



STUDENT MINISTRY

Bro. Aaron Sibley



Our summer is officially over, and it has been a great one. We have had students who have submitted their life to Christ and been saved, others who have surrendered to ministry, and 100's of decisions by students of various types to grow in their relationship with Jesus. Our students have grown closer together while serving our community and other communities. All of this has happened in what I like to call the Jesus Bubble. In the bubble you are largely separated from the regular everyday pressures to be like the world. It's a great time every summer, but those pressures are coming back. Our students will soon be faced with being different from the world day in and day out. If you have prayed for them over the summer, then double your efforts now. Pray they will be bold to continue the changes they have made regardless of the influences around them. Pray they will share the Good News at every opportunity they get and that they will have the wisdom to know what to say so that no moment is wasted. This was Paul's prayer in Colossians 4:2-6 and I hope you will model your prayer for our students in the same way.

If you would like to find a way to serve our students beyond just prayer, we could use volunteers at all of our meetings. We need adults who are willing to just spend time with a student. Ask them how their day was and take interest in them. The great news is we do not have any age or physical qualifications that you have to meet. We don't care if you are 21 or 91, we want you to pour into our students. If you aren't sure exactly of how you want to do that, please go and talk to Aaron and he can fill you in on how you can have an existing role or we can even create a role for you.

One major event that is coming up is Breakaway Retreat. This year it is again at Camp Garaywa. Todd Core will be preaching and Anthem Worship is leading in worship. They were our band from DNOW 2019. The dates are October 18-20 and the cost is \$80. Those who have games on the 18th can still come and just need to coordinate with me to help them get a ride. You can sign up for this event in the youth room.



This Sunday, August 4, is our "Promotion Day" for Sunday School. Parents are asked to help get your children in the right class. All classes will be asked to re-enroll all participants in an effort to keep our records up-to-date. Sunday marks the beginning of a new Sunday School year, so if you have not been attending, this is a great time to become part of a class of your choice.

Join us for a
BRIDAL SHOWER
honoring
ALI SHELTON
bride elect of Hunter Shackelford

SUNDAY · AUGUST 18 · 2 PM

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YAZOO CITY, MS 39194

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JOIN US FOR THE
**MEN'S
MINISTRY
SUPPER**

SATURDAY AUGUST 3RD @ 4PM

The Whippoorwill
453 Locust Grove Road
Benton, MS 39039

Check this out!

 Crest Hill, IL, Mission Trip August 11-13. Be in prayer for our efforts as we continue to move toward seeing a church planted in this community that has little evangelical witness. The team will host the block party at the local school district on the day the students and parents come to get their schedule and locker assignments. Each year, approximately 1500 people attend this event. We need more volunteers to participate in this quick trip. Please see Bro. Clint for more information.

July Attendance & Offering

July 7	July 14	July 21	July 28
Sunday School 194	Sunday School 191	Sunday School 238	Sunday School 249
Worship Service 169	Worship Service 182	Worship Service 233	Worship Service 209
Budget Offering \$18,104	Budget Offering \$8,793	Budget Offering \$10,275	Budget Offering \$8,746

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

Gifts were received for the following designated funds:

- Local Benevolence in memory of Dr. Jimmy Walker
- Capital Campaign in honor of John Donaldson
- Capital Campaign in honor of Roy Harris
- Education Scholarship in memory of Dr. Jimmy Walker
- Youth Ministry in memory of Evelyn Hitt
- Capital Campaign in memory of Charlotte Helton
- Music Ministry in memory of Dr. Jimmy Walker
- Capital Campaign in memory of Dr. Jimmy Walker
- Capital Campaign in memory of Lester Ingram
- Gracewater in memory of Rosie Richardson
- Capital Campaign in honor of John & Bennie Donaldson
- Capital Improvements in memory of Lester Ingram



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While summer continues for a while longer on the calendar, the beginning of school signals the end of what we refer to as “summer.” Our summer was full of great opportunities for Kingdom impact, including VBS, camps, Mission Yazoo, and every Sunday morning! Now we switch gears and have the beginning of Awana, small groups will start in September, our new Sunday School year starts this Sunday, and much more. I pray that you will get plugged in to what God is doing in and through our church.

Having an office a few blocks from the hospital and on a major street through town means that I regularly hear sirens. Whether it is the ambulance heading to the hospital, the police responding to a call from the police department, or the firetruck that likes to sound its siren at the kids on the school playground, there are few days that I do not hear that loud noise. Pastoring in two small communities made me realize that if there was an emergency, the possibility that it involved someone in our church, or at least connected to our church, was high; the sirens often signified that the routine of my ministry was about to be adjusted.

Sirens signify urgency. When the call comes in that someone is in need of medical attention, or there is a fire, or there is a law enforcement issue, those responding do not sit around and wonder who is going to respond. Instead, those who are on call jump to their feet and begin taking action. They do not drive the speed limit or stop at the redlight; instead, the siren pierces the air to warn everyone to get out of the way because they are in a hurry to get to where they are needed.

I wish that all Christians and church members (and myself) would take a lesson from our emergency personnel. We are surrounded by an emergency: millions die every year without a relationship with Christ. We have the life-giving message of Christ to share with the world and live its Truth in front of them. The sirens are blaring all around us, as we are surrounded by lostness and its symptoms. Rather than springing to action, we are sitting around with our feet propped up. We think someone else will take the call. We want to have meetings to ensure we have the best plan in place to meet the need. We are sometimes so far removed from those who are hurting that we do not even hear the siren, just like a distracted

driver who refuses to move over when an ambulance is behind him. We simply ignore the sound that pierces through the air.

I can remember growing up that when an ambulance would come down the highway near our house, the neighborhood dogs would howl because the sound hurt their ears. If you are close to the sound of a siren, you probably cover your ears. When I hear sirens, I know that a family is probably going through some pain right now, so there is some pain in my heart. However, a siren is a good noise to those who are waiting for help! The few minutes it takes for help to arrive seems like hours, so when the siren is heard, they know the wait is nearing an end.

We should respond to the siren of lostness with the siren of the Gospel. It penetrates the air- and hard hearts- in a way that compares to no other. It is welcome news to those who are facing a spiritual emergency.

I have known instances where an emergency responder could not find the location where he was responding. Depending on a GPS, they got off track and could not find the location. It is easy for us as individuals and as a church to get off track. Our attempts to respond to the needs around us can easily become our efforts to have our own needs met. We must be diligent to run the race the Lord has placed before us.

Will we get there in time? There are times when emergency personnel arrive on scene and the person they came to help is deceased. It is a quiet pace when they load up their supplies and return to the station because they always wonder if they could have gotten there quicker.

When we do not respond immediately to the siren of the hearts around us, we may not get there in time. May we realize the urgency of the moment, doing "Whatever it Takes" to sound the siren of the Gospel: help is coming!

God bless,
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."

As I write this letter, it is difficult to believe another summer is gone and school is right around the corner. The kids have been so busy I bet it's even harder for them to swallow. Time waits for no one, huh?

You've noticed how much your child has grown...seemingly at times...overnight. I can't recall the number of pictures I've seen on social media with the exclamation from mom: "Time please slow down". There's not just the physical and mental side, but the spiritual side as well. You see, if your child stops growing physically or mentally, you are going to seek the best help you can to get it diagnosed and back toward what you deem as healthy or well. What often gets lost or forgotten is your child's spiritual health. The most important thing on your heart should be where your child is in their spiritual life. Where is your child going to spend eternity? If your child has already received Christ, are you doing everything you can to see your child has an opportunity to grow in their newfound faith?

Our Sunday School and Wednesday night studies are geared to be age appropriate and challenge them to be who God desires them to be. We will begin a new Elevate series Wednesday Aug 7th at 6 pm and would love to have your child be a part of this exciting program! 6:00 - 6:45 every Wednesday!!

On Sunday, August 11th @ 5 pm we will have AWANA training. We would love to have all of our faithful workers join us as well as new workers. There is room for you so come be blessed by hearing a child quote scripture to you. Come on the 11th to find out exactly what is involved then come back at 5 pm on the 18th to be a part of the 1st AWANA meeting of the fall semester. **We need your help!**

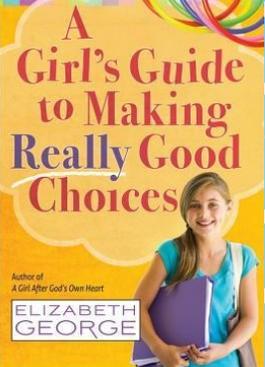


Parents, please make your child's spiritual health a priority. There are many here who are willing to help you lead your child to a deeper understanding of Christ but they need to be present. That part is up to YOU!

Sunday School: 9:45, Wednesday Night Elevate: 6 pm beginning Aug 7 and AWANA, Sunday night 5 pm beginning Aug 18

The Backpacks of Hope

Our backpack ministry will start up next week so this Sunday please begin your donations again. The list of items remains the same as last year: Instant Oatmeal, Cereal Bars, Pop-Tarts, Single Serve Containers of Ravioli, Mac N Cheese, and Soup. Vienna Sausages, Ramen Noodles, Jerky Sticks, Crackers (NO PEANUT BUTTER), Cookies, Granola Bars, Fruit Snacks.



An exciting new book study for our Polka Dot Girls begins Wednesday night, August 7 @ 6 pm. Polka Dot Girls is our program for all girls in the 5th and 6th grade. The study will be led by Missy Helton. Make every effort for your girl to be a part of this great study!

DEACON ELECTION

Our annual deacon election is August 4. The following men have agreed to be considered: Levern Collins, Larry Davis, John Donaldson, David Johnson, Roger Jones, Taz Ketchum, Dan McLeod, Paul Parker, Jr., Jimmy Phillips, and Thomas Shipp. Please begin praying about the six men that will be elected.

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3RD ANNUAL Gala

PLEASE JOIN US
SATURDAY, AUGUST 24TH
6:00PM

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

SILENT AUCTION | DINNER
ENTERTAINMENT:
CHRISTIAN ARTIST **NICOLE NORDEMAN**

\$50 PER TICKET | PLEASE RSVP BY AUGUST 16TH | DRESSY CASUAL ATTIRE
FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: 662-571-5366

JUSTIN & CLAIRE PRUDEN
are expecting a
baby boy
william scott pruden

JOIN US FOR A SHOWER
SUNDAY, AUG 4TH 1:30 PM

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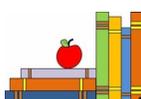
bridal SHOWER

Your are invited to join us to celebrate
Kathryn Dooley

AUGUST
SUNDAY **11** 2-3:30PM

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Family Life Center
319 Jackson Avenue • Yazoo City, MS

Registered
Good Hope, Yazoo Drugs
Downtown Marketplace
& Black's on 15th St.



August 2019

Sunday Services
 9:45 am—Sunday School
 11:00 am—Worship Service
 No PM Services during the Summer

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>Deacon of the week: 4 - Clarence Nelson, 11 - Richard Pickens, 18 - Phillip Pope, 25—Paul Rice</p>				1	2	3 Men's Ministry Supper @ 4
4 DEACON ELECTION Pruden Baby Shower @ 1:30	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 Kathryn Dooley Bridal Shower @ 1 AWANA Training at 5pm	12 	13	14	15	16	17
18 Ali Shelton Bridal Shower @ 2 AWANA Kickoff 5pm!	19	20	21	22	23	24 
25	26	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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