



STUDENT MINISTRY

Bro. Aaron Sibley



The student ministry has been plugging away this fall. Our fall retreat, Breakaway, was a huge success. We took a great group of students and volunteers to Camp Garaywa for the annual retreat where our students were challenged to "Break the Mold" and be more than what the world says they should be and choose to be what Christ has called them to be.

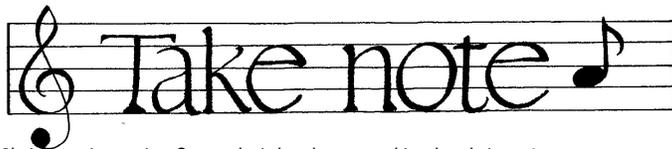
They also kicked off our first 3rd Sunday Service at Yazoo Estates. The students, along with a few adult volunteers, gathered children and students from the area and played, sang, and had a Bible study. Our students have truly been leading out as the hands and feet of Christ in our community. Our hope is that others in our church will join with them to create a more consistent presence

at Yazoo Estates. An opportunity coming up to do just that is **November 18th**. We will have a mini **I Love Yazoo** there at Yazoo Estates immediately following the morning church service. We will grill burgers, bring the jumpers, and spend time getting to know the community as church. I hope you can participate!

There are several other things coming up in the year. Our girls will be leaving this weekend for a conference at FBC Crossett, Arkansas. Jessica Wever is leading our girls there to a conference called Daughters of the King. Be praying for safe travels, close bonds, and young women who return with a better understanding of who they are in light of what Christ has done for them.



Also coming up Nov.30 - Dec. 2 is a family Dnow we are calling "Family First." It will be an opportunity for parents and their children to worship together, serve together, and learn more about what it looks like to pursue a discipleship relationship in the home. If you haven't registered for this event please do so! The last day to register is November 15th!



Christmas is coming & our choir has been working hard since August on our annual Christmas presentation which is scheduled for **December 9th**. The choir will have a fresh new look this year (no, we didn't get rid of the usual choir members) & I believe you will love the music you will hear that presents the good news of Christmas in an exciting and meaningful way. For choir members, here is an UPDATED schedule for Nov:

Sunday, Nov. 3	Rehearsal 1:45—3:00 (begin after Harvest Banquet)
Wed. Nov. 7	Rehearsal 6:45—8:00
Sun Nov. 11	Rehearsal 1:45—3:00
Wed. Nov. 14	Rehearsal 6:45—8:00
Sun. Nov. 25	Rehearsal 1:45—3:00
Wed. Nov. 28	Rehearsal 6:45—8:00

Attention Parents of Children—Our FBC kids will be singing a couple of songs with our Christmas Choir in December. John is teaching them the music during regularly scheduled children's activities between now and then. If you want your child (1st—6th grades) to participate, please make sure to have him/her at our Wednesday children's activities.



The Leadership Team and the Financial Team are ready to present part of the 2020 Vision to you that would involve a remodel of the Education Building and upgrade in heating and cooling systems in the Education Building and the Sanctuary, and a subsequent capital fundraising campaign. This will be shared Sunday as part of the Harvest Banquet, then a question and answer session will be held Wednesday, November 7, at 6:00. If necessary, a second session will be held on Wednesday, November 14, at 6:00. On Sunday, November 18, we will enter into a special-called business meeting following the worship service to vote on proceeding with this project and the capital campaign. Please be in prayer about this need in our church, and make plans to be here Sunday for our Harvest Day and Banquet!



The church will provide the turkey & dressing for the Harvest Banquet. If your last name begins with **A—M**, bring vegetables and side dishes. If your last name begins with **N—Z** please bring desserts!

DON'T FORGET!



Our annual Harvest Offering will be collected at the end of our worship service (11/4), with a goal of \$70,000, the estimated costs of replacing the carpet in the sanctuary and repairing and resurfacing the parking lot. Special Harvest Offering envelopes are available. The total given will be announced at our Harvest Banquet following the service.



Join us Sunday, November 25, at 5:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall for the Deacon Ordination of Phillip Pope and Mike Williams.

September/October Attendance & Offering

September 30	October 7	October 14	October 21	October 28
Sunday School 255	Sunday School 224	Sunday School 256	Sunday School 227	Sunday School 251
Worship Service 225	Worship Service 214	Worship Service 247	Worship Service 208	Worship Service 242
Budget Offering \$20,493.00	Budget Offering \$12,906.30	Budget Offering \$15,054.20	Budget Offering \$10,147.00	Budget Offering \$9,658.65

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

Gifts were received for the following designated funds:
To GraceWater in honor of Mr. & Mrs. Ephraim Smith

Financial Report through September 2018

Year-to-Date Budget Expenses— \$677,550.35

Year-to-Date Actual Expenses— \$595,510.98

Year-to-date Non-Designated Receipts— \$671,411.61



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Fall has finally arrived, which means that Thanksgiving and then Christmas are not far behind. It is during this time that we get so wrapped up in all the things going on that we are consumed with self. There is something wrong when the time of year where we are supposed to reflect in thankfulness upon the work of God in our lives, culminating with the celebration of Him sending Jesus, becomes all about us. I think that we need to be reminded of our priority of serving.

In my years as your pastor, you have heard me talk a lot about serving. When I first came, there was not much serving taking place. We have made great strides but there is still a long way to go. So much of what we call service in the church is based upon convenience; if there is nothing to compete with our time or energy, then we serve.

John 13 is one of the greatest demonstrations of service in history. Growing up in the church, I never heard this story. It was not until I was a senior in college that I understood the significance of this passage and its impact on my personal ministry. On the eve of His crucifixion, after encountering grown men arguing about whom among them was the greatest, Jesus did the most humbling thing possible. He stooped before His disciples, washed the dirtiest and most lowly part of their bodies, and carefully dried them with His servant's towel.

Jesus showed the importance of serving when others neglect to serve. The task of washing feet was customary before you reclined at the table, much like we wash our hands before a meal, but the task was reserved for the lowliest of servants. There was not a servant present when the disciples entered the room, yet none of the disciples ever considered that they could serve in this capacity. Jesus was showing that real servant act even when those they serve are undeserving, and a real servant acts in spite of ample reasons not to serve.

In *The Purpose Driven Life*, Rick Warren says, "The world defines greatness in terms of power, possessions, prestige, and position...Jesus, however, measured greatness in terms of service, not status. God determines your greatness by how many people you serve, not how many people serve you."

Jesus showed that a real servant acts in spite of distractions in the midst of service. What makes Jesus' washing the disciples' feet so staggering is that He did it in the face of the knowledge He was about to be betrayed, arrested, scourged, and crucified. Jesus certainly had every reason, from our perspective, not to serve Judas, His betrayer He had shepherded so much. Instead, in the ultimate act of servitude, Jesus knelt and washed the feet of the man who would turn Him over to His executioners. Jesus would have us serve the very ones we hold in the most contempt. What a revival it would be if this were to happen in the church!

Jesus showed that genuine service is willing to act on an immediate need - not when your circumstances are comfortable for you and your schedule. Jesus knew His time had come, yet still He acted when He saw the need. Jesus knew that genuine service bypasses the usual excuses for serving others: not enough time, hurtful feelings or jealousy, limited resources. He knew none of these excuses were reason enough not to embrace Christian service to others as the most effective way of advancing Christianity.

We have before us a needy and hurting world. With salvation in our hearts, the towel of service in our hand, Christ dwelling within us, and the Father exalted above us, we have within us the power to impact the world for Christ. Every act of service points to the ultimate act of service on the Cross.

When we read things like this, it is common to immediately say, "I do serve." But consider these words from Richard Foster, an author who focuses on spiritual disciplines, "*When we choose to serve we are still in charge. We decide whom we will serve and when we will serve. But when we chose to be a servant, we give up the right to be in charge.* There is great freedom in this. When we choose to be a servant, we surrender the right to decide who and when we will serve. We become available and vulnerable."

Foster's distinction is more than just a little convicting. It is so very easy to serve without truly being a servant, but we are called to be servants of God's people, to God's people, in all that we do and say. That means we are to be accessible to those around us. We are called to listen to them, celebrate with them, cry with them, and comfort them. When we are servants in our community, it spills out to the way we treat the clerk at the grocery store or the waiter at the restaurant. Every exchange with others is an opportunity for us to be a servant. We must commit to speak Jesus into the heart and souls of those we encounter every day in every way.

God bless,
Bro. Clint





CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Bro. John Yates



What a tremendous night of community outreach through our Fall Festival! When I came to serve alongside FBC, I stood on the principle that if we were going to do a Fall Festival as an alternative to trick or treat/Halloween, then we must do that festival on the 31st, otherwise it's just another event. You have faithfully stepped up, rolled up your sleeves, and done the job. I am blessed by the efforts of so many and pray we continue making FBC's footprints evident throughout the city!

Our Backpacks of Hope ministry is continuing to bless 57 children each weekend. Thank you for your generosity and faithfulness in providing the necessary items week after week. **This month, I have a special request.** I have been informed that the weekend before Thanksgiving will be the beginning of the Thanksgiving break. That's November 16—26. Obviously, there's no way the kids can carry a week's worth of food home, but we want to do more than usual. So, along with encouraging you to continue giving so we can store up and be ready, I want to request that you contribute **1 box of cereal**. That will do a good job toward providing their breakfast and we can concentrate on the other items. **Kid's cereal, please. Thank you!**



AWANA Store Night is set for Sunday, November 18th. In the event you are unfamiliar with this night, your kids earn points for everything from scripture memory to wearing tennis shoes to bringing their Bible, to attending Sunday School and so on. All of these points continue adding up week after week and on Store Night, those points are converted to AWANA bucks that can be spent in the AWANA Store. It's a lot of fun and a huge reward for all their hard work. Encourage your children and see to it they are in attendance each week at 5 p.m. to take advantage of each opportunity.

I am looking forward to the Family Conference at the end of the month. In addition to the things we are doing as families, we have a special guest coming for the kids! That's right...Airhead is coming! More information and formal introduction soon, but take my word, you will want your kids involved in this event. Commit to this wonderful weekend and be amazed at God's handiwork.



We hope you join us for this family-focused event **November 30—December 2!** Strengthen heart connections and grow together as a family as you worship, learn, and serve together. This is a "DNow" type weekend for the entire family! We will begin Friday evening with sessions for parents, youth, and children. Yazoo City native and Associate Pastor of Calvary Baptist in Tupelo, **Jim Yates**, will be leading a parent-focused session. **JB Long**, Youth Pastor at First Baptist Mathiston, will be leading sessions for the youth, and Magician/Balloon artist, **Airhead**, for the children! **Airhead (Perry Robbins)** is the pastor at Shady Grove Baptist in Magee.



Richard Ross, youth ministry consultant for Lifeway Christian Resources, will be leading sessions on Saturday & Sunday as well! The weekend will consist of a service project and conclude after worship on Sunday, December 2. Childcare will be provided for preschool and younger. Registration will be available at www.fbcyazoo.org and is required **by November 15th**. You won't want to miss this event!



November 7th
Individual Meatloaf w/tomato gravy
Hashbrown Casserole
Baby lima beans
Salad
Roll
Dessert

November 14
Roasted turkey breast
Cornbread Dressing w/giblet gravy
Cranberry Sauce
Squash casserole
Green Beans
Roll
Seasonal Desserts

November 28
Rotel Chicken Spaghetti
Peas and Carrots
Roll
Salad
Dessert

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



Be in prayer for the **Gracewater Mission Team** as they will be in Africa Nov. 1—Nov 15. Also, don't forget to give as we work toward our \$8,000 goal to drill one well this year!



We hope you have already picked up a green and red box in the Education Building foyer for Operation Christmas Child. If not, there's still time to do so! Please prayerfully consider this mission opportunity to help a child learn about Christ through

The Greatest Journey Gospel booklet that accompanies each shoe box. Over 1.9 million students made decisions for Christ in 2017 as a result of attending the follow-up discipleship classes. All filled boxes need to be returned to the Education Building foyer no later than Sunday, November 11. If you have questions, contact any of the WMU ladies or call Glenda Smith at 746-1213. **Thanks for your participation!**

baby shower



PLEASE JOIN US AS WE HONOR MOTHER-TO-BE
JESSICA WEVER
SUNDAY NOVEMBER 18TH | FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH FAMILY LIFE CENTER | 1:30PM TO 3:00PM
39 JACSON AVE. YAZOO CITY, MS
SHE'S HAVING A BOY
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REGISTERED AT
AMAZON, TARGET WALMART & DOWNTOWN MARKET PLACE

November 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: 4 - Tim Manor, 11 - Bill Meeks, 18 - Bill McGraw, 25 - Clarence Nelson				1	2 Daughters of the King (youth girls trip)	3
4 "Fall Back" Daylight Savings Ends Harvest Banquet @ 12	5	6	7 VISION Q & A 6 p.m.	8	9	10
11 Last Day to bring OCC Boxes	12	13	14	15	16	17
18 Yazoo Estates Ministry following service Wever Baby Shower @ 1:30 Awana Store Night	19	20	21 No Services Office Closed	22 happy thanks giving	23	24
25 Deacon Ordination Service @ 5	26	27	28	29	30 Family First Weekend	

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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