



STUDENT MINISTRY

Bro. Aaron Sibley



Some of you may be wondering about our mission trip to Pascagoula. The trip was great! We built two wheelchair ramps, worked a VBS for a church, painted the walls and ceiling of a sanctuary along with their hallway, and remodeled their bathroom. Our students worked super hard and did a great job. I believe the best part of the trip was the unity that was built among our students as they served God together. Thank you so much for your continued prayers. As you are reading this we are at Generate camp in Marshall, TX. I hope you will be praying that our students take a break from their normal day to day and focus all they have on Christ. Camp is one of the best weeks we have in a year and I'm passionate about students going and focusing on Christ there because I was saved at a missions camp several years ago as a high school student. My hope is that we will have some who come to a saving knowledge of Christ while there and can share that same experience.

Our first session of Mission Yazoo has also been completed just last week. Rocky Point Baptist Church from Carthage, MS and Calvary Baptist church from Corinth, MS came and worked in four different locations in our city. Some great relationships have been formed and hopefully those will be connections that we as a church can continue to pour into. I also spoke with one of the groups who said that by serving here they have built confidence to go to their own city and begin reaching out with backyard bible clubs and block parties. This is an additional blessing for us as church to help train others to go and serve. I hope you will be in continued prayer for Session 2 of Mission Yazoo that will be happening July 21-25. If you are looking for a place to serve there talk to Ken Hall about helping with meals or you can talk to Aaron about driving and going to the backyard bible clubs. Our students have been great serving alongside the other youth groups and Mission Yazoo. It is a proud moment for me as a student pastor to see our students go above and beyond what they are asked to do and come and serve this week. We have had several come each day.



One more major event happening with our students this summer is Super Summer. Super Summer is a leadership camp that is only for a few students. Those students are chosen and then must complete requirements to go. They grow in their faith a leadership abilities while at camp and our hope is that they will return to our youth group to put those things into practice and disciple young students in our youth group. Be in prayer for those students as they prepare to go. Pray they have open hearts to learn that week and be challenged to lead others.



Dear Church, I just want to say thank you. Thank you for all the support you've given me. I know you prayed and prayed for me and that is so awesome. I hope you all are doing well and happy. I am doing fine down here and camp is still going well! I also heard that Jimmy Walker passed away. Be strong for him, he is finally free and probably running like never before. First Baptist holds some of the most kind and loving people. You all showed me that when I was a stranger. So thank you for every thing, I hope to see you all soon! Until then, keep Christ in your heart. Love yall, See ya!

Yours Truly
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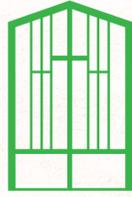
We recently got an email from Ashlee Sowell with a few updates on her mission trip to Romania. She writes, "I miss yall!!! And I'm alive and well. The work is very tiring mainly because we are working with kids and we cant understand them so it can be very frustrating. But overall the work is great and the ministry here is so awesome. I thought the food here would help me overcome my sugar addiction but it has just added to it, lol the food is amazing. I really feel like I'm growing in my walk with God. My prayer life has increased so much while ive been here. The ministry here is so dependent on prayer, if any problems occur big or small they go straight to prayer for it and it has been so encouraging. Also I didn't realize how much persecution Christians face here. Here everyone is Eastern Orthodox and the priests tell all the people that if your born in Romania than you have to be orthodox. So all the people are so against Christians or repenters which is what they call evangelical Christians. One day we were passing out flyers for the awana games we planned on playing in the neighboring city Araci and the mayor told us we couldn't go to the park because we are repenters. So it's weird being somewhere where being a Christian is looked down on, but on the other hand at least the people who claim to be Christians aren't faking it. Also today was a rough day. Pastor Sorin who is in charge of the ministry here got in a wreck today and I'm pretty sure he totaled the van. And the van is how we get everywhere, so we're not sure what's going to happen. So if yall could be in prayer over that situation that would be great. Also if yall could be praying for my team for us to not get into a routine and get comfortable."

Check this out!

June Attendance & Offering			
June 2	June 9	June 16	June 23
Sunday School 212	Sunday School 252	Sunday School 229	Sunday School 218
Worship Service 195	Worship Service 344	Worship Service 199	Worship Service 196
Budget Offering \$12,760	Budget Offering \$12,271	Budget Offering \$10,038	Budget Offering \$14,800

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

- Gifts were received for the following designated funds:**
- Challenge to Grow in memory of Charlotte Helton
 - Challenge to Grow in memory of Dr. Jimmy Walker
 - Challenge to Grow in memory of Evelyn Hitt
 - Gracewater in memory of Dr. Jimmy Walker
 - Gracewater in memory of Juanita Smith
 - Capital Improvements in memory of Juanita Smith



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June was a kingdom-impacting month! We experienced a great week of VBS, and I want to thank everyone that served to make the week a success. A huge “THANKS!” goes to everyone who brought food on our Family Day, where we had the opportunity to fellowship with many unchurched families. Following VBS, I spent a couple of days representing our church at the annual Southern Baptist Convention, where I was reminded of the impact we have as Southern Baptists. We remain a leader in giving to the Cooperative Program, as well as in support of the International Mission Board and North American Mission Board. Currently, we are in the middle of our first week of “Mission Yazoo,” where groups are hosting four Back Yard Bible Clubs throughout Yazoo City.

All of these things remind me that **we are better together**. We can do more together than any individual can achieve alone. No one person can do VBS. No one group can do missions to the ends of the earth. It takes all of us.

June was an exciting month for my family, along with several other families in our church, as our kids and their teammates competed in the state all-star softball tournament. Held in north Mississippi over five days, the girls played faced stiff competition and high temperatures to come together for a common goal. Lined up along the fence were parents, grandparents, siblings, and others who did not miss a game. They sat in the high temperatures to support the team. When a child did something good, everyone cheered. When a mistake occurred, words of encouragement were spoken. After the games, families went to eat together. The children were excited about being together between games. Laughter was prevalent. Again, we are better together.

As I reflect on the time at the state tournament, I quickly think about the need to have the church model what I described above. We are to come together and face difficult circumstances for a common purpose: to make disciples of all nations (Matthew 28:19). We are to support and encourage each other. As we often share in relation to small groups: we are to live life together, meaning that we are with each other outside of the church context.

You cannot watch a softball game for long without seeing someone make a mistake or get called out and come back to the dugout frustrated. Over and over I would see and hear teammates give encouraging words with a reminder that another opportunity would come. As a church, and as individual Christians, we are called to stand with people who are hurting. When Jackie Robinson broke baseball’s “color barrier,” becoming the first African American to play baseball in the major leagues, he faced hostile crowds in every stadium. While playing one day in his home stadium of Ebbets Field in Brooklyn, he committed an error. The fans began to jeer him. He stood at second base, humiliated, while the crowd booed. Then, without saying a word, shortstop Pee Wee Reese went over and stood next to Jackie. He put his arm around him and faced the crowd. Suddenly the fans grew quiet. Robinson later said that arm around his shoulder saved his career.

For way too long, the church has been known more for what we are against than what we are for. When we belong to Jesus, we belong to love. We are surrounded by people who are hurting and need someone to stand with them.

You may be familiar with the theme song to the long-time sitcom *Cheers*: “Sometimes you want to go where everybody knows your name, and they’re always glad you came; You want to be where you can see, our troubles are all the same; You want to be where everybody knows your name!” It would be great to say that was written about a church, but it is about a bar.

Chuck Swindoll said this: “The neighbor bar is possibly the best counterfeit that there is to the fellowship Christ wants us to give his church. It’s an imitation, dispensing liquor instead of grace, escape rather than reality- but it is a permissive, accepting, and inclusive fellowship. It is unshockable. It is democratic. You can tell people secrets, and they usually don’t tell others or even want to. The bar flourishes not because most people are alcoholics, but because God has put into the human heart the desire to know and be known, to love and be loved, and so many seek a counterfeit at the price of a few beers.” What an indictment against the church.

We must develop relationships with people that enable them to be themselves. We do not ask them to clean up before getting to know. As we see people whose hearts are broken, we need to simply be there. May not even speak a word. If someone needs to weep, let them weep. If they need to complain, listen. We must allow people to be themselves, no matter what the self looks like. Remember, we are better together.

The most disappointing thing we experienced during our state tournament journey occurred right after one of our teams had won to go to the championship game. The team realized their achievement and was excited - except for one girl who was upset because she had not been playing as much as she wanted. She grabbed her stuff and announced she was leaving. Rather than acknowledging the success of the team, and her role in it, she was focused on herself. Please do not be that kind of church member! None of us are going to like everything and everyone, but we are better together. As we run the race set before us, let’s focus on Jesus and be His hands and feet to those around us.

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."

It is hard to believe that I am writing regarding "back to school" information. A special shout out goes to all the tireless VBS volunteers from teachers and rotation leaders, to snacks and security. We enrolled 209 children and saw 5 come to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. To God be the glory and thank you for giving of yourselves during such a valuable week.



The receptacles for our Backpack Ministry will reappear as we begin stocking up for a new school year. Your generosity fed so many children and we look forward to working with the new principle at Benton Gibbs to continue this work. I have been told by the county superintendent that this project will definitely continue so be prepared to once again contribute. Let me share some exciting news. There will be an expansion of this project.

Melanie Roberts was the principle at Benton Gibbs when this program began and she has moved to the county Middle School. This year we will be reaching this school with a backpack ministry of their own. There will be a few food items (of the same sort as the elementary school) but we will also be providing necessary basic hygiene items. Things like soap, shampoo, deodorant, toothbrush and toothpaste. Here is the basic guideline. The items will be available upon request or need and will need to be the "travel size". Picture a gallon ZipLock bag. The items must fit easily in one of those bags in order to be slipped into a school backpack and discreet for the student. Those of you who have flown commercially since 9/11 know the size items we will be collecting. So, for the first few weeks we will receive these various hygiene products to create a basic inventory that can be accessed as the need arises. When the supply runs low, we will advertise to build it up again.

Look for the receptacles in the usual location and do your part as the Lord leads. Collection begins Sunday, July 7. Thank you!

Pray for our Kid's Camp. July 15-17, our kids will be at Lake Tiak-O-Khata in Louisville, MS. Our theme this year is Treasure Hunters. Our theme verse is Matthew 6:21; "For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." Pray for open hearts to receive the Word and courage to live according to God's plan.



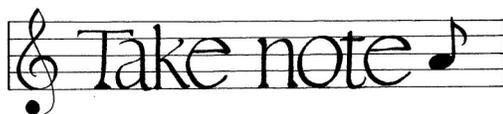
Our Summer Blast series continues this month. It's been filled with crazy games and cool devotions so parents, please plan on getting your kids here to participate. Our dates for this month are:

- July 3rd - no activities
- July 10 - Summer Blast, 6 pm.
- July 17 - Kid's Camp, no activities at the church
- July 24 - Summer Blast, 6 pm
- July 31 - Summer Blast, 6 pm

Moving up! Our annual 6th grade moving up party is scheduled for Thursday, Aug 1. More info will be coming but put this date on your calendar all you 6th going into 7th graders!

MISSION YAZOO

Thanks to everyone who helped with Mission Yazoo in June! Our next Mission Yazoo week will be July 21-25! If you can help provide meals for the teams coming, please contact Ken Hall (khall@mcbcb.org).



SUMMER 2019

CHOIR REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

July 3	No Rehearsal
July 10	Rehearsal
July 17	No Rehearsal
July 24	Rehearsal
July 31	Rehearsal



August 12 is the annual "Locker Day" at our partner school in Crest Hill, Illinois. We will go up to help host this event,

which always has over 1,000 people in attendance. Check your calendar and let Bro. Clint know if you are interested in attending. We will leave after church on August 11 and return home August 13.

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 fbc-yazoo.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).

JOIN US

Bridal Shower
HONORING
Lauren Martin

BRIDE ELECT OF TYLER CARTWRIGHT
JULY 14, 2019

2:00 - 3:30
First Baptist Church Family Life Center
Yazoo City, Mississippi



Our quarterly Business Meeting is Sunday, July 28, at 5:00 and it is our annual "Homemade Ice Cream Supper." Sunday School classes are asked to bring a 1-2 freezers of ice cream each. If you are not bringing ice cream, please bring finger foods.





July 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 (See Schedule)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Generate Camp	2	3 NO SERVICES	4 4th of July	5	6
7 Deacon's Meeting at 12 Martin/Cartwright Shower at 2	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15 Kid's Camp	16 Kid's Camp	17 NO SERVICES	18	19	20
	MISSION YAZOO					
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 Homemade Ice Cream Supper & Business Meeting at 5 pm	29	30	31	Deacon of the week: 7 - Nick King, 14 - Tim Manor, 21 - Bill Meeks, 28 - Bill McGraw		

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 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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