



# STUDENT MINISTRY

Bro. Aaron Sibley

Well, if you are ever locked in a room with our students, don't expect to make it out. We had a great time at 601escaperooms this past week but none of us were able to free ourselves. We did, however, get to build awesome relationships with one another that I know will lead to great discipleship opportunities.



Coming up is the **BIGGEST** event of the fall for us. That is **Breakaway Camp**. This is our annual fall retreat which will be held at Camp Garaywa this year; October 12-14. We have eight churches participating from all over the state. Gary Permenter will be leading us, with Corey Carr leading in worship. As we have finalized the plans for this event over the last few months I am filled with expectation at what

God is going to do. Please pray that our students are reenergized for the semester and that they rise to the challenge to "breakaway" from sin in their lives and embrace a life devoted to Christ.

Also coming up on October 11th is a MercyMe Concert. If students would like to sign up for either of these events, there is still time but it is ticking away quickly! Please contact Aaron **ASAP** to be sure you can get in.

I want to take a moment to thank all of our volunteers that have helped us get the school year kicked off so far. We have had tons who cook, teach, and just hang out with our students. We could not do this without them and the impact they are having on our students is eternal.



You can now text any amount to 662.516.5333 to give!

**TEXT TO GIVE**

The first time you use *TEXT TO GIVE*, you will be prompted to enter your preferred payment method.

After the initial set-up, you will only need to text your amount and you're done!

*Women's Ministry*  
wreath-making fellowship

*October 15th 5 p.m. \$30*

Sign up BEFORE October 7th. Limited to the first 40 people. Call Jessica in the office to sign up, but your spot is NOT reserved until money is turned in to the office!

**DON'T FORGET!**

Sunday, September 30, 2018, we will collect our 5th Sunday Benevolence Offering.

September Attendance & Offering			
September 2	September 9	September 16	September 23
Sunday School 229	Sunday School 213	Sunday School 273	Sunday School 262
Worship Service 220	Worship Service 235	Worship Service 254	Worship Service 244
<u>Budget Offering</u> \$12,006.55	<u>Budget Offering</u> \$12,286.00	<u>Budget Offering</u> \$55,384.00	<u>Budget Offering</u> \$10,607.00

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

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

- To the Capital Improvement Fund in memory of George Hayman and Garry Roark.
- To State Missions in memory of George Hayman
- To Christian Service Center in memory of Bev and Myra Lanoux

**Financial Report through August 2018**

- Year-to-Date Budget Expenses— \$604,970.21
- Year-to-Date Actual Expenses— \$528,869.22
- Year-to-date Non-Designated Receipts— \$551,867.31



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People are hurting. No matter who we are, we are all in some conflict of our own. It could be a struggle in our marriages, finances, or work drama. It could be a physical issue, such as cancer.

As we have examined in James, circumstances and trials are tools that shape our character. Nearing the end of his life, Paul called the journey, “the good fight” (2 Timothy 4:7). The good fight we are in, serving the Lord, can leave us battered, bullied and bruised. But the fight does not have to destroy us. Paul’s fight was full of hardship: shipwrecked, beaten, jailed and snakebitten. However, in Philippians 4:13, we learn the secret to his endurance and contentment: “I am able to do all things through him who strengthens me.”

This is an amazing attitude and commitment. In order to demonstrate it ourselves, remember three things:

**WE MAY BE CORNERED, BUT WE STILL HAVE HIS LIFE.** In 2 Corinthians 4, Paul writes how the treasure we have in these earthen vessels shows the very extraordinary power of God, and not of our own. When cornered in the fight, we either choose to run or fight back. What if we decide to remember whose fight it is in the first place? Although afflicted in every way, affliction does not have to snuff the life out of us as believers. We have an unending well to fulfill our thirsting soul.

These momentary and light afflictions pale in comparison to the glory God has in store for us. As we continue to walk with Jesus, He has promised to finish the work He began in us. Growing up, I remember some of the older folks saying, “I believe I’ll run on and see what the end is going to be.” As God strengthens us, we press on, knowing the end is way better than where we are now. Find joy in Him. Find Rest in Him.

**WE MAY BE PERPLEXED, BUT WE DON’T HAVE TO DESPAIR.** Sometimes Christian cliches can prove right. Take “too blessed to be stressed,” for example. For many of us, stress is our lives. We cannot allow the momentary affliction lead us to despair. Anyone who desires to live for Christ will experience similar weakness as Paul describes. His divine strength will sustain, supply, and supplement all our needs. In short, we may be stressed, but we do not have to be stressed out.

**WE MAY SUFFER, BUT WE ARE NOT ABANDONED OR DESTROYED.** In our lowest moments, we may feel like Humpty Dumpty, shattered and broken, with no hope of being put back together again. The earthen vessel will endure cracks, bruises, and dings, but what we carry on the inside will never fade. When Paul writes of being struck down, it is the picture of being laid low by a weapon, bullied, or stricken with a disease. However, God’s power is always working in and through us.

One thing we must remember is that we are never alone. It may seem lonely, but with His grace, we do not have to endure it alone. He is a very present help in all our times of trouble.

You may be among those who are hurting, but the hurt does not have to consume you. Reset and remember the all-sufficient one who can not only meet your needs but sustain you through every battle.

In HIM,  
*Bro. Clint*

Our WMU ladies are sponsoring Operation Christmas Child. In early October, Christmas cardboard boxes will be placed in the foyer of the Education Building and in some of the Sunday School Class

rooms. Please take one or more boxes and fill with fun toys, school supplies and hygiene items. As you are packing your box, pray for the child who will receive it.

A brochure with instructions and a box label will be included inside each box. You are asked to place a \$9 check (for shipping costs) in the envelope provided on the top, inside of the box. Personal notes are welcomed and may be placed inside the box, however, **DO NOT INCLUDE** candy, toothpaste, gum, used or damaged items, war-related items, seeds, food, liquids or lotions, medications or vitamins, breakable items, glass containers or aerosol cans.

Please return your box(es) to the Education Building foyer or Room 206 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!





# CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Bro. John Yates



First, let me sincerely thank each of you for your participation in our Weekend Backpack Ministry. Our number of children receiving this blessing has increased, as of this writing, to 57 children. There are a few sets of siblings but only a few. We are reaching and ministering to many families. Each bag also contains a personal note and church program information that varies from week to week. God will bless our faithfulness to doing His work if we remain diligent. This ministry is a marathon not a sprint, so be sure to pick up 1 or 2 of the needed items each time you go to the store. I will post specific item needs as they arise but until then continue picking up that single item here or there. Just one item...each time...will add up and meet needs.

Where can you go to be amazed and astounded? Where can you go to see the craziest and coolest acts ever? Where can you go to learn about all the amazing ways God has gifted you? Why, you can go to the circus, of course! Join us for three rings of pure awesomeness as we learn alongside Penny Worth at her new job at Percival Von Schnitzells's Big Top Circus! So, buy your ticket, load up on cotton candy and popcorn, and try to find a good seat, because the circus is in town and we're heading Under the Big Top! Our new Elevate Series. For 4 yrs-5K and 1st – 6th grade, Wednesday night at 6 p.m. beginning October 3rd!



It's right here! FBC's **LARGEST** one-night community outreach is our Fall Festival right across the street from the church and next to Webster Elementary School. Make your plans to attend and assist in this great opportunity. This year, October 31st is on Wednesday and everything will go on as planned. Sunday School classes will be asked to sign up for games or assistance in registration, manning various activities, and talking/visiting with our community. It's going to be another wonderful night so mark it down!

  
would be honored by your presence at the

*2nd Annual*  
**Gala**

Saturday, October 20th, 2018  
at 6 o'clock in the evening

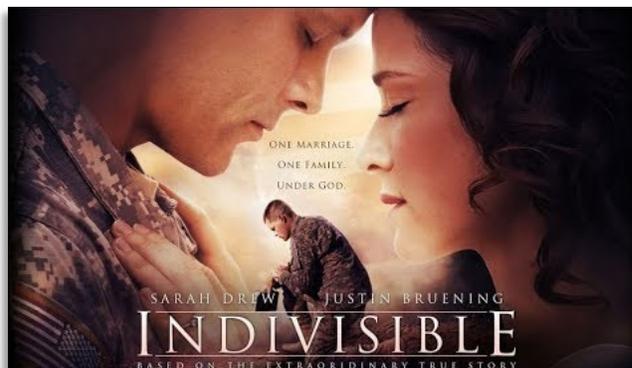
First Baptist Church • Family Life Center  
319 Jackson Ave. Yazoo City, MS

Entertainment Recording Artist Meredith Andrews  
Silent Auction

\$60 Per ticket | Please RSVP by October 7th  
Dressy casual attire

All proceeds help provide clean water for those in need.

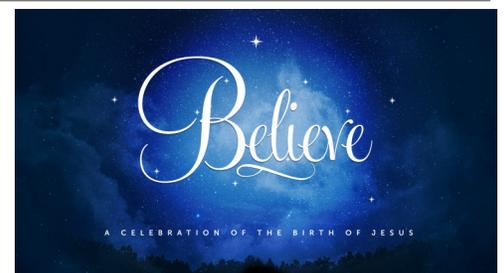
*There are tickets available for purchase in the office.*



From the director of The Grace Card and the studio that brought you Fireproof and War Room comes **INDIVISIBLE**, the story of one marriage ... one family ... under God. **INDIVISIBLE** is based on the extraordinary true story of Army Chaplain Darren Turner and his wife Heather. With a strong, faith-filled marriage, the Turners are ready to follow their

calling: serving God, family, and country. "Indivisible" is coming to Plaza Twin Cinema October 26-28. We will sell advance tickets for Friday-Sunday starting October 14. \$8 per person. Make plans to watch the movie locally! This is also a great opportunity for outreach.

Join our Christmas Celebration Choir as we have begun rehearsals for our presentation of **BELIEVE** on December 9th. Rehearsals are on Wednesday nights at 6:45 in the choir room on the 2nd floor of the Education Building.



# October 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
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8 Columbus Day	9	10	11 MercyMe Concert in Jackson	12 Breakaway Fall Retreat	13
14 Deacon's Meeting @ 12	15 Wreath-Making Fellowship 5 p.m.	16	17	18	19	20 gracewater Gala at 6 p.m.
21 Business Meeting @ 12 3rd Sunday at The Estates @ 3:30	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31 FALL FESTIVAL	Deacon of the week: 7- George Jennings, 14 - Roy Harris, 21 - A.G. Helton, 28 - Nick King		

### WATCH US LIVE ONLINE!

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



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### Office Hours

Monday - Thursday

8:00 am - 5:00 pm

**FRIDAY - CLOSED**

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