

Oseola McCarty was a washerwoman from Hattiesburg. At the age of eight, to aid with the family finances, she began helping her mother wash and iron clothes. Then when her aunt became ill, Oseola dropped out of school in the sixth grade to wash and iron full-time. She never returned to school, but instead spent the rest of her life washing. Every week she took some of her money to tithe, pay bills, and buy food, and then put the rest into a savings account. Faithfully she saved.

When arthritis forced her to retire at the age of eighty-six, Oseola decided it was time to pull out the \$280,000 she had saved and spend it. But instead of using the money on a new car or a luxury trip things that surely she deserved since she had worked so hard all those years; she donated a portion to her church, some to her family, and more than \$150,000 to the University of Southern Mississippi because she wanted “to give some child the opportunity I didn’t have ... I hope this money can help children, for years to come, make their dreams come true.”

Oseola McCarty is in a generation that is vanishing in our culture and within the church. When she decided to give the financial gift to Southern Miss, she did not do research on the academic setting or the school’s job placement record. She gave to her local university precisely because it was her local university. It was not about the university anyway; it was about the greater good.

As we have been examining the discipleship trait of generosity, this story of Oseola McCarty should not be a rarity. She was a woman who gave sacrificially and invested in others and in the work of the Lord through her local church. Through the years, we have become more self-focused and fewer can be characterized as those who sacrificed and invested in others and in the work of the Lord through the local church. As I said Sunday morning, 53% of Christians have not given to their church in the last month and church giving has not exceeded 3% as a portion of income in 40 years. I would imagine that time invested in the work of the church would also have similar results. I challenge all of us to demonstrate our walk with Christ by being people who sacrifice and invest.

One way to sacrifice and invest is to buy a steak dinner ticket and invite someone to our steak dinner and service Sunday night. Many of you have already done this, but we will sell tickets Sunday morning in case the Lord lays someone new on your heart this week. Please be praying for the Lord to change lives Sunday. I am honored to have Dr. Sonny Tucker with us, who is one of the best soul-winners that I know.

## Business Meeting

The 2018 Purposed Budget will be presented on **October 8**, following the morning worship service.

Wednesday, **October 11, 6:00 pm** there will be a time of question and answers about the Purposed 2018 Budget.

Another way to sacrifice and invest is our annual Fall Festival on October 31. This is the best opportunity we have all year to connect with the most people. We need you and your Sunday School class to have a booth or even two!

Our Financial Resources Team has completed their work on the 2018 budget. You will find the schedule for its presentation, discussion, and decision in this newsletter. The team had to make some difficult decisions, which is why the process is extensive this year. I appreciate their work, along with the Leadership Team.

Lastly, there is a contemporary Christian song that has the lyrics, “God is on the move ... God is on the move in many mighty ways.” When I step back and examine our church, I think of those words. I pray that you see how God is moving and know that because it is His work, it involves mighty ways. Lives are being changed. The downtrodden are being encouraged. Marriages are being strengthened. Church members are inviting others to attend. Students are sharing their faith on campus. I could go on, but know that God is on the move. Let us be faithful to be on the move with Him!

I love being your pastor!  
*Bro. Clint*

*Our Study of the Gospel of John,  
continues on Wednesday Evenings at 6:00 pm.*

## Live Out Loud Day Sunday, October 1

Special Speaker: Sonny Tucker  
Please continue to invite people to special services at 11:00 am & 5:00 pm.  
Tickets for the steak dinner at 5:00 pm are still available.

*Plan now to bring your unchurched friends  
and family to these gospel centered services.*



**October 15**, following the morning service we will gather in the fellowship hall for lunch and our Quarterly Business Meeting. The Purposed 2018 Budget will be voted on without discussion.

A **Catfish Lunch** will be served by the **Chile Missions** Team as a **fundraiser** for the upcoming Mission Trip to Chile.



## Student News

### October 6 - 8 — Breakaway Camp

Breakaway Camp will be at Twin Lakes which is just outside of Jackson. We are joining with other churches from around the state for the weekend. Corey Carr will be leading worship and Neil Tullos will be speaking.

If you have not paid now is the time to do that as it is only a few days away. The cost is \$90. A packet for the camp with all the information you need and forms can be found in the church office.

### October 31 — Fall Festival

The Fall Festival will be Tuesday, October 31. The student ministry will be serving food. Please make plans now to attend and come ready to work!

#### Accountability Groups

If you have not joined our accountability groups on Sunday nights, I want to encourage you to do that.

We meet at 5:00 pm and have a meal and bible study. During our bible study we have a time of accountability. We have had some great fellowship and growth during this time and we would strongly encourage parents to get their students involved in this ministry.

#### Financial Report through August 2017

Total Budget Offering **\$580,957.62** less Expenses **\$664,067.14** = **-63,109.52**

Total Approved Budgeted through August= \$674,034.36

Actual Expenses **\$664,067.14** = **\$29,967.22** *spending under budget*

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

<u>September 3</u>	<u>September 10</u>	<u>September 17</u>	<u>September 24</u>
Bible Study	Bible Study	Bible Study	Bible Study
Attendance	Attendance	Attendance	Attendance
279	259	252	270
Worship Service	Worship Service	Worship Service	Worship Service
Attendance	Attendance	Attendance	Attendance
263	255	250	296
Budget Offering	Budget Offering	Budget Offering	Budget Offering
<u>\$19,334</u>	<u>\$13,223</u>	<u>\$15,374</u>	<u>\$15,241</u>

## Primetlmer's

**Trustmark Senior American Day  
at MS State Fair  
Wednesday, October 11  
9:30 am - 1:30 pm**

**No admission cost but bring lunch money.**

Featuring Guy Hovis with Raphael Semmes and the Mississippi Live! Orchestra and special guests, Jerry Puckett, Jewel Bass and Tim “Elvis” Johnson. Exhibits featuring tasting, flu and pneumonia shots (if vaccine is available), blood pressure checks, drawings and educational info from various vendors.



**Best Christmas Pageant Ever  
At Mississippi College  
Thursday, November 30, 7:00 pm  
Admission Cost is \$4 each**

Make a date for lots of laughs and serious moments, too, as “The Best Christmas Pageant Ever” is back on the Clinton campus. Performances by the MC Communication Department student production.  
*Directed by our very own Sandra Grayson.*

**Carols by Candlelight  
at FBC Jackson  
Saturday, December 16, 3:00 pm  
No charge for admission,  
but tickets are required.**

**Tickets will be ordered on October 1st.**

Through powerful music and drama, over 700 volunteers express the message of Christmas through the love of Christ.

*Sign up sheets are available in your Sunday School Class or by calling the church office.*



World Food Day is October 16, 2017, in observation we will have collections boxes in the Education Building foyer on Sunday, **October 8** and **October 15**. We would like to collect the following items for the Manna House:  
*Non-perishable food, canned goods, paper products such as plates, cups, napkins, and paper towels.*

Thank you for your generous support in helping feed the hungry here in Yazoo City. The local Manna House serves the local hungry daily at noon Monday - Friday.

#### Designated Gifts

*To Gracewater in memory of Rex Brown & Philip Dixon  
To State Missions in memory of June Mathis  
To State Missions in honor of Roger & Suzy Jones and George & Buffey Jennings  
To the Music Ministry in memory of JuJu Russell & Dick Hatchett*



**Church Goal: \$8,000  
Total Collected: \$4,920**



Children’s Ministry News

What an exciting month of ministry for the kids ministry (Project 226). We decided to begin all fresh and new with our roles just like we did, church wide. So the first Wednesday night we began enrolling our kids and a month later, Sept 6, we had enrolled 75 children in our programs. God is blessing this ministry and while a number of you have responded to our pleas and stepped up to help in some way, we could always use more so I urge you, if God has prompted your heart in any way, follow through in obedience and be blessed beyond measure.

I am especially excited about our Wednesday night curriculum. Our girls, grades 1-3 and boys, grades 1-6 are going through ELEVATE. Through DVD and group activities, they are learning basic Biblical principles and how to apply them to their lives. It has been a blessing seeing growth not just in numbers but in individual lives. Our 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade girls are in a class with a curriculum especially designed to help them grow into godly young ladies. Polka Dot Girls is a wonderful and challenging program. This is a great opportunity for your children, grandchildren, and neighborhood kids to be a part of a very exciting program.



Our AWANA program continues to grow and we near the 80 mark in enrollment. Sunday at 5:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall.

FALL FESTIVAL  
Tuesday, October 31, 2017.

Last year was a record attendance for our annual event. There was no way to get a truly accurate count but we did hand out 1200 hotdogs and 1200 bottles of water. With our increased presence in the community, we have no doubt that this year will top it. I’m calling on each class to pay attention to the “game sheet” that will be appearing in your Sunday School box and to sign up for, at the least, 2 games. I also realize that a weekday creates difficulties on its own, but I am firmly convicted if we are to reach the community with the “Halloween alternative”, it is simply a waste of time and resources, and one might even argue, self-serving, to have this event any other time. Please plan now!



WORSHIP AND MUSIC NOTES

As a worship leader I have always been asked 2 questions, “Why can’t we just sing songs from the hymnal” and “why do we still sing those old songs from the hymnal”? These questions always lead to strong opinions reflecting individual likes and dislikes. In fact, many a church has been divided over “worship wars” and eventually deferring to one style of music or the other intending to attract one type of worshipper. How sad that God’s people can expend so much time and energy on worship styles rather than becoming passionate disciples committed to reaching the lost. Personally I love all styles of music, some more than others, but what I strive for in a worship service is music that reflects who we are as worshippers as we lift our music to the Lord as an offering. It is also intended to stir our own hearts and remind us of who God is and what He is doing in our lives. Some weeks it may be more one style than another. But most of the time it is a balance of styles. I love the old hymns that have endured hundreds of years because they tell the story of Jesus and teach us important doctrines of the faith. I love the new worship songs because they focus on an intimate relationship and once learned are easy to sing and remember the words (I know that many of these songs repeat the same thing over and over, but that is scriptural if read what is sung around the throne of God). The beauty of an intergenerational church like ours is that even through our music each generation shares with the other generation their songs as we worship together, and not separately. I love First Baptist Yazoo and love worshipping with you each week.

WORSHIP SONG OF THE MONTH

This month we will learn the worship song, “Our God Saves” by Paul Baloche. In the chorus it proclaims, “Our God saves, our God saves. There is hope in your name. Mourning turns to songs of praise. Our God saves, our God saves.” It is a great song of proclamation and testimony. You can find it online if you would like to preview the song before we learn it on October 8.

CHRISTMAS PREPARATIONS

Our choir has been busy working on Christmas music since August and look forward to this year’s presentation, “The Story Never Changes”. The date for this year’s presentation is December 10 so mark your calendars.

Women’s Ministry  
Christmas Wreath Workshop

Monday, November 6 at 6:15 pm in the fellowship hall, Ken Hall will be leading a Christmas Wreath Work Shop. If you would like to attend the cost is \$25.00 for supplies. The deadline to sign up is October 29. Sign up sheets will be available in your Sunday School Room or by calling the church office.

October 2017

Harvest Banquet & Offering November 5 at noon!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 LOL DAY 11am & 5 pm NO Small Groups or Awana Club	2	3	4 Family Meal by: the Staff NO Choir Rehearsal	5	6 Student Breakaway Camp	7
8 2018 Purposed Budget Presented Deacon’s Meeting Following AM Service Awana– Western Night Student Breakaway Camp	9 Columbus Day	10	11 Family Meal by: Atkinson Class 2018 Purposed Budget discussion-Q&A Senior American Fair Day Primetimers Trip	12	13	14
15 Quarterly Business Meeting—noon Vote on 2018 Budget Chile Team Fundraiser—Catfish Lunch Awana– Fruit of the Spirit Night	16	17	18 Family Meal by: Donaldson Class	19	20	21
22 Awana– Service Night	23	24	25 Family Meal by: McGraw Class	26	27	28
29 Deadline to sign up for Christmas Wreath Workshop Christmas Choir Rehearsal: 1:30 - 3:00 Awana– Drive In Movie Night	30	31 FALL FESTIVAL 5:30 pm—7:00 pm	Deacon of the Week: 1-Clarence Nelson, 8-Benton Hayman, 15-Pat Rush, 22-Herman Jones, 29-Roger Jones			



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

5:00 pm - Awana, Student Bible Study, Small Groups

Wednesday Services

5:30 pm—Family Supper;  
6:00 pm—Prayer Meeting, Children’s Elevate, Polka Dot Girls  
& Awake for Students, Ladies Bible Study  
6:45 pm—Choir Practice