



Super Bowl Party Feb 2, 2020

Wow where did February go? As I reflect on this past month, the Lord has been doing so much in our youth ministry. We kicked off our Sunday Night Bible Study off campus in homes and, man, it has been a hit! We have consistently seen 20-30

students attending and at least 6-10 of them being non -regular church attendees. I believe our time in homes on Sunday night will be a bridge to connecting our student to the body as a whole as we look to challenge them to be about their faith as well as exploring big questions. So I would love and appreciate your prayers going forward for Sunday nights. Another exciting thing we have coming up is GENERATE! This is our student camp we will be

attending in Arkansas this summer, June 29-July 3. We set a goal of taking 25 and we are pretty close to full. I would still ask you to pray and consider giving to scholarship a kid to go to camp. This is a great practical way you can not only love on a student, but also a way you can encourage. So if you feel led, consider giving towards our student camp. The cost is \$280 per student and deposits (\$85) are due

ASAP. Lately, the Lord has been putting on my heart the ways he chooses and has chosen to reveal himself in our lives. Students often don't get granted time to look back and see what God has done or is doing in the present. I believe this summer will be a spiritual marker for many students as we seek to live, learn, and grow in Him. We are so honored to be a part of a body that is committed to see young people grow and mature in their faith, so THANK YOU and we can't wait to see what's to come!



There will be a Youth Team planning meeting Sunday, March 1st following service in the Activities Building. Lunch will be provided!

Also, **PARENTS**, there will be a Youth Parent Meeting Wednesday March 18 at 6:50pm.



One of my favorite Christian songs is "How Beautiful". Mostly heard at weddings, it is a beautiful expression of Jesus and His church. As we were singing through this in choir rehearsal, the words came to life. The last verse begins:

> How beautiful the radiant Bride who waits for her Groom with His light in her eyes...\*

The words reminded me of my daughter's wedding day. As she and I stood in the back of the church waiting to walk down the aisle, I will never forget the look on her face. It was radiant as if beams of light were shining from her smile and her eyes. It was a moment I will never forget.

I was struck by the imagery that the scripture gives us of Christ and His church. We know that Jesus is the Groom who is waiting for His bride, the Church. I truly believe that we as the church should be radiant! Not only our faces, but also our lives should radiate the love we have for Jesus. In worship some Sundays, I look out at the congregation and see anything but radiance. Often there is the look of boredom or just disinterest. Yes, we carry the worries and cares of life with us to worship, but our hope in Christ should be evident. The King of Kings has chosen us to be His bride. Whenever we gather for worship, it should be with eager expectation of meeting Him. It is not about songs, sermons, or the people we sit with. It is all about responding to the One who gave His very life as a sacrifice so that we may live.

> And as He laid down His life, we offer this sacrifice that we will live just as he died: willing to pay the price\*

> > \*How Beautiful - Twila Paris



# WE ARE GOING DIGITAL

Next month and going forward, we will be sending the Newsletter by email! Please contact the office with your email address so that we can make sure you receive it! If you would prefer to continue

Call Jessica at 662.746.2471

#### February Offering & Attendance

February 2 Sunday School 219 Budget Offering \$14,115

February 9 Sunday School 247 **Budget Offering** \$8,345

February 16 Sunday School 208 **Budget Offering** 

February 23

Sunday School

216

\$8.348

Budget Offering \$14,905

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

Gifts were received for the following designated funds: Capital Improvements in memory of Billy Stampley Capital Improvements in honor of Jim & Sue Pearson Capital Improvements in memory of Gene Neely

## FirstBaptistChurch Worship, Grow, Serve, & Share Yazoo City

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#### Hey FBC Yazoo City Church Family,

Grace and peace to you in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord! Thank you all again for the blessing and opportunity to serve as your interim pastor, and for the loving way you have welcomed us to your family of faith. We are having a blessed time getting to know all of you, serving Christ with you and your wonderful staff to continue to advance His will, and striving to continue to provide a strong faith foundation for your next pastoral leader. It is so exciting that you have now elected your Pastor Search Committee and that they are starting their important work of seeking the person God will call as your next pastor. Remember daily to lift the Pastor Search Committee up in your prayers asking God to guide them in unity to your next Pastor, and for God to prepare the heart of that man to lovingly and powerfully guide and serve with you at FBCYC into God's will for your ministry future as a church.

You have an important part in continuing to build a strong ministry foundation through your faithfulness in your own spiritual growth and your devotion to serve in the ministry opportunities set before you and the spiritual disciplines of our faith. Commit that daily you will spend time in prayer and Bible study with God, seeking God's will and seeking to grow in faith. Commit that you and your family will faithfully be in Bible study, small-group studies, worship, and age-group ministries each week as an important part of our growth in spiritual maturity. Commit to be a faithful steward of the financial blessings God has given us by faithfully and consistently giving your tithes and offering to support the budgeted ministry efforts of FBCYC, as well as giving on your Challenge to Grow offering commitments to continue to renovate and improve the church facilities.

Remember as a church family, it is also so important to walk forward in unity during these times of transition, and fervently pray for God's perfect blessing and guidance on the church's ministry, and your staff and church leadership. And get involved in advancing God's will through service and ministry in and through the church. John is getting ready for Vacation Bible School this summer and needs a number of teachers and workers to volunteer for this very important ministry and outreach event. Seriously pray about serving in some capacity at VBS and see John for discussion and information. Also, small group Bible studies are continuing on Sunday nights and there are some great studies to be a part of, including "Sacred Parenting", "Victory in Spiritual Warfare", and "Goliath Must Fall". Parents, bring your children to AWANA on Sunday nights at 5 p.m., and stay and be a part of one of these blessed Bible studies. Also, if you have not been part of Sunday School each Sunday morning, make the commitment this Sunday to start, and bring your children, students, and friends with you. If you need help locating a Sunday School class, call the church office for information.

Also, make sure to remember your "Who's Your One?" evangelism commitment and consistently pray for and witness to that person to lead them to saving faith in Jesus Christ and to start living in the blessing of abundant life in Christ. In fact, Easter is a little over one month away, and I want to challenge all of you to commit that on Palm Sunday, April 5, and Easter Sunday, April 12, EVERYONE will invite and bring at least one person – family, friends, co-workers, schoolmates, neighbors, etc. – with you to church on those Sundays, especially the person who is your "Who's Your One?" focus. And pray, believe, and witness that God will use these times to see souls saved and lives changed as they encounter His Spirit and Word through His church here at FBCYC.

I look forward to worshipping and fellowshipping with you on Sunday mornings and Wednesday nights, and make sure to be a part of every time of worship, spiritual growth, ministry, and service available through the life of faith at FBCYC. If you need spiritual guidance or ministry, call the church office and we'll do our best to help. God bless you all!

For God's Glory,

John Pace Philippians 3:12-14



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."



June 1-5 8am- 12pm

VBS planning began, for me, at the completion of last year's VBS. Intense planning began the 3rd week of January this year. Let me give you a few stats from 2018 (the latest facts we have). In 2018, 2.4 Million people enrolled in VBS. There were 59,026 recorded decisions to accept Christ as Savior. 543 people committed their lives to church related vocations and 14,376 people enrolled in Sunday School as a result of attending VBS.

Folks, there is not a stronger, more effective, evangelistic tool or outreach effort we have in the life of our church. This week cannot be done without your help. We are short teachers and helpers for our classrooms. Last years enrollment topped the 200 mark for the second consecutive year and this takes a committed workforce. You may have thought to teach but have been hesitant maybe even feeling inadequate. God knows all this and would not place that burden in your heart if He didn't feel He could equip you. You



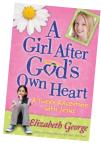


may have taught in the past and decided to take a break this year. Can I plead with you to reconsider? God could use you to change the life of one child. Could there be anything better? Come see me or call the church office and we will help you get involved.

Hey kids! Have you ever wondered what it would be like to actually play inside a video game? On Wednesday, March 4th, all kids from 4 and 5 years old and 1st-4th grade will join Rom, Ram, and the Game Boss in this series, Power Up! We will play games, decode puzzles, and learn from Psalm 101 how to control our character!

A BOY'S GUIDE TO MAKING REALLY GOOD CHOICES Mom and Dad...their attendance is up to you. Please commit to this Wednesday night study. Everything begins at 5:50 pm and is over by 7 pm.

Our 5th and 6th graders will continue their book studies each Wednesday night. We are thankful to Mr. Bill and Ms Missy for investing in our preteens during this fragile and beautiful time. Parents...don't cheat your preteen out of this growth opportunity. Please don't put yourself in a situation where, several years later, you look back and regret not getting your children to this study.





SATURDAY MARCH 21

**SATURDAY MARCH 28** 

**STARTING AT 8 AM!** 

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ANNIE ARMSTRONG EASTER OFFERING

With over 273 million people in North America who do not know Jesus, the need is great, and the mission is far from finished. The North American Mission Board helps churches reach the lost in the US, Canada, and the US territories of Puerto Rico, the

Virgin Islands, Guam, and American Samoa. That is 363 million people, 350 languages, and more than 14 religions. Let us give sacrificially to partner together in reaching this mission field.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONS: MARCH 1-8



Thanks for your recent support of the ministry of Gideons International during the recent Rally Day. A total of \$764.00 was given by our church. Please remember this ministry during times of loss and celebration. Cards are available in the display rack in the foyer of the Education Building and the foyer of the sanctuary.

Sun Mon Tue			Sunday Services 9:45 am—Sunday School 11:00 am—Worship Service 5:00—AWANA & Small Groups		Wednesday Services 6:00 pm—Prayer Meeting, Children's & Student's, & Ladies' Bible Study 6:45 pm—Choir Practice	
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29 BENEVOJENCE	30		<u>Deacon of the week</u> : 1 15—Bill Meek <del>s</del> , 22—Bill	I—Tim Manor, 8—Dan I I McGraw, 29—Richard		

#### 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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