



STUDENT MINISTRY



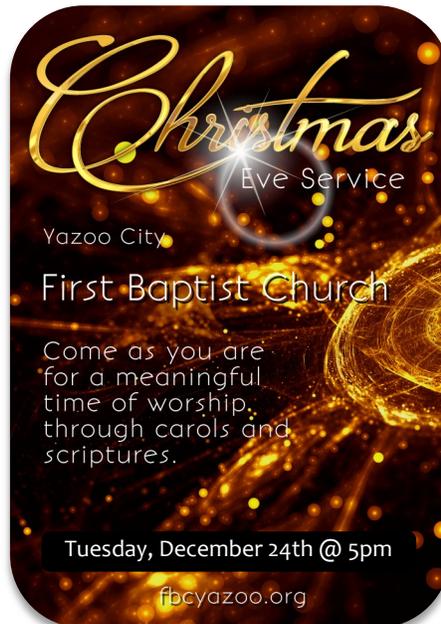
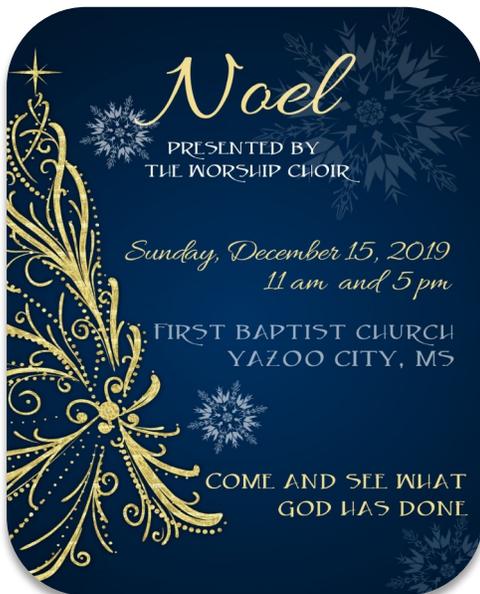
Join us Sunday, December 8th, 6-8pm for our Annual Youth Christmas Party! We'll have a Minute-to-Win-it game night and prizes for the winners! Wear your Ugly Christmas Sweaters or your favorite Christmas Pajamas and bring a wrapped gift to play White Elephant! We'll eat breakfast food and have some fun!



DNOW is January 3-5, 2020! It will be here before we know it. Early Registration is open! Cost is \$25 through December 18. After that, the price will go up to \$35! You can register online or using a form available in the office and youth area.

SUPER SUMMER

Super Summer is a Christian Leadership Camp for high school students who will have completed the 8th - 12th grade. Students who desire to attend Super Summer, must show personal leadership and integrity not only in their church, but home, school, and community. Ken Hall will be overseeing our students, who would like to participate and will be their "accountability manager." For those planning to attend, your form needs to be turned in by December 1st!! Super Summer will be July 13-17, 2020, at Mississippi College.



MR. AND MRS. JOSEPH ASIM MOHAMED II
REQUEST THE HONOUR OF YOUR PRESENCE
AT THE MARRIAGE OF THEIR DAUGHTER

Mary Morgan

TO

Robert Powell McCaleb

SATURDAY, THE TWENTY-EIGHTH OF DECEMBER
TWO THOUSAND AND NINETEEN

AT THREE O'CLOCK IN THE AFTERNOON

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
YAZOO CITY, MISSISSIPPI

AND AFTERWARDS AT THE RECEPTION
5412 FLETCHERS CHAPEL ROAD

November Offering & Attendance

November 3	November 10	November 17	November 24
Sunday School	Sunday School	Sunday School	Sunday School
259	236	222	229
<u>Budget Offering</u>	<u>Budget Offering</u>	<u>Budget Offering</u>	<u>Budget Offering</u>
\$16,863	\$10,423	\$6,284	\$9,982

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

Gifts were received for the following designated funds:

Manna House in memory of Charles Nelson
Challenge to Grow in memory of Jane Wilson



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It is a common joke, with lots of truth: most do not like change. Whether it is at home, work, school, church, or any other place, we fight change. We get comfortable with the routine and familiar, then a transition is forced upon you. Obviously, you are facing such a moment now as a church. Even if you do not like it, change is coming. Others, though, accept the change because it gives them a fresh start after growing weary of the routine and familiar; some see an opportunity to exert influence.

Regardless of how you feel about the upcoming transition, it is still the time to do the work of the Lord! God's commission to the church remains!

Our Sunday School lesson (for those who use the Bible Studies for Life) this past Sunday gave some great insights into the relationships in the church. Paul writes in 1 Thessalonians 5:13b-15, "Live in peace with each other. And we urge you, brothers and sisters, warn those who are idle and disruptive, encourage the disheartened, help the weak, be patient with everyone. Make sure that nobody pays back wrong for wrong, but always strive to do what is good for each other and for everyone else."

If not handled properly, times of transition can be divisive and destructive to a church. As recipients of God's forgiveness and salvation, believers should be able to work together with mutual respect and grace. How does this happen? What has to occur? Paul gives some great insights.

First, warn the idle and disruptive. Paul knew that those who are out of order, unruly, and disorderly have to be confronted because they are disrupting the peace of the church. It is customary in churches for the disruptive to do their work without being hindered. The damage is obvious, but most people do not like confrontation, so the church allows the damage to continue. This goes against Scripture! I encourage you to protect the unity of the church by warning the idle and disruptive.

Second, encourage the disheartened and help the weak. The Thessalonian believers faced extreme hardship and

persecution for their faith that would easily have led to discouragement. The weak could have included the poor, the sick, the physically disabled, and others who had a need. Paul's concern was that the church be active in their care for one another and be aware of any needs within the church family that required attention. I encourage that you share Paul's concern. Do not expect someone else to show concern; show it yourself!

Third, be patient with everyone. The instruction to "be patient" was a sufficient challenge, but Paul adds to it with the addition of "with everyone." I have found that in times of transition, patience is often missing. Agendas are pushed. Loose words are common. Vision is lacking. Fingers are pointed. These actions are not compatible with those who are walking with the Lord. Just as the Lord is patient with you, you must be patient with others. How? The Sunday School book put it best: "patience is kindled by humility and love."

Fourth, do good to others. In our relationships and in our community, we have the high and holy calling to reflect the likeness of Christ, always seeking the good of those both inside and outside the church. This church has a footprint in its community unlike ever before. The transition does not remove the call to continue to do good to others. One way to do that is through our Angel Tree program that continues to minister to the families in our Back Pack Ministry. I encourage you to pick up an angel- or two- and join in demonstrating the love of Christ in a very practical way.

Lastly, I do not believe you can meet these expectations from Scripture if you are not walking closely with the Lord. These attitudes and actions are opposite of the flesh, and in order to exhibit them, you must stay connected to the Vine. Jesus said, "Remain in Me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in Me" (John 15:4).

In Christ,

Bro. Clint



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

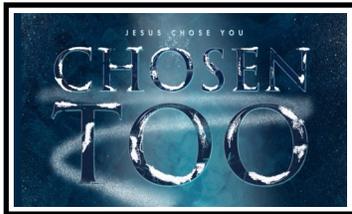
Bro. John Yates

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



I would like to encourage you to stop by one of our Angel Trees and pick an angel or two to bless this season. All gifts will then be collected and organized in the fellowship hall by December 18. You can be a real blessing giving Christmas to a child that may not experience anything close to what we often take for granted. On Saturday, December 21, we will have a Christmas Lunch for these families. Last year, the people were overwhelmed at your expressions of love and generosity. So many parents/grandparents made a point to express their gratitude and the looks on little faces throughout the room were truly a blessing. One child loudly exclaiming; "This is the best day of my life". Be a part of this valuable ministry by picking up an angel. You'll find a tree in the foyer of the Education Building and the foyer of the Sanctuary.

It's that time again, kids! Sunday, December 22nd is our annual event we call Breakfast in Bethlehem. Beginning at 9:30 am and going until 10:45 am, this time has proven to be truly special in the lives of our children. Parents...make every effort to get your kids to the fellowship hall and we will have pancakes and bacon as well as some special treats.



Each of us are chosen by God for a special purpose, but we must be willing to accept what God asks of us. Mary was chosen to love her son, Jesus, Joseph was chosen to lead an unlikely family, the shepherds were chosen to find a savior, and the magi were chosen to follow. All of this was possible because God chose to show his love for us by sending his Son, Jesus, to be our Savior.

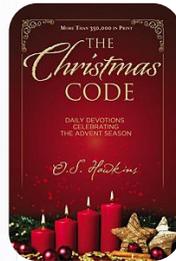
Join us as we begin this study on the Christmas Story and how we can learn: Chosen to Love, Lead, Find, and Follow. This great adventure begins Wednesday night December 4th.

You are invited to a Bridal Shower
in honor of
Hayley Knight Massey
(Granddaughter of Wanda & Wiley Fisher)

December 1, 2019 | 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.
Family Life Center at First Baptist Church
319 Jackson Ave. Yazoo City, Mississippi 39194

Hosted by friends of the Bride
(662) 571-5628

Registered at Belk, Walmart and Bed Bath & Beyond



December 1, we will begin the Advent Devotional Book, *The Christmas Code*. As a church we will journey this together! You can pick up a copy in the foyer or in the office!

DEACON ORINATION SERVICE

Join us Sunday, Dec. 1, at 5:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall for the Deacon Ordination of Taz Ketchum, Jimmy Phillips, and Thomas Shipp.



Given to Date: \$257,969.53

The new HVAC system has been installed in the Sanctuary as well as paint, new carpet, and tile in the foyer and entryways!



The Leadership Team (voted on by the church) is comprised of leaders of ministry teams plus the deacon chairman. We are pleased to announce Dr. John Pace, Jr. as our interim pastor. You will have the pleasure of meeting him while he leads prayer meetings on Wed. December 4 and Wed. December 18. His first Sunday in the pulpit will be January 12.

Dr. Pace is the Director of Pastor/Leadership Development Department of our Mississippi State Convention Board. He is 55 years of age, married to his wife, Dawn, and the father of 3 sons. Born and raised in Lexington, North Carolina, he is a graduate of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. He recently served as interim at Monticello Baptist Church in Monticello, MS and was the pastor for 20 years at First Baptist Church Terry, MS from 1998 to 2018.

A Pastor Search Committee will be made up of 7 members, including men and women, taking into account all adult age groups. These seven members should exhibit spiritual maturity, leadership qualities, and commitment to First Baptist Church. If you have recommendations, please contact one of the following on the Leadership Team.

Leadership Team:

- Gerry McGraw—Chairman—662.71.3422—Discipleship
- Lori McGraw—662.571.7942—Ministry
- Jimmy Phillips—662.571.6064—Facilities
- Richard Pickens—662.571.5921—Evangelism
- Missy Helton—662.571.0464—Finance
- Pam McLeod—662.571.2807—Fellowship
- John Donaldson—662.571.1901—Worship
- Phil Dixon—601.954.9168—Chairman of Deacons



LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING®

It is time to collect the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Mission!! This offering supports 3,678 missionaries, and 100% of your generous gifts provide missionaries the services they need to live among the unreached peoples they serve. Our church goal is \$25,000.

Former International Missions Board (IMB) missionary, and Yazoo native, Jeff Holeman will bespeaking during our worship service on December 1. Jeff currently serves as Pastor of Students and Missions at First Baptist Oxford and is also a trustee with the IMB.

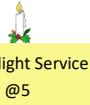
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Sunday Services

9:45 am—Sunday School
11:00 am—Worship Service
5:00—NO SERVICE

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	
1 	2 Ladies Night Paint Party @ 5:30pm	3 Ladies Night Paint Party @ 5:30pm	4	5	6	7	
8 	9	10	11	12	13	14	
15 	16	17	18 Turn in Angel Tree gifts!	19	20	21 	
22 	23	24 	25 	26	27	28	
29 	30	31 	Deacon of the week: 1—Jimmy Phillips, 8—Phillip Pope, 15—Thomas Shipp, 22—Paul Rice, 29—Mike Williams				

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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