



# STUDENT MINISTRY

Bro. Aaron Sibley

## COUNTER CULTURE

from David Platt

As summer arrives we have tons of awesome activities to come with it. One really cool option we have this summer is Lunch Bunch. On most Thursdays throughout the summer students can come for lunch at the church and a Bible study that is looking at what it means to live counter-culturally. There is a schedule on the cork board in the youth room and students can sign up to

come so we can make arrangements for lunch. Also coming up is a mission trip to Pascagoula, MS. Unfortunately we could not make it to Chicago this year, but there is a need on the coast in Pascagoula for community missions and some light construction work. We will leave on June 9th and arrive back on June 13th. If you are interested in going sign up quickly in the youth area or let Aaron know. The cost is \$35. Also coming up are two Mission Yazoo sessions. The closest one to us is June 23-27. I hope you can come and help as we have teams from around MS coming to serve in our community.



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One of the things happening this summer that I am most excited about is something we are calling Pew to 5k. We aren't actually going to run a 5k, but the idea is to spiritually train ourselves this summer. Paul mentions in 1 Corinthians 9:24-27 that we have to train ourselves to grow in our relationship with God and become more mature. This is our goal this summer with Pew to 5k. There are numerous disciplines that students can work on and achieve credits for each one they master. Those students with the most credits at the end of the summer will receive a prize. Our hope is that this will help build positive habits in the lives of our students. If you are not a student and wish to join us, you can find an info sheet in the youth area that outlines those disciplines.



SUMMER 2019

### CHOIR REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

May 28	No Rehearsal
June 5	No Rehearsal
June 12	Rehearsal
June 19	Rehearsal
June 26	No Rehearsal
July 3	No Rehearsal
July 10	Rehearsal
July 17	No Rehearsal
July 24	Rehearsal
July 31	Rehearsal



VBS Family Day will wrap up VBS on Sunday, June 9, at 11:00, followed by our potluck lunch. All children and their families will be invited to stay for lunch! WE WILL NOT EXPECT OUR GUESTS TO BRING ANYTHING, SO WE NEED YOU TO BRING LOTS OF FOOD.



Updated Challenge to Grow Pledge Total: \$1,076,310. Please start giving your commitment amounts in June! There will be new giving envelopes in July to indicate your amount, however, until then, please make a note on your check or current envelopes. Thank you!

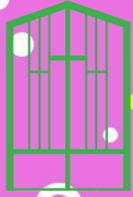
### May Attendance & Offering

May 5	May 12	May 19	May 26
Sunday School 248	Sunday School 257	Sunday School 193	Sunday School
Worship Service 266	Worship Service 295	Worship Service 166	Worship Service 166
Budget Offering \$20,932	Budget Offering \$12,362	Budget Offering \$30,228	Budget Offering \$7,381

\*\$16,514.73 required weekly to meet budget.

Gifts were received for the following designated funds:

Benevolence Fund in Memory of James Moore



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**Summer is here!** The students and teachers are celebrating the end of school, parents are trying to figure out what to do with their children all summer, and pastors are dreading the typical drop in attendance. Summer can be a difficult time for a church due to sporadic attendance and so many events competing for our attention. But the summer also offers the opportunity for great ministry to take place. VBS, camps, Mission Yazoo, and much else only happens in the summer months. The next couple of months give us the opportunity to move FORWARD in the ministries of our church and advance the Kingdom.

Here are some keys that I believe will help us to thrive this summer, both personally and as a church family.

**Attend regularly.** We will have services each Sunday, and it is important to prioritize Sunday School and worship attendance. People often will tell me about the negative impact missing church has on their lives, usually after they have missed for several weeks. Gathering for corporate worship does make a difference in our lives, but that is not the primary reason we gather. Worship is giving God the adoration He deserves, and when we miss church services, we miss the opportunity to do this together. If you do have to miss services, you can always join us on our livestream at [fbcyazoo.org](http://fbcyazoo.org) or watch later on YouTube.

**Give faithfully.** The ministry in the summer is often some of the most expensive ministry that we do, yet typically our offerings are lower in the summer due to sporadic attendance. If you have to miss a week, be sure you do not miss giving. You can “double up” the next week or use our online or Text-to-Give options. June is also when we have asked you to begin fulfilling your regular “Challenge to Grow” commitments.

**Pray fervently.** The history of God’s people is decorated with men and women of prayer. Volumes have been written about men and women of God who knew how to fall before God at the altar of prayer until their prayers were answered. John Knox was consumed for such a burden for his nation that he prayed, “Lord, give me Scotland or I die!” Oh that we would have such a burden for our families, our community, and our nation.

**Serve wholeheartedly.** As I write this, it is one day after our “I Love Yazoo” day at Yazoo Estates. I find joy in those who served

wholeheartedly, most of whom stood for the duration of the event while they served food, cleaned up, played games with the children, and controlled the activities at the inflatables. And there was no complaining, even when there were no restroom facilities available! This spirit of serving should be regular and expected in the church. If you do not have a place of service within the church, your spiritual life is suffering. I would love to share with you how you can find your place!

**Invest generationally.** For the first time in the history of the church, there are five living generations – and for the most part, there is no interaction among generations. If you are older, consider how you could invest in the younger generations. Here are a couple of suggestions: serve in VBS and in extended session on Sunday morning. If you are younger, consider how you could encourage someone who is older. Regardless of age, we need to invest in others! We are surrounded by people who are facing eternity in Hell. The need is great and time is of the essence. We must look beyond ourselves and invest in others.

**Look compassionately.** Jesus looked at the crowds and saw them as sheep without a shepherd because they were harassed and helpless. What He saw led Him to have compassion (Matthew 9:36). Compassion can be defined as “caring in action.” Jesus cared. The crowds around us are like those Jesus saw: harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. We must be people who care- and demonstrate that care through action. You have harassed and helpless neighbors, family members, co-workers, and others who need you to open your eyes and see them with compassion.

These keys will help us to thrive at any time, but we especially need them this summer. Let us “make the most of every opportunity” (Ephesians 5:16).

I pray that as we are faithful in these areas, God will use our efforts and as a result there will be more people in Heaven and less people in Hell.

In Him,  
Bro. Clint



# CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Bro. John Yates

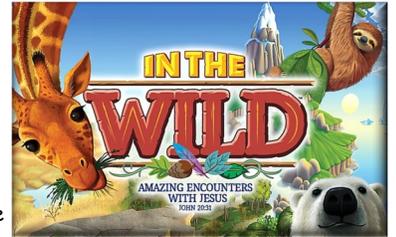
Proverbs 22:6; "Train up a child in the way they should go and when they are old they will not depart from it."



Kids Camp '19 is right around the corner and the deadline for signing up just passed. That being said, I'll be ordering T shirts soon and giving our host camp much needed info. I would love for your child to participate. This is our first camp to do on our own and I'm excited about the possibilities and spiritual impact this camp could potentially have on your child. Please, please, take full advantage of this opportunity. We will leave Monday morning, July 15<sup>th</sup> and return Wednesday afternoon, July 17<sup>th</sup>. It's not a big time to block off of your summer calendar but could have eternal significance. Call the church office and we can give you specifics of how you can take advantage of this!

VBS is the number one evangelistic tool we have as Southern Baptist. "Current research suggests that a child who is actively involved in church may actually only attend church one or two times a month, which translates

into a couple of hours each month. A traditional VBS involves 3-4 hours a day for 5 days in a row. This is equivalent of seven months of "church" for today's typical church-going child!"  
Melita Thomas, *What About Kids Ministry*



Why not take advantage of this and bring your child, a neighbor's child or help us at the registration tables on Monday morning. Come see me Sunday and just mention you'd like to pitch in. I promise that work goes from about 7:40 am to about 8:10 or so. If you have been praying about getting plugged in and just haven't done it, I've got room for you...promise!

Sweeeeeeeet!!!! It's here...are you ready? Summer Blast! Yes, crazy, fun, exciting, inspirational, and a series of events you do not want to miss. So hold on to this newsletter or write down these dates. June 12, 19, 26. Dates in July to be published later! See you at the church at 6 pm each night.



## MISSION YAZOO

Our first week of Mission Yazoo is June 23-27, as we host a team of youth and adult leaders to serve in our community in Back Yard Bible Clubs. Be listening for ways you can serve this team by providing meals.

### CHURCH DIRECTORY

The Church Photo Directories are here!! If you/your family had photos taken, there is a copy waiting for you in the church office!

### TEXT TO GIVE

You can now text any amount to 662.516.5333 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!

### DID YOU KNOW?

Your regular giving makes ongoing ministry and missions possible as we fulfill the mission God has given us as a church. Each week we strive to "reach and equip the generations to become fully devoted followers of Christ." There are many ways to give at FBC Yazoo, but one of the easiest is through our Online Giving Platform. Go to [fbcyazoo.org/give](http://fbcyazoo.org/give) to set up your giving account. Online Giving is safe and secure. You can make a one-time gift or schedule a recurring gift so you do not have to remember to write a check. You can give regularly to the general budget or choose to give above and beyond your tithe to the Challenge to Grow Campaign, Missions, and other designated funds. If you have questions about Online Giving, feel free to contact Jessica in the office (662.746.2471).



June is the time when we take the first step in our annual Deacon Election process by accepting nominations for deacons. Each Church member may nominate as many men as they choose as candidates for the existing vacancies on the Deacons Council, stating for each person so nominated the reason for nomination. Please see the enclosed form. All completed forms need to be submitted no later than June 16. A box will be set up in the foyer of the sanctuary, or you can return the form to the church office.



Wednesday Night Meals will resume in the fall!

# June 2019

**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 & Student's Bible Study and Ladies Bible Study  
 6:45 pm—Choir Practice

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><b>Deacon of the week:</b> 2 - Joey Greco, 9 - Benton Hayman, 16 - George Jennings, 23 - Roy Harris, 30 - A.G. Helton</p>						1
2 VBS Worker's Luncheon	3	4 <b>V</b>	5 <b>B</b>	6 <b>S</b>	7	8
9 VBS Family Day	10	11	12	13	14	15
16 <i>Happy FATHER'S Day</i>	17	18	19	20	21	22
23 <i>the BENEVOLENCE offering 30</i>	24	25 <b>MISSION YAZOO</b>		27	28	29

**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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