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<b>Deacon of the Week:</b> Sept 2- Bobby Barton, Sept 9- Steve Coody, Sept 16- Phil Dixon, Sept 23- Joey Greco, Sept 30- Benton						1
2	3 LABOR DAY	4	5	6	7	8
9 5:00 Small Groups & Awana Start	10	11	12 Wednesday Night Re-Vamp See inside newsletter for more details	13	14	15
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23 30	24	25	26	27	28	29

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It is the most wonderful time of the year: football season! All of us can talk about our teams right now, but I anticipate that the excitement will change in the next month or so. As I have read about my favorite team, a common theme from players is that they are ready to play a real game. They have practiced for over a month and scrimmaged each other, but you play football with the anticipation of playing another team. As fans, we can read about practice, talk about recruiting, and listen to interviews, but we want game action!

As we have examined the life of Saul, a common characteristic is that he did not take action. He was content to sit around and let Jonathan initiate battle with the Philistines. As a church, we must be people of action. Time is short and people are hurting. Many are facing eternity in hell. Others need an encouraging word and a helping hand. Ministries in our church need servants. As we consider whether or not to take action, heed Jesus' words to the disciples in Matthew 10:38, "Whoever does not take up their cross and follow Me is not worthy of Me."

You all demonstrated action this month with the beginning of our Backpack Ministry. The response to bringing food has been amazing! This past week, bags were sent home with 51 children! Please continue to bring the requested items, and please note that we ask that you do not substitute items. This is a marathon, not a sprint, so please continue to pick up a few items when you go to the store.

Our Ministry Team is also leading with action. During one of our Mission Yazoo weeks, a back yard Bible club was held in the Yazoo Estates apartment complex. The first day, 50 children attended, a number that grew throughout the week. The children were well-behaved and hungry to be taught. The apartment manager was appreciative of the efforts of the team and offered the use of their meeting room for future events. As a result, we are going to begin offering a weekly Bible study with the children in this complex on Sunday afternoons. We anticipate being able to expand this to include teenagers and adults.

To begin, we are looking for groups to go once a month on Sunday at 3:30 and do a one-hour Bible study. We are planning to use our children's Sunday School curriculum. This would be a great opportunity for a Sunday School class to serve together. It is vital that the groups understand they must go on their assigned Sunday, or our credibility will be ruined and the ministry destroyed. The 3:30 start time gives groups the opportunity to finish and get back to small group or Awana. Will you take action? You can see me or Lori McGraw, Ministry Team Leader, for any questions or to commit.

I am also grateful for the action of our Family Ministry Team. They are gathering resources that can be given to families to help strengthen the family. You will be hearing more about that soon. They have also taken the lead in our small groups, with several groups focusing upon family relationships. Regardless of how long you have been married

or how strong your marriage is, you can use one of these studies. Will you take action?

In addition to the work of the Lord in and through the church, He works in our lives individually. He is doing one thing in me and another in you. While there may some similarities, God's work in each of us is personal. It is between Him and you. And it requires action! Ultimately, He expects us to point people to Him. It has been said that Christians are simply "one beggar telling another beggar where he found bread."

There is a man living in the remote state of Rondonia, Brazil, who has been living a solitary life. He is the last known survivor of his Amazonian tribe. Everyone else was murdered two decades ago by land-hungry ranchers. Authorities say he spends his days hunting pigs, monkeys, and birds with a bow and arrow. Those who have been observing the man from a distance believe him to be in his fifties. The lonely man has no father, no brothers nor sisters, no human connections to the outside world, no fellowship with people like him, and no social support.

While this is a tragic scenario, even more tragic is the loneliness of the soul without Christ, and therefore, no connection to God.

The Christless soul has no Father. Second Corinthians 6:18 quotes God as saying that He will be the Father of those who are obedient to Him. The soul connected to God through Christ will never experience spiritual loneliness.

The Christless soul has no brothers nor sisters. Jesus said that those who do the will of the Father in heaven are brothers and sisters to Him (Matthew 12:48-50). Souls are not designed to be only children.

The Christless soul has no spiritual support network, no fellowship with those who are in Christ, and no connections spiritually. God, through Scripture, has emphasized the necessity of personal interaction as a means to build one another up (Romans 14:19). Self-edification is a shallow substitute for positive interpersonal interaction.

The loneliest soul in the world is the soul without a connection to God through Christ.

Christians need to reach out to the Christless and let them know that they are not meant to be alone.

We are surrounded by Christless souls. Action is required!

God bless,  
 Bro. Clint



# STUDENT MINISTRY

September is full of opportunities for our students. Small groups start on September 9th. Our guys will be studying Rick Burgess's, from Rick and Bubba Show, How to be a Man. This bible study will give a biblical example of what a man looks like according to scripture and not the world's standards. Our Girls will be studying Bethany Barr Philip's, Facing your Fears. This study will encourage and empower our girls to serve God with all they have regardless of what they are afraid of.

Also on September 22, we will be going on a fun trip to an escape room in Jackson and eat at Sal and Mookies before. A sign up sheet is in the youth room. Students must sign up. Also this month we will have a sign up sheet for the Mercy Me concert coming to Jackson. Tickets are \$35. Students must sign up and pay in order to get their ticket. The concert is on October 11th.



Coming up in October we have **Breakaway Camp. October 12-14.** Students can sign up and find more information on the information desk in the youth area. This is not a camp you will want to miss!

**Ladies Bible Study**  
**Wednesday, Sep., 5 at 6:00**  
 in the Education bldg.- 2nd floor!

We will study the book- Becoming a Woman of Extraordinary Faith by Julie Clinton. Books are provided on a first come, first served basis.



**The 2018-2019 Deacon Council consists of**  
 Bobby Barton (Vice-Chairman), Steve Coody, Phil Dixon, Joey Greco, Benton Hayman, George Jennings, Roy Harris (Chairman), A.G. Helton, Nick King, Tim Manor, Bill Meeks, Bill McGraw (Secretary), Clarence Nelson, Richard Pickens, Phillip Pope, Paul Rice, Pat Rush, and Mike Williams.

† Please pray for these men as they serve the church.  
**The Deacon Family Ministry was restructured to evolve around Sunday School classes, so nearly everyone received a new deacon. You will be receiving communication from the church and your new family deacon in the coming weeks.**

New Sermon Series, starting September 9, is "Faith Works" from the book of James.

**Items for BACKPACK MINISTRY:**  
 Instant oatmeal, cereal bars, pop-tarts, ravioli\*, Vienna sausages, soup\*, jerky sticks, crackers, cookies, granola bars (no peanuts or peanut butter), macaroni and cheese\*, ramen noodles, and fruit snacks.  
 (\* indicates single serve containers)  
 Please no substitutions.

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

To the Music Ministry in memory of Bill & Lillian Davis  
 To GraceWater in memory of Mary Lee Corley, Margarete Stevenson & Betty Bureson  
 To the CableVision Ministry memory of Margarete Stevenson  
 To the Children's Ministry in memory of Margarete Stevenson  
 To the Capital Improvement Fund in memory of Betty Bureson

**Financial Report through JULY 2018**  
 Year-to-Date Budget Expenses- \$520,225  
 Year-to-Date Actual Expenses- \$449,111.21  
 Year-to-Date Non-Designated Receipts- \$485,230.17

- Get Plugged into Small Groups Starting September 9 at 5:00PM**
- The 5 Love Languages,** led by Phil and Mary Dixon, in room 308 of the Education Building
  - The Marriage You Have Always Wanted,** led by Bill and Lori McGraw, in the second floor of the office building
  - The Mission: Joining God in His Work,** led by Vernon Sikes, in the second floor of the Education Building
  - Christ-Centered Parenting,** led by Clint Ritchie, in the second floor of the office building
  - The Surprising Secrets of Highly Happy Marriages,** led by Steve Roark, at the home of Nick and Ann King—1600 Hwy 16 E
- \*Check the small groups page at [fbcyazoo.org](http://fbcyazoo.org) for additional groups that might be added

July 29	August 5	August 12	August 19	August 26
Sunday School Attendance 234	Sunday School Attendance 262	Sunday School Attendance 249	Sunday School Attendance 242	Sunday School Attendance 287
Worship Service Attendance 242	Worship Service Attendance 292	Worship Service Attendance 267	Worship Service Attendance 238	Worship Service Attendance 273
Budget Offering \$8,138.30,	Budget Offering \$15,755.00	Budget Offering \$15,692.22	Budget Offering \$9,188.84	Budget Offering \$11,382.22

# Children's Ministry



**Children's Ministry of FBC** has continued to work hard to grow children in Christ and to teach each child to look beyond their own "walls" to see the needs around them. FBC has done a great job is helping with this through the various community projects and outreach. Handing out almost 350 bags of school supplies was a great experience. Then the weekend food bags that have been assembled from your generous donations have reminded our kids how truly blessed they are as we put together 51 bags for hungry children to take home each weekend. Thank you, church, for your support of this ministry.

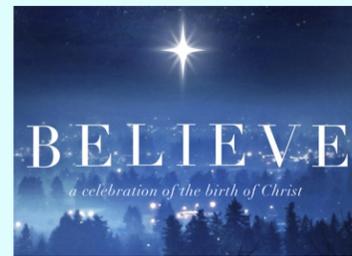


Kids, ages 4-5K and 1st – 6th grade, this month we will continue our Bible study of the Beatitudes as taught by Jesus in Matthew 5. Each Wednesday night beginning at 6 p.m. we will have another lesson on how to live the life God desires! Polka Dot girls (5th and 6th grade) will meet with the group briefly before heading up to their class for their "Back to School" lessons on **"Living as God intended in the Midst of School."**



It's here, kids! The Bible learning, super fun game time, snacks and group time known as **AWANA**. "Approved Workmen are not Ashamed", 2nd Timothy 2:15. Mom and dad, make sure your kids are registered and get them here on Sunday night, September 9th at 5 pm for the big kickoff! Register online @ [www.fbcyazoo.org](http://www.fbcyazoo.org). **If you are an adult and desire to do more than just sit in a pew, this is an investment of eternal significance. You can serve as a listener. You will be assigned an age group, Pre-K (Puggles and Cubbies), K-2nd (Sparks), or 3rd -6th (T & T, Truth and Training). You will stay with that large group as you escort them through the various rotations, which others will lead, of the night. When they get to their "bookwork" time, that's when you listen and pass off their memory work. Make an eternal difference in a child! Enough sitting on the bench or sidelines. God could be calling on you!**

## Choir Notes



It's not too late to join our Christmas Celebration Choir as we have begun rehearsals for our presentation of BELIEVE on December 9th. Rehearsals are each Wednesday in September (except for 9/26) at 6:45 pm in the choir room on the 2nd floor of the education building. Our children will be singing a couple of numbers with us and they will learn their music during our regular children's activities on Wednesday nights so make sure your elementary aged children are here each Wednesday during the fall.

*We are blessed to have so many talented musicians who enhance our worship each week. I am grateful to them as they play and sing each week. I'm also appreciative of two talented sisters, Rosemary Milner and Patricia Parker, who often fill in for our ladies when they need to be out. When you see them in the community, please let them know how much you appreciate them. Pianists and organists are becoming harder to find and I am thankful for these ladies who so graciously lend a hand when needed. During the month of September I will be out several Sundays but leave you in good hands with John and Aaron who are always willing to fill in for me. No matter who is leading, always remember what a privilege it is to lift our voices together as one as praise the Almighty, the Name Above All Names, the King of Kings, and Lord of Lords!*  
**- Ken Hall**

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**Wednesday Night Re-Vamp**  
**SEPTEMBER 12**  
**5:30- Meal** (Reservation required through Sunday School and the bulletin). \$5 per person. No carry outs.  
**6:00- Refuel Worship Service for adults;** Children's "Elevate" service; Youth "Awake" Service  
**6:45- Choir Practice**