

# September 2017

**Mark your Calendars now - Harvest Banquet & Offering November 5 at noon!**

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Living Out Loud Day Sunday, October 1					1	2
3 NO PM SERVICE	4 Labor Day Office Closed	5 Deadline to submit 2018 Budget Request	6 Meal by Donaldson Class	7 Finance Team Meeting 5 pm	8	9
10 Awana Noodle Night— 5 pm Steak Dinner Tickets go on sale for LOL Day Chile Mission Trip Meeting 4pm Fall Small Groups Begin-5pm	11	12	13 Meal by McGraw Class	14 Senior Adult Luncheon noon	15	16 Student Kayaking Okatoma Trip
17 Awana Outside Game Night— 5 pm National Back to Church Sunday	18	19	20 Sanctuary Choir Practice Only NO Christmas Choir Meal by Choir	21	22	23
24 Awana Bring a Friend Night— 5 pm Christmas Choir Rehearsal 1:30—3:00 pm	25	26	27 Meal by A-Team	28	29	30



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#### Regular Weekly Sunday Services

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



## Student News

### September 16—Okatoma Kayaking

That Saturday we will leave early to kayak the Okatoma River. The cost is \$30. This includes everything except lunch. Bring your own lunch and drinks (lots of water) packed in a small cooler that you can secure to your kayak or yourself. We will leave at 7:30 am which will allow us to get on the water by 10:00 am. We will be back before your favorite college team even starts their game. **You must confirm you are going by September 8th.**

### October 1— LOL Day

This year for **LOL Day** the students will once again be helping serve the meal. Be sure to be there, ready to participate and serve the families who attend.

### October 6 - 8— Fall Retreat

This year we will have our first Fall Retreat. It 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. We will begin late on Friday night so those who are attending football games away or home can make it. Those who still can't come that night can come Saturday morning to enjoy the rest of the weekend. Transportation can be arranged for those who do not drive. The cost is \$90 a student. *Those who need help with cost should contact Aaron about scholarships or work projects to raise the money.*

#### Financial Report through July 2017

Total Budget Offering \$523,316.24 less Expenses \$552,846.68 = **-\$29,530.44**

Total Approved Budgeted through July 2017 = 579,643.40

Actual Expenses \$552,846.68 = **\$26,796.72** *spending under budget*

July 30	August 6	August 13	August 20
Bible Study Attendance 271	Bible Study Attendance 265	Bible Study Attendance 286	Bible Study Attendance 258
Worship Service Attendance 267	Worship Service Attendance 291	Worship Service Attendance N/A	Worship Service Attendance 269
Budget Offering \$15,957.95	Budget Offering \$15,284.00	Budget Offering \$17,431.00	Budget Offering \$13,714.40

## Deacon Election

The following men accepted the nomination to serve as a deacon: Tommy Guthrie, Benton Hayman, Herman Jones, Tim Manor, Bill Meeks, Richard Pickens, and Paul Rice.

Our next mission trip to **Chile** is tentatively set for early to mid-January. We will have an interest meeting on **Sunday, September 10**, as a way for you to explore being part of this trip. Attending the meeting is not a commitment! We are also looking at a dinner theatre fundraiser, so please come to the meeting if you are interested in assisting.

Our "Living Out Loud" (LOL) Day is **Sunday, October 1**. This is a day where we focus on the spiritual harvest that surrounds us. We will have Sunday morning and evening service, then finish the day with a steak dinner. Tickets to the dinner are **\$5 per person** and will be on **sale beginning September 10**. You are asked to buy tickets for yourself and your **un-churched family and friends**. We saw a large crowd of unchurched people at this event last year, and even more will attend if we are willing to invest in them and invite them.

## SMALL GROUPS

Fall Semester for **Small Groups** will kick off on **September 10, 5 pm**. There are several options for you to choose from this term. **Class descriptions, teachers and locations will be posted at [www.fbcyazoo.org](http://www.fbcyazoo.org) and in the bulletin this Sunday.**

## Senior Adults Luncheon

**September 14** at noon there will be a luncheon for all Prime-timers. **Please call the office if you would like to attend.** There is no charge and you don't have to bring anything. This will be a time to fellowship. There will also be a organizational meeting to discuss future ministry possibilities.

### Designated Gifts

To the Capital Improvement Fund in memory of June Mathis, Otto Browning, Jr., Bill Davis, Philip Dixon, Dennis Huggins, Mary Jones, Dot Meeks, Doris Wadsworth Neely  
To Gracewater in memory of June Mathis, Bill Davis  
To Gracewater in honor of John Donaldson & Roy Harris  
To the Music Ministry in memory of Dot Meeks  
To the Local Benevolence Fund in memory of June Mathis  
To the Christian Service Center in memory of Dot Meeks  
To the Baptist Disaster Response in memory of June Mathis  
To the Bereavement Fund in memory of Philip Dixon & Dot Meeks

It is hard to believe that August is almost over, and I hope that you understand the impact the church had this month. We started off with our "I Love Yazoo" projects, including feeding the teachers of every school district in Yazoo County. A huge "THANK YOU!" to everyone that participated. I was amazed at the help we had at each meal, as well as at the First Responders Appreciation Banquet and at the school supply giveaway. One teacher commented on Facebook, "Thank you for being Jesus' hands and feet and serving your community. You blessed so many today. Lunch was delicious!"

We have started the new Sunday School year off strong, our children's ministry has been blessed with 60 children in Awana and on Wednesday night, volunteers are stepping up to help meet needs. God is continuing to work! My prayer is that YOU will be part of what He is doing. Again, our word this year is "MORE!" God continues to give us more opportunities to see lives changed through the power of the Gospel, but each of us must be willing to accept more responsibility.

Last weekend was one of the rare times that Jennifer was out of town and the girls were left with me. The biggest struggle is fixing their hair for church on Sunday and making sure they are fed. The ability to eat Sunday lunch was questionable because we had to be in Jackson early that afternoon and sometimes the preacher goes a little late with the message. I needed something quick and easy. So, I determined that we would order pizza for supper on Saturday and order enough that we could have leftovers for Sunday lunch. The plan worked to perfection, and the best part was that lunch did not cost me.

That is the issue with leftovers they are easy and do not cost. While it is a good meal option, the problem comes when leftovers become part of our spiritual lives.

It is one thing to feed leftovers to your family, but you would never consider that when inviting special guests to dinner.

The same is true when it comes to the way we worship and honor our King, the Lord Jesus Christ. If we truly want to honor Him, it will not be with our "leftovers". Everything we have, everything we are, and everything we hope for are rooted in God's creation of us and His graciousness toward us through Christ. Our time, money, and abilities are actually His. We should not give Him our time, money or abilities "if there is some leftover." We only honor God when we give to Him first, trusting that He will provide for the rest of our time, money, and energy needs.

Proverbs 3:9 urges us to honor God by practicing first fruit giving with our money. We basically have five general alternatives when it comes to what we do with our income: (1) the support of a chosen lifestyle; (2) whatever is needed for the repayment of debt because of that lifestyle; (3) the payment of taxes; (4) what we save and invest for the future; and (5) what we give away. What order of priority do these five alternatives take in your life? Will you follow the instruction of Proverbs 3:9 in helping you determine those priorities?

Those give alternatives can also be applied to the use of our time and abilities. Rather than giving God the leftovers, why do we not give from the first fruits? Because it costs! In 2 Samuel 24, David goes to offer a sacrifice to the Lord to stop the plague the people were experiencing because of David's sin of pride. One man, Araunah, offered David everything he needed for the sacrifice at no cost. Araunah would have wanted the plague to end, too. But David said, "I will not sacrifice to the Lord my God burnt offerings that cost me nothing." While we do not have to bring burnt offerings, we are to give of the tithe, of our time, and our abilities. It is not a sacrifice if it does not cost you.

I am still committed to MORE – knowing it will cost!  
*Bro. Clint*



### Well Sponsorship

Church Goal \$8,000

Current: \$3,270.00



## Children's Ministry News

Thank you for helping us during the AC issues. I realize we have children placed all over the church plant and this has created some inconvenience and even a little confusion at times but you have been patient with us and helpful. We are pressing on with our fall programs and would love to see your children be a part of everything!

Parents please encourage your kids to participate in each weekly emphasis. They will earn points for each thing they do and will be able to do that much more when the AWANA store is available on November 19. You can still register your child online at [www.fbcyazoo.org](http://www.fbcyazoo.org). It's not too late to get your child/children involved in this wonderful program!



- 3 – NO AWANA – Labor Day
- 10 – Noodle Night - Games w/Pool Noodles  
Bring Ramen Noodles for Food Bank.
- 17 – Outside Game Night - Game Time  
Outside Weather Permitting
- 24 – Bring a Friend Night

At this time, we have 60 kids participating in our AWANA program. That's a real blessing but also requires more volunteers to help. We sure could use you as a listener, a helper in recreation or snacks and would appreciate you considering pitching in. Call the church office to speak to John.

Our Wednesday nights continue. This new Elevate series, Berry Blast Theme Park teaches the fruits of the Spirit. "Twitch, the newest employee at Berry Blast Theme Park has a lot to learn about what makes a great park employee. In order to be the best Berry Blast has to offer, Twitch has to master joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control, and love. It's a good thing he has Bernie to train him. Grab your tickets and get in line as Bernie helps Twitch face life's difficulties using the ultimate fruit, the Fruit of the Spirit." This is going to be a great and challenging study for your child. Please get them here by 5:30 to eat, 6:00-6:45 for the lesson time!



This is an exciting study for our girls, grades 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> and is led by Missy. She has a real heart to give these girls what they need, spiritually, to be the young lady God desires her to be. From 6:00-6:45 each

Wednesday night in Room 305 in the Education Building.

*"Then little children were brought to him for him to lay his hands on them and pray. But the disciples scolded those who brought them. But Jesus said, 'Let the little children come to me and do not try to stop them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.' And he placed his hands on them and went on his way."  
Matthew 19:13-15*

## An Opportunity to Serve

I appeal to you, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to sincerely pray about teaching our children on Wednesday night. It is easy to send money to faraway places and while there is need there, we have the opportunity to change lives, households, and our city by investing in these children, right here. God would not allow this growth without providing the necessary workers. I am firmly convinced He has already begun His work in calling someone to join us. Are you the one?

- John

## 2018 BUDGET

All budget requests for the 2018 budget must be submitted to the church office no later than **Tuesday, September 5**. The Financial Resources Team will begin working on the budget September 7. Please be in prayer for this process. The proposed budget will be **available October 8** and **voted on at our business meeting on October 15**.

## State Missions

September is the time when we collect the Margaret Lackey Offering for State Missions, which is the primary funding stream for key mission efforts in many different areas: Garaywa Camp and Conference Center in Clinton, Central Hills Retreat near West, Missions Volunteers, Church Multiplication, Community Ministry, Disaster Relief, Criminal Justice Ministries, Collegiate Outreach, Christian Women's/Men's Job Corps, Cross-Cultural Evangelism, Language/Deaf Ministry, and Port Ministry. The Margaret Lackey Offering for State Missions is like the Cooperative Program's little sister, and adds value to what Mississippi Baptists are doing together in missions, church leadership training, and compassionate evangelism. Please consider an additional gift toward this offering.

September 17 is **"National Back to Church Sunday."** The summer months often cause people to drop out of church, while many have been out for long periods of time. Research shows that people are willing to come back if they are invited. Think about who you can invite for this particular Sunday. We have some tracts available that we are going to use to distribute in our community, but who in particular do you need to take one and use to invite them back to church?