

May 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
30 Local Benevolence offering at the end of service. Prayer at BGS - 5:00 Rice Diaper Shower 2:00 pm	1 Deadline to sign up For the Widows & Widowers Banquet VBS TRAINING 5:45PM	2	3 McGraw Class Cooking	4	5 Widows & Widowers Banquet 6:00 pm	6
7 Wedding Shower for Jessica Noble & Kyle Wever 2:00 pm Awana-Store Night	8	9	10 Donaldson Class Cooking	11	12	13 Student Ministry Senior Crawfish Boil
14 Mother's Day Baby Dedication NO PM SERVICES	15	16	17 Choir Cooking	18	19 Last day to submit announcements for the June Newsletter	20
21 I Love Yazoo Day	22	23	24 Awana Awards Night A-Team Cooking	25	26	27
28	29 Memorial Day Office Closed	30	31 Covered Dish Family Dinner 5:30	Crest Hill / Chicago Mission Trip		
Crest Hill / Chicago Mission Trip				Deacon of the week: 7-Clarence Nelson, 14-Roy Harris, 21-Pat Rush, 28-A.G. Helton		



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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8:00 am - 5:00 pm

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Mother's Day Offering

The Baptist Children's Village Annual Offering is scheduled around Mother's Day each year. Please consider giving to this much needed ministry and pray for Baptist Children's Village families who are struggling, and for the children who are in their care.

If you would live to give a gift in honor or memory of your mother, we will notify her of your gift. A list of honorariums and memorials will also be published in the bulletin on Mother's Day, May 14.

Please have your gift in the church office by May 8, for the Mother's Day bulletin recognition.



Crest Hill & Chicago Mission Trip

May 24-June 1

If you would like to help with this trip it is not too late to sign up, we are looking for additional adults to help. In Crest Hill we will be helping with Field Day at Richland School, putting out door hanger for a block party and hosting a block party on Saturday. Sunday - Wednesday we will be assisting a church with a sports camp in South Chicago Heights. If you would like to be a part of this trip please contact Clint or Aaron.

I invite you to a prayer time Sunday April 30, 5:00 pm at Bentonia Gibbs to pray for our school. We will be asking you to pray specifically for student achievement test, peace and unity and to renew our purpose. —Melanie

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

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

Financial Report through April 2017

Total Budget Offering \$233,984.37 less Expenses \$240,273.67 = **-\$6289.00**

Total Approved Budgeted through April 2017 = 256,141.73

Actual Expenses \$240,273.67= \$15,868.36 *spending under budget*

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

April 2	April 9	April 16	April 23
Bible Study	Bible Study	Bible Study	Bible Study
Attendance	Attendance	Attendance	Attendance
224	270	270	260
Worship Service	Worship Service	Worship Service	Worship Service
Attendance	Attendance	Attendance	Attendance
282	264	401	250
<u>Budget Offering</u>	<u>Budget Offering</u>	<u>Budget Offering</u>	<u>Budget Offering</u>
<u>\$18,759.70</u>	<u>\$18,564.65</u>	<u>\$26,120.95</u>	<u>\$10,007.80</u>

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Sunday, May 21

Community Projects

Block parties at Webster Park and Fairgrounds .
Senior adults at senior adult apartment complex .
Washing windshields at Walmart and Kayes.
Additional information will be provided in your Sunday School Class.

BABY DEDICATION

before I formed you in the womb I knew you

Sunday, May 14.

Please contact the office by May 10 if you have a baby you wish to participate in this special time.



Please Join us for a
Wedding Shower
honoring
Jessica Noble

Bride elect of Kyle Wever

Sunday, May 7

2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

In the fellowship hall

Registered at: Bed Bath & Beyond,
Walmart, Downtown Marketplace
& Yazoo Drug Company



Gifts were received for the following designated funds:

To the Budget in memory of Rex Brown

To the Gideons in memory of Rex Brown & Roy Shackelford

To the Capital Improvement Fund in memory of Lou Allen, Roy Shackelford,

Mary Jones and Carol Sudduth

To the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering in memory of Rex Brown, Carol Sudduth,

Roy Shackelford, Lou Allen, Rebecca Hammons

To the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering in honor of Clint, Jennifer, Addison & Whitley Ritchie,

Libby Adams, KaRaye Jordan, Amanda Barton, Ann King, Mary Dixon, Jennifer McCain, George

Anna Griffin, Candice Pope, Dana Guthrie, Kristi Rice, Beth Harris, Katie Staten & Missy Helton

To Music Ministry in memory of Carol Sudduth, Rex Brown

To Chile Mission in memory of Roy Shackelford, Rex Brown

What a month! The days are longer, we have been “blessed” with the results of pollen, and the Lord continues to do a great work in our midst. We have celebrated physical healings, spiritual progress, strengthened marriages, new church members; Palm Easter and Easter were great days of celebration, and our choir did a fantastic job on both days. We have also mourned the passing of some very faithful, longtime church members who leave a void that will be difficult to fill.

Our Leadership Team has continued to work on our 2020 Vision, and made some recommendations at Sunday’s business meeting which were approved by the church. First, we will increase our missions involvement through GraceWater and sponsor one well a year. This ministry was started by one of our church members, Nick King, and his business partner with the goal of drilling ten wells this year in third-world countries. The cost of a well is \$8,000 and we are asking you to give an additional gift toward this ministry between now and the end of the year. Secondly, beginning September 1, John Yates will begin serving full-time as our Children’s Minister! We have seen tremendous growth, both numerically and spiritually, in our children’s ministry since we called John almost two years ago. Lastly, we are going to enter into a feasibility study regarding our facilities, to see how we can use our space more effectively and also look at future expansions. One area will be our children’s ministry, which is “busting at the seams” as we say here in the south. Each of these recommendations were given out of our prayerful desire to do MORE ministry and impact MORE lives.

We also approved at the business meeting some adjustments in our transportation, as we are going to purchase a new 15-passenger van and trade in our mini-bus, in addition to beginning the process to sale our large bus. I had more meetings about this issue than any other thing in my three years as your pastor, including the hiring of staff! I am convinced, along with many others, that this decision will allow us to do MORE ministry, especially in establishing a true bus ministry, something that was stopped at some point in this church. As we continue to connect with our community, we find that the children and teenagers are open to attending church but cannot get an adult to bring them. Therefore, we have two options: complain about the adults or go pick up those who want to come.

I admit that these are just a few steps that we need to do in order to see MORE people become disciples. As we continue to follow the Lord, He is going to show us what the next steps need to be. But it is vital that we keep the Lord as the priority of our church and our personal lives.

Paul wrote to the Corinthian church, which was a picture of dysfunction, that word had reached him about factions and quarrels in the church. He pointed out, “One of you says, ‘I follow Paul’; another, ‘I follow Apollos’; another, ‘I follow Cephas’; still

another, ‘I follow Christ.’” (1 Cor 1:12) Throughout the letter, Paul reminds them that they are one in the body of Christ, and that Christ is head of the body.

You may look at various things in our church and think that focus needs to be on something else. Or you might think that a wrong decision was made at business meeting. It is possible that you have a ministry that is dear to you that is neglected. Satan wants us to get like the Corinthian church that was divided over their preferences. We must remember that we have one preference: to glorify the Lord and make Him known. We do this together as we worship, grow, serve, and share. And we are committed to do MORE.

I recently spent time looking at our church history for an article for the *Yazoo Herald* that highlighted the 60th anniversary of the church moving to its current location. The history notes that the old location was so no longer able to meet the needs of the church. People were turned away at revival services because there was no room in the sanctuary. Sunday school classes were meeting in the courthouse and the old pastor’s home had been converted into Sunday school rooms. Yet, when it came time to vote to move, the vote was 195 to 159, and that was after two and one-half hours of discussion. I can assure you that the pastor had heartburn after that meeting! I talked to some who were church members then and they stated that a lot of people did not want to move to the current location, but can you imagine what would have happened? I believe the church would have lost its ability to impact this community.

The decision to relocate 60 years ago was a step forward, and we must continue to take them together, as the body of Christ, keeping Him the focus of all that we do.

I am honored that I get to be part of what the Lord is doing now in our church, and what He is going to do in the future. Please read this newsletter thoroughly to see how you can be involved in what He is doing through the various ministries of the church.

In Christ’s Love,
Bro. Clint



Mark your calendars now!
VBS June 5 - 9
Online registration opens May 1
at www.fbcyazoo.org





It's an exciting time of year here in the Project 226, Kids Ministry. While the busy school year is coming to a close, we are kicking off a new curriculum beginning Wednesday, May 3 and going through Wednesday, May 31.

I encourage you, parents, to make your kids Wednesday attendance a priority. Elevate takes a specific Biblical truth and, through a

Bible Story, a fun skit/drama, and games, reinforces that truth. Elevate is an exciting program that your kids are sure to enjoy.

AWANA Events

Sunday, May 7, is Store Night. Parents, do everything you can to see that your children are here at 5 p.m. They have worked so hard this semester and deserve this night where they will redeem all their points! Wednesday, May 24, 6 p.m. is Awards night. So proud of our kids and their hard work.



This year's VBS looks to be the best and largest in recent history. We can use more volunteers to do the day to day tasks such as counting the offering, helping with snacks, assisting in crafts, etc. Make a point to see me or call the church office to sign up.

I Love Yazoo on May 21 is a VBS registration block party at Webster Park and the County Fair Grounds. There will be food and bounce houses. The Kids Ministry will head this up but will take any help for the afternoon. We need people to help in encouraging our guests to register. We need those willing to man the bounce houses and servers for the hotdogs, water, popcorn and snow-cones as well as those willing to walk around and clean up.

I encourage you to make the special effort to continue the School Supply collection each Sunday through July 30. Each Sunday you can place that week's item in a collection bin and then the bulletin will have next week's item listed. We can be a tremendous blessing to Webster Elementary if we are diligent and faithful to this project.

Blessings,
John



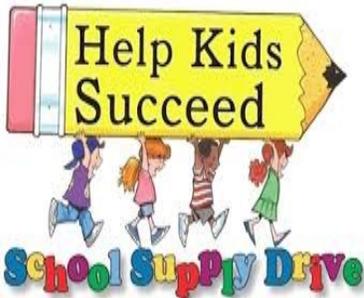
Donation Items for May

May 7 - 4 Glue Sticks

May 14 - 2 packages of wide ruled notebook paper and 2 wide ruled notebooks

May 21 - 3 packages of #2 pencils

May 28 - 4 pink erasers



Sunday April 30 following the morning service a local benevolence offering will be received at the exits of the sanctuary. Thank you for giving to this ministry that allows us to help people in our community with basic needs.

Grace Water

Well Sponsorship Goal

\$8,000

If you would like to help with this missions opportunity you may give your gift in the offering plate on Sunday or drop it by the church office.

The deacons will be hosting a

Widows & Widowers Banquet

Friday, May 5 at 6:00 pm in the fellowship hall

Please RSVP to your deacon or the church office by May 1.

Yazoo Baptist Association

VBS Training Workshop

Monday, May 1

Dinner: 5:45 - 6:30 pm

Worship Rally: 6:30 pm- 7:00 pm

Breakout Training: 7:00 pm - 8:15 pm

Please call the church office and let us know if you plan to attend.

Dear Church Family,

I would like to thank each of you for your prayers during my recent illness. Your kindness is cherished.

I would also like to thank our Pastor, Clint and his wife Jennifer for their compassion and kindness. You are truly a blessing from God. Your prayers and words helped to remind me that the Lord is my shepherd and he guides and protects me in times of trouble. Thank you.

God is the great physician and he continues to heal me.

In love to you all,

Ophelia Johnson