



First Baptist Church

Worship, Grow, Serve, & Share Yazoo City

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FBC family,

Imagine with me a congregation of believers whose overarching desire was to “make disciples,” AND at the same time we all felt well -prepared to carry out that desire as enabled by the Holy Spirit! Imagine each week the members of FBC going into their places of business, their schools, their families, their circle of friends, wherever ... with a heart desiring that the person in front of them would: 1. Trust in Jesus Christ as Savior, 2. Know and grow into a true disciple of Jesus Christ. What if you felt equipped to disciple this new believer yourself?

There is no doubt what would happen. Some people who don't know Jesus would come to know Jesus and those who come to know Jesus would be disciplined to walk authentically with Jesus. In turn, they would lead others to know Jesus! That is the pattern we find in the book of Acts. Could that really happen in 2023 in Yazoo City and County? Absolutely! God does mighty things when His people become Disciple Makers.

One might be thinking: “I don't know how to talk to someone about Jesus. I definitely do not know how to disciple someone ... I just don't think I have it in me to do that.” If that is you ... and you have a stirring in your heart to “make disciples” then I want to encourage you to be a part of a study beginning in August, “Becoming A Disciple Maker,” by Billy Hanks, Jr.

Currently the following time options are on the table:

- Sundays, right after church. Share lunch together and then do the study.
- Sunday, at 3:30 p.m.
- A weeknight, such as Tuesday or Thursday, perhaps at 6:00 p.m.

The study is 12 weeks so we will need to get started soon. Please let me know ASAP if you are interested and what time would be best for you. Email me at byron@fbcyazoo.org, or just give me a call at the church office.

Please note, “Becoming a Disciple Maker” will NOT be in place of the normal small group study at 5:00 p.m. on Sunday nights. We will also resume small group study in August. What will we be studying?

Dr. David Jeremiah has written a book entitled, “What In The World is Going On? 10 Prophetic Clues You Cannot Afford to Ignore.” As I talk to people, I hear a common thought – this world

is changing. It is not only changing, it is changing fast. The changes are not what most would categorize as “good.”

The last days of history began with the first coming of Jesus Christ into this world. Since New Testament times, followers of Jesus Christ have been anticipating the second coming of Jesus Christ into this world. Jesus did not come back during their days on earth! So, what makes us think we might just be that generation? Every generation is to live knowing the return of Jesus Christ is imminent. Right now God's people are asking some great questions. Are we in the last of the last days? Will there really one day be a one world government? Will the Man of Lawlessness also called the Antichrist really rule the earth. Will all those terrible things told in the book of Revelation really one day happen? In this study we will look to Scripture for God's wisdom in these matters and hopefully answer some questions you might have.

You will find sign-up sheets in the sanctuary foyer and breezeway entrance. I hope to see you at one or both of these discipleship opportunities.

Also ... I thought I had placed the pamphlet, “Heart Searching Prayer Preparation for Personal Revival” in every bulletin for July 23. I missed those bulletins in the Education building. It was mentioned to me on that Sunday morning, “I did not have a pamphlet in my bulletin.” It was then I realized my oversight. If you also did not receive a pamphlet, you will now find those in the sanctuary foyer and the breezeway entrance.

If you are longing to see God move in your life, then I strongly encourage you to think through, pray over, and answer the questions asked in the pamphlet. There are 23 sets of questions. You may want to take a set of questions each day for 23 days.

Our Savior and LORD, Jesus Christ, said ...

“All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe / obey everything I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” Matthew 28:18-20

May all of us continue to grow up in Jesus Christ and make disciples together!

Byron

This summer was one to remember for so many of our students. From Summer Camp at Myrtle Beach all the way through Super Summer, we had a non stop stretch of week-long opportunities for students to plug in and get involved. By the end of Summer Camp we had six commitments to the Lord and so many more commitments that have been evident in the lives of our students since. Our mission trip week, as much as there were ups and downs, was filled with the joy and energy needed to serve the local community in Arlington. The relationships built with local kids was a tough one to leave behind the week of July 4th. Lastly, we had Super Summer where we got to witness the Lord work and move in four of our girls' lives as they learned what it takes to be a leader within their community as a believer. Seeing these students give up their time to serve the local church here in Yazoo this summer and seek opportunity to serve others and grow in their own faith this summer was inspiring and one we will hopefully continue to build upon going into our school year!

Be sure to join us for a fun night Wednesday, August 2nd for Back-to-School Bash!!



JOIN THE CHOIR!

Choir Rehearsal each Wednesday!

2nd Floor Ed Building
6:50 pm

SIGN UP FOR OUR

TEXT ALERTS!

TEXT 'FBCYAZOO' TO 844.787.8660

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GIVE ONLINE



July Budget Offering

<u>July 2</u>	<u>July 9</u>	<u>July 16</u>	<u>July 23</u>	<u>Online Gifts</u>
\$9,634	\$12,878	\$5,489	\$5,705	\$14,218



It's that time!! Wednesday Night Supper will resume Wednesday, August 9th. Sign up is required each week using the bulletin tear-offs. \$5 per plate. 5:15pm. We hope you will join us! If you'd like to help out by assembling another team for the rotation, please let us know!

MOVE UP SUNDAY

KIDS WILL GRADUATE TO NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES!

SUNDAY, AUGUST 6TH

Gifts were received for the following designated funds:

Children's Ministry in memory of Pat Langley
Backpacks of Hope in memory of Francine Cox
TV Ministry in memory of Pat Langley
Capital Improvements in memory of Francine Cox
Capital Improvements in memory of Eddie Purvis



BACKPACKS OF HOPE



As you read this, our Backpacks of Hope kids have already begun their school year. You have been so supportive over these few years and we would love to continue this valuable ministry. Right now, the families of Bentonia Gibbs have received a letter explaining the Backpacks of Hope Ministry. From there these families will choose whether to enroll. Then, with the help of teachers and the assistant principal, we will be presented a "number" in which to prepare each week. We've had as few as 36 and as many as 72.

Should you have a question about specific needs, see me or Bill Michaels and one of his team. Join me in praying for each child and family and please go pick up an item every time you run to the grocery.

Thanks again, FBC!

IT'S BACK!!! Beginning Sunday evening, August 6th @ 5pm in the Kid's Worship area we will kick off another semester of K4C! This program features Bible lessons, service projects, music and games. 5:00–6:30 each Sunday evening. Ages 4k–6th grade. Plan on participating now!



This article is a big thank you! Thank you to our Summer Blast team who made our Wednesday Night Special Events so much fun! We had great attendance and the fun activities and crazy games made each Wednesday something to look forward to.

Then came Camping in the Wilderness, DayCamp '23 and our final event of the Summer. We had great attendance as we learned God's lessons to the children of Israel as they left Egypt for the next 40 years. Our volunteers were just great and the kids had a super time. Thank you to our large group leader, Noah Bottrell; teaching team: Nedra Redd, Leah Kilpatrick, Laura Eden, Molly McBride, Ashley Newton, Sarah Bailey Jackson; and our resident "baby whisperer" Beth Ann Anderson for keeping an eye on workers' kids. Then, of course, our kitchen/meal (and go for) team of Bill Michaels and Billy Redd who gave us the much needed fuel and saw we had everything we needed to operate! Thanks to all for an awesome summer!!



BACK 2 SCHOOL BASH

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 2ND 5:15PM

ANNUAL DEACON ELECTION

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 6TH



- August 19th
- Yazoo Country Club
- 4 man teams
- 9 hole scramble
- Gather & Check-in 8:15-8:45
- Shotgun Start @ 9am
- Noon-ish Lunch @ the Clubhouse
- \$30 per person

Men, we hope you will join us for the fun-filled morning of fellowship. There will be no TV cameras nor will this event be on the Golf Channel anytime in the future, so everyone at every level is welcomed to play. No experience necessary, ha. If you don't have clubs, you can play out of another guy's bag.. We just want you out there with us. If you don't want to golf & just want to join us for lunch, please do!

Let us know you are coming by calling the church office, Justin Pruden, Joey Greco, Delton Beall, Phillip Pope, Kent Montgomery, Michael McCain, Mike Williams, or Phil Dixon so we can plan properly. Can't wait to see ya there!



August 2023

SUNDAY ACTIVITIES

LifeGroups—9:40am
Worship—10:50am
K4C & Adult Bible Study—5pm
Youth—5:30pm

WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES

Men's Prayer Breakfast—6:30am
Supper—5:15pm
Youth, Elevate Kids, & Prayer Meeting—6pm
Choir Rehearsal—6:50

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 BACK TO SCHOOL BASH	3	4	5
6 Annual Deacon Election K4C begins!	7	8	9 Wednesday Night Suppers Resume	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19 BILL WEEKS MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

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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