

First Baptist Church Yazoo City

Worship, Grow, Serve, & Share

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Brothers and sisters in Christ,

Life can change so fast! One moment your home, property, and life are intact and the next swept away or left in a tangled mess by a tornado or some other unforeseen disaster! We all have seen the pictures or even with our own eyes the devastation caused in Rolling Fork, Silver City, Amory, and beyond by a powerful tornado that made its way through Mississippi.

It is always exciting to see God's people, filled and led by God's Spirit, immediately begin to ask, "what can I/we do to help." On the next day church members made their way to Rolling Fork to provide hot meals off the grill for anyone in need. Others made plans to go on Sunday afternoon and called out for needed supplies. Others got an 18-wheeler and parked it in Walmart parking lot. The word spread throughout the county – bring whatever supplies you can and let's fill this truck up in the Name of Jesus Christ! So many of you responded to these pleas!

Many immediately went shopping and bought supplies. My family's first response was to ask, "what do we already have that we can give?" An image that will remain in my mind is how my daughter responded. She joined her mom in searching through cabinets for food we could give. I remember one particular thing Bethany came across. It was something she really wanted to eat. Her conclusion, "They need it more than I do." She put the item into the bag. Enough said.

It is a beautiful sight to see God's people being who they are already created to be in Christ Jesus! God's love, compassion, joy, generosity, and grace were leading their hearts to do whatever they could do to help. It was also a wondrous sight to see God's people lay their lives down at the altar in prayer for those whose lives had been changed in so many ways! What an amazing difference God's people make in a world that is filled with so much hurt and uncertainty!

There is a greater disaster than tornados, earthquakes, fires, etc. can bring that impacts all of humanity. It is called sin. When that disaster occurred in the Garden of Eden it impacted every person to ever be born – we are born as sinners, separated, from a God Who loves us. By His grace, most reading this article are born-again into His Kingdom, now His child forever, because you have repented of your sins and called upon Jesus Christ alone as your Savior! For you, my brother, my sister, the disaster has passed. You are safe in God's arms. You have been filled with His Spirit. You have been set free from enslavement to sin! You will be forever with God when you breathe your last breath!

I am so thankful for Disaster Relief (DR) teams that are trained and rush to the aid of those in need. At this moment the Mississippi DR

team, as well as the Arkansas DR team are at ground zero feeding, cutting up trees, removing debris, etc. They make such a difference in so many lives.

As God's children we are called to go into the lives of those around us - many whose existence is still in state of disaster **BECAUSE THEY ARE NOT TRUSTING IN JESUS CHRIST as SAVIOR!** On an individual basis we are always on God's DR team – you His child, and the Holy Spirit leading the way! God can use you to bring the Good News into someone's life. No matter how bad the disaster is – God can cleanse this person with His blood, do "clean up" as only He can do, fill this person with His Spirit, causing this person to be His child forever, and turn mourning and hopelessness into dancing, joy, and hope! Now that is what I call Disaster Relief! Or perhaps better said, Disaster Redemption!

This is God's calling for each of our lives and for us together as a church body! Perhaps it would be great to have a team ready to go and help people when physical disaster strikes. It would be even greater too for all of us to be a team who intentionally every week are entering into the lives of those around us who are currently living in the most horrific disaster of all – their sins. I encourage you to ask God what He would have you do to be a part of His Disaster Redemption team!

Also, don't forget - on April 30th, Sunday evening, at 5:00 p.m., we are hoping to have an amazing time of fellowship with one another. It is our prayer that this will be a **WILD** night for all of us. That is a night in which we all become even more determined to **Walk In Love and Devotion** with God and with one another! There will be great food for all! There will be great conversation as we share a meal together. There will be reflection on what fellowship is. There will be a call to be and do all we can to walk and live in deeper love and fellowship with God and with one another!

Let's reach out to those who may not normally be a part of our weekly gatherings. Let's reach out to a friend or neighbor or family member who is not in church, or who may not even know the LORD Jesus Christ as Savior. Ask God to lead you to at least one such person whom you can invite or bring with you to this fellowship. Pray for that person. Ask that person. Who knows, this may be just what was needed to bring this person back into fellowship with the LORD and with brothers and sisters in Christ!

Serving Him together in love and fellowship,

Byron

How can it be that school is almost out!? I am so looking forward to a jam-packed summer. Parents, please take a minute to make sure your child is registered for the appropriate trips ASAP. This month kicks off with Disciple Now. Though I am writing this before DNOW actually happens, I just want to say a huge thank you to all who volunteered and make this weekend happen so that our students could encounter Christ; now enjoy your rest!

As we look to Easter, we will be looking at some of the traditional Jewish customs with our students. I will be leading our students through the seder Passover meal. This will be a really cool symbolic time of looking to the resurrection of Jesus. He Is Risen! And as always, I pray that you continue to grow in your walk with the Father and seek His face.

Tiki Broome
Youth & Communications Pastor



YOUTH SUNDAY—3/26/2023



Thanks to all that helped out in gathering items and preparing to-go plates to aid in the Relief efforts for Silver City and Rolling Fork on Sunday, March 26th. Our people were blessed in being able to help our community in this simple, tangible way! There will be many more opportunities to help out so be on the lookout for those! We have another group headed out on 3/29/2023! Continuing praying for those affected.



Dear FBC Yazoo family,
It is an absolute privilege to say I was raised in this church and to know your hearts that are eager to love and serve God's people. Thank you so much for everything you have already so freely and generously given to us, and we ask that you continue to pray for us as we step into this journey!!
With much love,
Mary Sibley and Arthur

join us for Worship
EASTER SUNDAY
April 9th | 10:50am

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TEXT 'FBCYAZOO' TO 844.787.8660

February Budget Offering

Mar 5	Mar 12	Mar 19	Mar 26	Online Gifts
\$11,418	\$17,766	\$9,109	\$5,558	\$13,835

Gifts were received for the following designated funds:

Annie Armstrong in memory of Helen Nicholas
Capital Improvements in memory of Eddie Purvis



It's the second half (2nd 4 week segment) of Port of Call. We have seen quite a display of unchristian-like behavior with the two stow-aways. Rudder and Cuddy, and how Captain Stern has had her hands full. We will continue our adventures as we follow Paul's journeys.

Parents, please make this program a priority! Wednesdays at 6:00pm

Hard to believe... it's a month away. To have a successful VBS, we must have a huge amount of volunteers. In the past, people have told me. "FBC is really good at volunteering if simply asked." I have found that to be true, but with so much going on, it sure would help if you would not wait to asked, but rather sign up on the available tables. There are sign up tables on the 2nd and 3rd floors of the Ed Building, as well as, the Fellowship Hall. If you are not sure where you might fit in, please come to me and we will talk! I assure you, there is a place for you.

There will be training for teachers and Rotation Leaders on May 8th at 5:30pm in the FBC Fellowship Hall. We will have dinner and the MS Baptist State VBS Leadership Team will be here to walk you through the curriculum and even give you ideas that aren't in your curriculum. So you are not expected to know everything before signing up!

We will have classes beginning with 4K and going through 6gh grade. Rotation Leaders and/or helpers are needed as well for Missions (it's a DVD driven rotation), Crafts and Music.

Folks, you really do not want to miss this opportunity to serve. God wants to use you and I need you! Not open to teaching a class, but willing to be a helper? You are needed too! Please consider this and sign up!



It's a date!!! July 17-20, 8:00am—5:00pm, Day Camp here at FBC.

To camp for any length of time you will need shelter, water, food, and be prepared to hike! Join us as we follow the Israelites and witness how God met every need they had during a really long hike in the Wilderness.

There will be several excursions that you will hate to miss, trust me! This will be for those who have completed 2nd—5th grade.

W.I.L.D. GAME FELLOWSHIP

GOOD FOOD &
FELLOWSHIP
FOR THE FAMILY

4/30/2023
5:00PM
FBC FELLOWSHIP HALL

Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday April 1st

10:30 am 1977 Windsor Place

BBQ LUNCH & BUSINESS MEETING

SUNDAY, APRIL 16, 2023
FOLLOWING WORSHIP



April 2023

Sunday Activities

Sunday School—9:40am

Worship—10:50am



PM Activities—5pm

Wednesday Activities

Men's Prayer Breakfast—6:30am

Bible Studies & Prayer Meeting— 6:00

Choir Rehearsal— 6:50

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Deacon of the week: 2—John Newton, 9—Phillip Pope, 16—JD Rees, 23—Billy Redd, 30—Pat Rush						
2  No PM Youth Bible Study	3	4	5	6	7  GOOD FRIDAY	1  EASTER EGG HUNT DNOW
9  No PM Activities	10	11	12	13	14	15
16 BBQ Lunch & Business Meeting	17	18	19	20	21	22
23 W.I.L.D. Game Supper 5pm 30	24	25	26	27	28	29

WATCH US LIVE ONLINE SUNDAYS AT 10:50!

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. We are also Live on Facebook each week!



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FRIDAY - CLOSED

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