



STUDENT MINISTRY

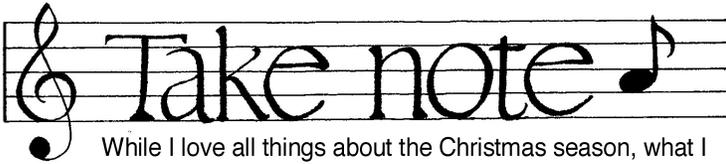
Bro. Aaron Sibley

As December arrives that means lots of traveling, eating, and spending time with family is coming too. We will do a little of that as a youth group as well! Our Youth Christmas Party will be **December 7th**. It will be a scavenger hunt and progressive dinner ending with a white elephant gift exchange. Also coming up soon is Disciple Now, January 25-27th. Early registration for D-Now will open **December 5th** along with a roll out of the year's theme, speaker, and worship leader. Be sure to be on the lookout for that info and get your student registered. You can register online or the old-fashioned way with registration forms that can be found on the info desk in the youth room or in the church office. The cost is \$25, with discounts for people who have multiple children. Early registration ends on January 9th and the cost will go up to \$35 from there. Also coming up soon is another 3rd Sunday at Yazoo Estates on **December 16th**. Our first two meetings out there have been great! I hope you will join us as we spend time and share the Gospel with the children in that community.

December 5th
Early Registration
for DNOW

December 7th
Christmas Party!

December 16th
3rd Sunday at
Yazoo Estates



While I love all things about the Christmas season, what I look forward to most is the music! There is something about the music of Christmas that not only brings joy, but offers hope even in the midst of the darkest of circumstances. Over the next few weeks, the sights and sounds of Christmas will remind us once again of the greatest gift of all - Jesus! The next time you enter our worship center you will see the fruits of the selfless labor of several of our ladies and men who have spent countless hours decorating. You will also be blessed by the music our choir and instrumentalists have been working on since August. Each Sunday will offer the opportunity to worship together and celebrate the greatest gift of all.

Besides our regular opportunities for worship, December is filled with several special opportunities beginning this Sunday with special music by our Christmas Celebration Choir and our guest speaker, Dr. Richard Ross of Ft. Worth, TX. December 9th will be our choir's presentation of BELIEVE - A Celebration of the Birth of Christ. They will be joined by our Kids Choir and give two presentations - 11 am and 4 pm. Christmas Eve at 5 pm we will gather for our annual Candlelight Service, a simple yet meaningful time of worship through carols and scripture. I look forward to joining with you during these times of worship and fellowship.

BELIEVE
a celebration of the birth of Christ

*Presented by our Christmas Celebration Choir
joined by our Kids' Choir*

December 9th 11a.m. & 4 p.m.

Ken DECEMBER CHRISTMAS CHOIR SCHEDULE

Sun. Dec. 2	11:00 am	Sing in Worship Service
Sun. Dec. 2	1:45 pm	Rehearsal
Wed. Dec. 5	6:30 pm	Dress Rehearsal
Sun. Dec. 9	11:00 am	BELIEVE - A Celebration of the Birth of Christ
	4:00 pm	BELIEVE - A Celebration of the Birth of Christ
Sun. Dec. 16	11:00 am	Sing in Worship Service
Sun. Dec. 23	11:00 am	Sing in Worship Service

2019 is the 175th anniversary of FBC. Mark your calendar for our 175th celebration on **Sunday, February, 24**, which is also the first day of our annual revival services that continue through February 27.



Mr. & Mrs. Gary Andrews request the honor of your presence at the celebration of the marriage of

Kristi Leigh Andrews
&
Benjamin Barlow McCrory

Saturday December 22, 2018
6:00 p.m.
First Baptist Church Nesbit

Dinner and Dancing to follow at
The Gin in Nesbit

Please RSVP by December 8th at
www.theknot.com/us/kristiandbenji

WEDNESDAY
Night
MEALS

December 5th
Red chili & white chili
Jalapeño cornbread
Pinto beans
Dessert

December 12th
Chicken Paprika w/ rice
Field peas
Salad
Garlic bread
Dessert

5 p.m. \$5 per person
Make your reservation!

November Attendance & Offering

<u>November 4</u>	<u>November 11</u>	<u>November 18</u>	<u>November 25</u>
Sunday School 241	Sunday School 242	Sunday School 235	Sunday School 215
Worship Service 233	Worship Service 234	Worship Service 251	Worship Service 215
<u>Budget Offering</u> \$9,249.39	<u>Budget Offering</u> \$21,157.36	<u>Budget Offering</u> \$8,327.15	<u>Budget Offering</u> \$11,301.00
Harvest Offering Total: \$47,731.00		Online Budget: \$5,806.05	

**Gifts were received for the following designated funds:
To GraceWater in in memory of Bettye Roark**

Financial Report through October 2018

Year-to-Date Budget Expenses — \$750,130.50
Year-to-Date Actual Expenses — \$679,977.42
Year-to-date Non-Designated Receipts — \$729,740.15



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'Tis the Season! It is hard to believe that December and Christmas are here. The Christmas season often leads to an increased busyness (as if we were not busy enough), with all the gatherings to attend and gifts to buy. I pray that our church will set an example for others during this time of the year and that we will focus on the greatest gift ever given: Jesus.

It is also the season for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions, and I love to talk about this offering and promote the work of our missionaries. I want to challenge you to give sacrificially to this offering over the next several weeks. I have personally seen the impact of the Lottie Moon offering on the mission field and in the lives of our missionaries. I have stood in the road leading up the mountain in Chile, where the road turned from pavement to gravel, and was told that this is where the Gospel has stopped. Except our missionaries went where no one else went.

I have sat in a home with three missionary couples, all supported by the Lottie Moon Offering and the Cooperative Program and the home provided by the same support. Their needs were met, unlike other missionaries who had to raise their own support. I have also driven past that same home when it was empty because the three missionary couples were moved to other places, or brought home, because of the lack of support.

I have looked a missionary eye-to-eye that made the decision to take early retirement due to the decreased support of the Lottie Moon Offering. He and his wife hurt as they talked about leaving the place and the people that they loved. They lament that the work they poured their lives into will not continue and that people will never get to hear about Jesus— unless Southern Baptists give faithfully so that more missionaries can be sent.

This time of year often involves a push for shoe boxes that are sent through Samaritan's Purse. I have never been a big supporter of this effort for many reasons, but it has recently been brought to my attention that many of the items sent in the boxes, especially the toys, end up for sale in markets in third world countries. Missionaries have written recently that when children are starving, a box full of stuff besides food does not meet much of a need. As Americans, we think they will enjoy a few small items, but it misses the greatest need. The Lottie Moon Offering, though, has personnel on the field, working with those with many needs, and the offering supplies our missionaries with the tools they need to meet the needs, including providing food to many who are starving.

Again, I want to encourage you to give sacrificially to the Lottie Moon Offering so that more people will have the opportunity to hear about Jesus. The need is greater than it has ever been because of the lostness in our world. The Lord has laid on my heart to set our church goal at \$30,000, an amount that can only be reached if we are selfless in our giving above our regular tithe and offering.

We will conclude our Lottie Moon emphasis with our annual Chili Cook Off on Sunday, January 20. I ask that you mark your calendar now to stay for lunch after church as we use this time to celebrate the past year and look ahead to the new year. This is one of my favorite times of the year as a pastor, and while it seems like a long way away, I know that if you do not prioritize it now, it will not be a priority in January.

It is also the season for inviting! Research has shown repeatedly that the unchurched are willing to attend Christmas services if they are just invited! We are going to send a promotional invitation to over 10,000 homes in Yazoo County that will share about our Christmas services, but the most effective invitation is a personal invitation. I challenge you regularly to invite people to church -- but the challenge often is ignored. For Christmas this year, I would like for you to think of that unchurched neighbor, family member, classmate, co-worker, or just a person God has placed on your heart -- and reach out and invite them to come to church with you this Christmas season. You might be surprised how they answer!

One special thing we are doing for everyone, with the hope it will encourage some unchurched to attend, is to offer a free family photo on Sunday, December 23. Families will be able to get their picture snapped before or after the service.

Lastly, it is the season for us to move forward. I am excited about the first steps that we have taken in our 2020 Vision. You will hear much more about the upcoming capital campaign after the first of the year, but I ask that you make it a matter of prayer now. As I shared this past month, we have ignored some major facility needs in the past, and there is nothing we can do about it. What we can do is move forward, and that is the plan. Again, you will be hearing much more about that soon. Until then, I look forward to celebrating the birth of Jesus with you this month.

In Him,
Bro. Clint

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LOTTIE MOON
CHRISTMAS
OFFERING®

Church Goal: \$30,000



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Bro. John Yates

Is it just me or does it seem like we just finished VBS? Where has the year gone and now we are in the midst of our big holiday season. So much to be thankful for in our church life. God is using us in so many exciting ways and I am grateful for a willing church body and the leadership it takes to be in His hands and feet.

On Sunday, **December 16**, we will have our 3rd annual Breakfast at Bethlehem. Ages 4 – 6th grade. This will be a super exciting morning with a pancake breakfast and special guests. This year, our special guests are Jingle, Archie, and Kipp! That's it... that's all the info you get so make sure you plan on being in the Fellowship Hall at 9:30 a.m.



Our Backpacks of Hope ministry has continued to be such a blessing to those 57 children. Thank you for stepping up and providing the large boxes of cereal for the week long break of Thanksgiving. Each child received many items and a large box of cereal. We will do the same for the Christmas break. We have the cereal we need so just continue your regular donations of an item here or there. Thank you. We will be doing an Angel Tree for these families and you will



see a tree with names and info of how you can help make a special Christmas for a family. On Saturday, **Dec 22**, we will have a luncheon for the families and present the gifts to the children as well as a box of food for each family.

REEVES & MARTHA SHACKELFORD ARE EXPECTING A



Join us as we shower the mommy-to-be

DECEMBER **2ND** 1:30-3:00

First Baptist Church Family Life Center
319 Jackson Ave, Yazoo City, MS

It's a BOY

SHELBY JOHNS
and
CALEB GREY



ARE GETTING MARRIED!
JOIN US TO SHOWER THE HAPPY COUPLE

DECEMBER | **8th** | AT 2:00 PM

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH FAMILY LIFE CENTER
319 JACKSON AVE YAZOO CITY, MS

registered at Dillard's, Bed, Bath & Beyond, and Belk

OH DEER! WE ARE WILD FOR
LAWSON BLAKE



YOU'RE INVITED TO A SHOWER CELEBRATING
MAMA-BEAR-TO-BE MEGAN COGHLAN

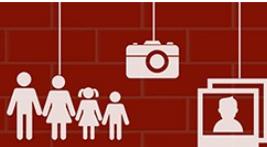


december | 1:30 PM - 3 PM
16th | FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH FAMILY LIFE CENTER
319 JACKSON AVE YAZOO CITY, MS

REGISTRY: TARGET, AMAZON, & BLACKS ON 15TH



We are updating the
CHURCH DIRECTORY



It is time for a new church pictorial directory! Pictures will be taken **January 17—19 and January 30—February 2**. As always, every family photographed gets a free 8x10 and there is no commitment to buy pictures. The company we are using recently bought Shutterfly, so you will even be able to view and purchase pictures afterwards in the comfort of your own home! In addition to the printed directory, every family photographed will also have the option to have a directory app with all the pictures and contact information at your fingertips. **Appointments are required** and will be scheduled online beginning mid-December. If you do not have internet access, we will have someone set up on Sundays to assist with your appointment, or you can call the church office.

December 2018

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: 2 - Richard Pickens, 9 - Phillip Pope, 16 - Paul Rice, 23 - Pat Rush, 30 - Mike Williams					1	
					Family First Weekend	
2 Shackleford Baby Shower @ 1:30	3	4	5	6 Office Closed Staff Retreat	7	8 Caleb Grey & Shelby Johns Wedding Shower @ 2pm
9 "Believe" Christmas Choir Program @ 11 am & 4pm	10	11	12	13	14	15
16 Children's Breakfast in Bethlehem @ 9:30 am Coghlan Baby Shower @ 1:30 Yazoo Estates Ministry	17	18	19 Christmas Fellowship @ 6 	20	21	22
23 Free Family Photos 	24 Candlelight Service @ 5 pm 	25 	26 No Services	27	28	29
30	31					

WATCH US LIVE ONLINE!

Sunday morning services are available **LIVE** online. You can watch the service by going to www.fbcyazoo.org and clicking on the "Live Stream" on our home page.



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8:00 am - 5:00 pm

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