\$14,977.00</u>	<u>\$9789.00</u>

**Text to Give**

You can now give by texting any amount to 662-516-5333. The first time you use *Text to Give* you will be prompted to enter your preferred payment method. After that all you have to do is text the amount you want to give and you're done.

There are no fees to your cellphone account.

***Gifts were received for the following designated funds:***  
*To the General Fund in memory of Gloria Humphries*  
*To the Children's Ministry in memory of Homerline Clower*  
*To the Music Ministry in memory of Roy Shackelford*  
*To Music Ministry in memory of Homerline Clower*  
*To the Christian Service Center in memory of Gloria Humphries*  
*To the Manna House in memory of Gloria Humphries*

**Financial Report through January 2018**

Total Budget Offering \$76,821.62 less Expenses \$74,613.98 = \$2,207.64  
 Total Approved Budgeted through January 2018 = \$84,744.17  
 Actual Expenses \$74,613.98 = \$10,130.19 *spending under budget*

The past two months have been focused on revival preparation and our revival services. As I mentioned at the conclusion of our service Wednesday night, we will see the results of our services in the weeks and months to come. We need revival!

One of the greatest hindrances to revival is pride, which has been labeled as the deadliest sin. Pride keeps us from realizing the depths of our sinfulness and admitting that we are not where we need to be spiritually. I have found that the longer we are in the church, the less likely we are to admit our need for revival because we are afraid of what people may think of us if we are honest about our spiritual condition.

When we realize our sinfulness and the need we have for God to forgive and restore, we experience brokenness. David understood that "a broken and contrite heart you, God, will not despise." David is called a "man after God's own heart" because he demonstrated a broken and contrite heart. **God is attracted to a broken heart.**

What does a broken heart look like? We see the brokenness of Nehemiah over the condition of Jerusalem. I think there are at least 4 characteristics of a broken heart that we need to demonstrate in order to experience revival and an effective kingdom service.

1. A person with a broken heart no longer pretends to be good. To have a broken heart is to be stripped of any false notions regarding our capacity for sin. Tending to judge ourselves on the basis of the bad deeds we have avoided creates a pride that we could never do some of the things we see. A broken heart sees the sins of omission that we regularly commit, sins where we do not do what we are supposed to do. It is the sins of omission that we fail to recognize and which may be an even great indicator of what state our heart is in.

2. A person with a broken heart has no room for self-righteous judgment of others. Jesus told the story of the elder brother in the parable of the Prodigal Son to show the Pharisees their self-righteous hearts of haughty condemnation. The Pharisees had established themselves as the standard bearers of righteousness, the protectors of the law, and from this lofty perch they looked down upon all those who were not as diligent as they were. But when you have come to terms with your own heart, there is no room

for judgment; rather, we realize that we have a lifetime of work to do within and do not have time to look down on others. We are in a position to help others out of their weaknesses, but we are not in a position to bruise others with our judgment or condemnation.

3. A person with a broken heart is teachable. After his sin with Bathsheba, David's heart was made pliable and moldable. The heart of stone was replaced with a heart of flesh. He writes in Psalm 51:6, "Surely you desire truth in the inner parts; you teach me wisdom in the inmost place." Is your heart eager to live in truth? Have you ever had someone say to you in response to a question you made of them, "Well, do you want the truth or should I lie and make you feel good?" Does not every part of your body inwardly scream, "Lie and make me feel good!" But then, upon further reflection, we brace ourselves and say, "No, I better hear the truth." When I say that a person is teachable, I mean that they are willing to seek and invite the truth about themselves. This might come from others, but I believe it largely comes from the Holy Spirit's conviction upon our lives as we examine ourselves. How often do we put something off as a crazy thought rather than the truth?

4. A person with a broken heart draws the delight of the Father. One author calls this "the irony of the Gospel." God never seems to be more pleased with us than when we acknowledge that our greatest need is for Him. Just as I take great joy in the accomplishments of my children, God is pleased when He sees His children repent of sin and desire a closer relationship with Him.

Selwyn Hughes, in his book "Why Revival Waits," says the following: "I believe that what God has in mind primarily is a willingness to judge and evaluate ourselves, not by the standards of others, but by the standards of God's Word, the Bible, to come under its authority and submit to its truths. It is not possible to understand what humility is unless we are prepared to lay our lives alongside the Bible."

I challenge you today to lay your life alongside the Bible. It is always a humbling process for me, and it reminds me how desperately I need revival to come. Will you see if the same results in your life?

I pray that we all bring delight to the Father!  
*Bro. Clint*

**Sunday, March 4 we will have a special time to hear from a local Gideon and a time to receive an offering for the Gideon's Ministry.**

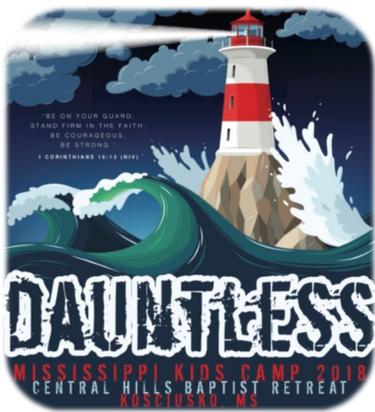


**I Love Yazoo, March 25<sup>th</sup>.** For Project 226 (kids' ministry) we will, once again, make up **bedtime bags** for our local DHS office. In the event you were not with us last time and are unfamiliar with the bags let me explain. When children are "rescued" from a home, often times it happens at odd hours and most of the time the child has nothing but the clothes on their back. Quite the traumatic experience, you can imagine. The child is given the bag as a "comfort", if you will, to help during this time. You may pick up your bag in

the foyer of the Education Building. Inside the bag is the list of ingredients and we ask that you stick as closely as possible to the list as to create as many identical bags as possible.



Please return the completed bags to the **Education foyer by Wednesday, March 21**. On Sunday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, the kids will make cards and inserts to slip into the bags that will then be delivered on Monday. Make plans now to participate and meet this special need.



## DAUNTLESS

"Be on your guard. Stand firm in your faith. Be courageous, be strong!"  
1 Cor. 16:13

Kids Camp 2018, June 18-20 is right around the corner. If you have completed 2<sup>nd</sup> grade through 6<sup>th</sup> grade we would love to have you join us.

Limited availability. Registration forms can be found in the church office or on the table in the foyer of the Education Building. **Please have your notarized form along with a \$50 deposit returned by Sunday May 27<sup>th</sup>.**

We want to thank our church family for the great support over the last eight and one half years. It was a great honor to serve as your church administrator.

A special thanks to the team that prepared for the reception. Everything was fantastic and we appreciate all the cards, gifts and well wishes.

We love you all,  
Taz and Betty



## BUILDING SPIRITUAL GIANTS

**Parents:** Mark your calendar for **April 29** for the next Building Spiritual Giants lunch. More details will be in next month's newsletter.

To my FBC Family,

Thanks to each of you, for your thoughtfulness to me with the lovely reception, cards, gifts and well wishes for my future. You are a special group! It has been a blessing to serve with you. May God bless each of you as we continue to serve our Lord together as a church family.

Love, Blanche Hester

Join us on Wednesday night, 6 pm as we continue our study of the book of John.

# March 2018

## Regular Weekly Sunday Services

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

## Wednesday Services

6:00 pm—Prayer Meeting, Children's & Students Bible Study  
and Ladies Bible Study  
6:45 pm—Choir Practice

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

Deacon of the week: 4 - Benton Hayman, 11- Pat Rush, 18 - Herman Jones, 25 - Roger Jones		Easter April 1st		1	2 A Night with Carol Burnett Dinner Theater	3
4	5 WMU Meeting	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13 Youth at Woolwine	14 No Service	15 Youth Paintball Trip	16 Youth Trip to Clark Creek Trails	17
SPRING BREAK						
18 Mohamed Baby Shower, 2 - 3:30 pm Deacon's Meeting— noon	19	20	21 Deadline to turn in bedtime bags.	22	23	24
25 I love Yazoo Day NO PM Services	26	27	28	29	30	31

### WATCH US LIVE ONLINE!

Sunday morning services are available **LIVE** online. You can watch the service live by going to [www.fbcyazoo.org](http://www.fbcyazoo.org)  
And clicking on the "Live Stream" on our home page.



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### OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday

8:00 am - 5:00 pm

FRIDAY—CLOSED

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