



# First Baptist Church Yazoo City

Worship, Grow, Serve, & Share

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Dear FBC Yazoo City Family of Faith,

Grace and peace to you in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord! Frank Howard, the famous football coach and athletics leader at Clemson University from days gone by, had someone come to him and wanted to start a rowing team at Clemson. They explained the sport and how athletes would sit in these specially designed boats, facing backward, and row down the waterway. Frank Howard famously replied, "No! Clemson University will not have any activity where you sit on your rear end and go backwards!"

With all the challenges Satan and the world have thrown at us this year, it would be easy to just sit down, or even retreat, and give up. But that's not what Christian servants do in the Body of Christ. Christ deserves and expects that we keep pressing and moving forward each day as individuals and as a church to find, pursue, and do His will in our lives, home, community, and church. I want to thank all of you so much for your faithfulness and commitment to continue to strive forward for the cause of Christ in and through the ministries and activities of FBC YC. It has been a real joy for Dawn and I to serve with all of you as your interim pastor, and we thank you for your love, friendship, and support.

I want to say a special thank you to your wonderful ministry staff and church leadership for their faithfulness in ministry through the interesting journey of 2020. And of course, thank you as the church family for your faithfulness and perseverance during these days as well. Please join me in expressing thanks to your church ministers, leaders, and servants every opportunity you get, and remember to pray for God's blessing, wisdom, and guidance for them each day.

We appreciate your faithfulness and help in returning back to physical worship services as safely as possible. Let's make sure to continue to be careful when we are gathering together for worship and meetings, because we are still seeing increased case numbers of the virus in our state. Please remember and follow these simple guidelines:

In worship services, we ask that families sit together as a group, spreading out throughout the fellowship hall and sanctuary, accommodating a six foot distance in all directions between you and the nearest other family/individual.

We strongly encourage people who are not feeling well, have a fever or a cough, have traveled in highly infected areas, or have been in possible contact with an infected individual, to please stay at home and worship through one of our broadcast platforms, and do not come to church worship for 14 days until you are adequately able to assess your health. Please take your temperature before you come to church, and if you have a fever, please stay at home and worship online.

Please resist greeting or fellowshiping with handshakes and hugs. Please continue to practice the 6-foot "social distancing" in our personal interactions. Also, please avoid congregating in groups in common areas inside of the church.

Pay special attention when entering and leaving the worship service to maintain the six foot social distance and not stop and congregate for an extended time. Keep the traffic flow safe and steady as you enter and exit the building.

We will continue to not pass the offering plates during an offertory, but we do have offering collection boxes at the entrance doors as you enter and leave the worship services to collect weekly offerings. Please continue to faithfully give your tithes and offerings to support the ministry of FBC Yazoo City. You can also continue to

tithe and give by mailing your offering in to the church office, through online giving on the church website, through text giving, or through bank drafts.

We greatly encourage people to wear protective masks, and even protective gloves if desired, while attending church services.

We encourage you to regularly wash your hands and use hand sanitizer often before, during, and after church.

If anyone happens to test positive for COVID-19 after attending a worship service, please inform us ASAP so we can take appropriate action in reporting and informing those in attendance and take appropriate action.

Continue to pray fervently for God's healing, blessing, protection, conviction, provision, and comfort during these difficult days for our community, state, nation, and world. Please continue to pray for our government and healthcare leaders in our state and nation as they guide us through these unprecedented times.

We will continue to have physical gatherings for worship on Sunday mornings, with a 9 a.m. worship service in the church fellowship hall, and an 11 a.m. worship service in the church sanctuary. We are asking that only people over 60 years of age attend the 9 a.m. service in the church fellowship hall, allowing our seniors a safer environment to attend worship. If you are unable or not ready to return to physical gatherings at church, please remember that the weekly broadcasts of our worship service at 11 a.m. will continue to be available through livestream on the church website ([www.fbcyazoo.org](http://www.fbcyazoo.org)), on the church's Facebook page, on radio at Power 107.1 FM, or Yazoo City Cablevision channel 72. We will continue right now to not have physical gatherings for Sunday School or small group meetings on Sundays or Wednesdays, but we are starting to have discussions about when and how this could be safely done. This will greatly depend on the progression of the virus and the recommendations from our medical and governmental leaders.

We encourage Sunday School classes and small groups to use the 10 a.m. hour on Sunday mornings to teach Sunday School through Zoom or other online/technological options. On Wednesday nights, I will continue to lead Bible study and Prayer Meeting via Facebook Live on my Facebook page, which will then be made available through the church Facebook page. John and Tiki will also be making available teaching and fellowship times for the children and students on Wednesdays and Sundays as well through technological platforms. If you have prayer requests, text them to me at 601-559-9352 or contact Jessica Wever.

Lastly and importantly, please remember to pray daily for your Pastor Search Committee as they seek God's leading and direction to identify God's man to be your next pastor here at FBCYC. And continue growing in unity and focus in your lives and church to follow and obey Christ and His will above any other concern. God bless you, we love you, and please let me know if we can minister or counsel spiritually or personally to you in any way.

For God's Glory,

Dr. John Pace (Philippians 1:2-11)



# STUDENT MINISTRY

Tiki Broome

So excited to be typing this officially as your Youth Pastor! It's been such a blessing to walk alongside you all since this past October. Now I can't wait as God has opened the door to this season of ministry. As summer comes to a close and everyone is preparing to go back to school, there is a lot of unknown. I've been wrestling with what youth look like this year. And I know many of you are wondering what this year will hold. The good thing is our mission hasn't changed! The Lord has still given each and every one of us teams, schools, and areas of influence to invest in and show Christ. I encourage you this year from the start to be on fire for Christ; to make a difference; to be someone that is unashamed. I am so grateful to be a part of your lives and to be you all's Youth Pastor. God lays out in scripture a purpose for each person's life. My question to you is... are you living yours out? And are you seeking Him to find yours? Be encouraged to know that He wants to show you and walk with you, but you have to seek Him. So as we look to begin school, I want to pray a common but powerful prayer over you.

Numbers 6:24-26 The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance[a] upon you and give you peace.

-Stay Lit,

Tiki Broome  
Be Strong, Be Steadfast, Be Willing  
1 Corinthians 15:56-58

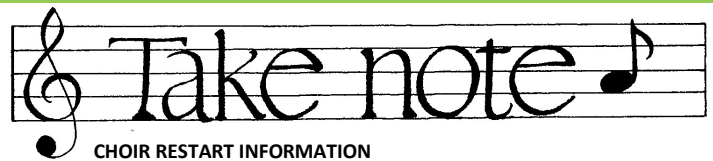


Safari Trip July 23, 2020

**CHALLENGE to GROW** Given to Date:  
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**TEXT FBCYAZOO TO 844.787.8660**

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## CHOIR RESTART INFORMATION

I had hoped that we would be able to resume our Worship Choir rehearsals in August, but as of right now that will not be happening. My hope is that after Labor Day things will be safe enough to resume, but at this point we can't be sure. In the meantime, I encourage my choir members to continue listening to their rehearsal CD's so we will be ready when the time comes. Many have asked about Christmas music, as we usually kick that off in August. Once again, it's too early to determine what we can do and when, so we will continue to monitor the situation and remain patient.

## THE BAPTIST RECORD AVAILABLE ONLINE

The Baptist Record, the weekly newspaper publication of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, is now available at no cost in digital format at [www.thebaptistrecord.org](http://www.thebaptistrecord.org).

## July Offering

<u>July 5</u>	<u>July 12</u>	<u>July 19</u>	<u>July 26</u>
<b>Budget Offering</b>	<b>Budget Offering</b>	<b>Budget Offering</b>	<b>Budget Offering</b>
\$21,019	\$11,162	\$7,064	\$7,270
<b>Challenge to Grow</b>	<b>Challenge to Grow</b>	<b>Challenge to Grow</b>	<b>Challenge to Grow</b>
\$4,335	\$2,285	\$2,310	\$1,080
<b>Online Budget Giving</b>		<b>Online Challenge to Grow</b>	
<b>thru 7/21</b>		<b>thru 7/21</b>	
\$7,337		\$925	

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



We are excited to announce that Tiki Broome has accepted the call to be our new Student Pastor! We are thankful for the time he's already been here and can't wait to see how God continues to bless him and his ministry here!

**WELCOME, TIKI!**





# 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."



Ok, attention everyone! If you are just flat out tired of this COVID-19 junk, raise your hand! Recently we had our "moving up" party for our graduating 6th graders. There were only 7 this year so we had a swim party. It was quite the social study as we watched formerly quarantined kids begin interacting again. It was as if "playing with those not in our family" was a totally new and awkward concept. What we are allowing Corona, and all it entails, to do to us socially and psychologically is so frustrating. People getting mad at others for small offenses that under normal circumstances wouldn't warrant a second mention. We refer to these things like "nerves on edge" or "feelings on the sleeve" but whatever they are, these things are real emotions, often legitimate, and causing continual conflict. And Satan doesn't have to use a "lost" world to inflict the pain and hurt.

We must be diligent to take a step back, breathe and remember who we are in Christ. And then, remind ourselves what Paul wrote in Romans 8:35-39; "Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? 36 Just as it is written, 'For Your sake we are being put to death all day long; We were considered as sheep to be slaughtered.' 37 But in all these things we overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved us. 38 For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, 39 nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

I find that just about every day, I am having to remind myself who I am in Christ. Through His eyes, I was worth dying for and that matters more than anything else.

I want to thank everyone for the continued support of the Backpacks of Hope Ministry, known to us as the "Green Bags" or "Backpack Ministry". Whatever you choose to call it, some of you have continued to drop off supplies although nothing is going out at this time.



I was asked recently, the outlook of this ministry for fall. "What does it look like?" I have to tell you that I have been in touch with the new principal at Bentonia-Gibbs Elementary. She is very supportive and after a 1 1/2 hour meeting...Here's the shocking news: I don't know what it looks like for this fall. I really don't. Ha ha, now of course, that meeting was almost a month ago and some things, such as class schedule and options for virtual are more set in place than when we talked.

Lord willing, I will be getting back with her the first of this month to get specifics on how we can continue to be the hands and feet of the Lord. The bottom line, folks, is we have every intent to use this tool for the Kingdom. This ministry has made an impact on a lot of families and individuals and we look forward to seeing the next chapter.

**It's Back!**

Playing it by ear, of course, but we are going to Kickoff our Wednesday night Kids Bible Study on Wednesday, August 12 at 6 pm. School will have begun and I've been without you guys long enough. So plan right now on joining us. Ages 4 through 6th grade.



## Help needed!

We need a few volunteers who would be willing to help sanitize the toys used each week in the nursery! If you can make time to help, please contact Jessica or John! 662-746-2471

**DON'T  
FORGET**

If you received a letter stating that you were nominated for the deacon's council, you need to let John Yates know if you are willing to serve by Sunday, August 2nd. The annual deacon election will be held Sunday, August 9th.

# August 2020

## Sunday Services

9:45 am—Sunday School-Zoom/FB Live  
9:00 am—Worship Service in Fellowship Hall  
11:00 am—Worship Service in Sanctuary

## Wednesday Services

6:00 pm—Tune in live on Facebook Live  
Youth—check Instagram for updates  
Kids—beginning Aug 12th

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Deacon of the week:</b> 2—Richard Pickens, 9—Jimmy Phillips, 16—Phillip Pope, 23—Thomas Shipp, 30—Paul Rice						1
2 Morgan McLeod drive-thru bridal shower! 2pm	3	4	5	6	7	8
9 Annual Deacon Election	10	11	12 Kid's Bible Study Kick Off!	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23 Sara Guthrie Bridal Shower! 2pm	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](http://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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## Office Hours

Monday - Thursday

8:00 am - 5:00 pm

**FRIDAY - CLOSED**

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