



# First Baptist Church

Worship, Grow, Serve, & Share Yazoo City

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Dear Church Family,

It was that point of the day when the thought crosses the mind, “I need a break.” I needed more than another cup of coffee. I decided to go for a walk. The cool air was invigorating and I got into a good stride. I walked and walked and walked. I walked on Jackson Avenue, Fourth Street, Grand Avenue and beyond. As I walked I found myself thinking about all the people who live in these houses. Some houses were grand and beautiful. Others were not. No matter if grand, or not; large or not; well-kept or not, one thing was the same... When you take away what people have (you name it) you are left with just people. People are all the same. We all need Jesus!

For those without Jesus Christ – they are lost and headed to an eternity away from God. For those with Christ – all are equally saved by God’s grace through faith in Jesus Christ!

All the people who live in these houses are people loved by God. All are people that need Jesus. As I walked I began to wonder where these people went to church. Are the people in these homes walking in an authentic relationship with Jesus Christ? As far as I know out of the hundreds of people who live in these homes I was walking by – few to none are part of FBC. Why not?

Some “brilliant” person from years ago put two actions together and coined a phrase. If a person is walking and praying at the same time then they are “Prayer Walking.” The prayers on that walk are very specific. Prayer Walking means you are praying for the people within those homes. You are praying for their salvation, for their family, for any hurts and pains, that they would come to walk with the LORD, for peace and love to permeate their homes, and so forth.

I have Prayer Walked with other believers in many places in this world. God only knows the impact such prayers have had on the people in those homes, communities, and cities. I firmly believe when God’s child prays, then God moves according to His will. I firmly believe there is some level of impact because God’s child prayed!

When is the last time you, we the people of FBC, have walked the streets around the FBC campus? Do you know the people at our doorstep? When, if ever, have we as a church Prayer Walked the streets around FBC or even through the city of Yazoo? Are we too busy to do so? I am not casting stones. If I was, then the first one

would need to strike me because this is the first time I have Prayer Walked the streets and homes surrounding FBC. Do we believe God would move in these people’s lives if we took the time to walk by their homes and pray for them? Do we love our direct-right-beside-FBC neighbors as God has loved us? It is easy to say and not so easy to find the time to show.

Am I calling out to us to begin to Prayer Walk the streets around FBC and even throughout the city? Perhaps this is what God would use to stir the hearts of the people in these homes, bring light into darkness, and be a catalyst for awakening and revival in these homes and this city. What do you think? Is this a worthy investment of our time, energy, and soles in 2022?

I have prayer walked a very specific area a number of times. That area encompasses Jackson Avenue, Fourth Street, Webster Street, and Fifth Street. This is the perimeter around the park across from Word of Faith Church and Webster Elementary School. This is where we are to jointly host what is being called a “Holly Jolly Block Party.” We are partnering with Word of Faith Church. Pastor Edward Taylor and I are working on establishing a friendship. We believe God is calling us to do something together for the Kingdom of God and for the people who surround Word of Faith Church and First Baptist Church. All the details are being worked out through joint meetings between our two churches. When you hear “we need this or that for the Holly Jolly Block Party,” please for the Kingdom and Glory of God, for partnering with Word of Faith, for the people that are at our front and back doors, say “yes, what can I do to help!”

The Block Party is scheduled for December 18, 2021 from 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. in Lintonia park: beside Webster Elementary School and across from Word of Faith Church. Please begin to pray now. If God leads, go ahead and invest your time, energy, and soles for His Kingdom and Glory, and for His moving in the souls all around us – start walking and praying!

Have a Christ-centered Christmas!

Byron

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It's the most wonderful time of the year! Christmas time is finally here! I hope you are looking forward to this break just as I am. I want to bring your attention to our Advent Devotional. Advent begins 4 Sundays prior to Christmas and observed by Christians as a season of prayer and fasting. This is a crucial piece to understanding and being in a posture to prepare for the true meaning of this season: the birth of Christ. I have copies of this for anyone who would like to walk through it with me. This is beneficial for students and families if you desire to grow in this season and not just be focused on the gifts that come this time of year.

Here is a sample of Day 1

**November 29th**

Isaiah 64:1-9

Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Mark 13:24-37

Prayer of the Day: "Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection waken us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and keep us blameless until the coming of your new day, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever."

My prayer this Christmas season is that you grow deeper with the Father and understand more what Christmas is all about.

Tiki Broome



## IMPORTANT END OF YEAR CONTRIBUTION INFORMATION

As the end of the year approaches, please make note that any contributions you wish to have applied to your 2021 Giving Statement must be received in the offering on or before Sunday, December 26th or in the church office by Tuesday, December 28th. All contributions by mail must be postmarked by December 29th. If you are giving online, please allow 3-5 days for the transaction to process in order to be received by the church by December 31st. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Jessica in the church office at 662.746.2471 or [jessica@bcyazoo.org](mailto:jessica@bcyazoo.org).

I Call Him Lord is a passionate celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ, who left His throne in heaven to be the perfect sacrifice for our sins. This stirring worship service includes congregational singing throughout and features treasured hymns, classic choruses, and new worship songs.

All who share in these moments will be moved as they bow their hearts in awe and worship at the manger of the Christ child.

The presentation will be during the 10:50 worship service, December 12th. We will broadcast for those homebound but the live experience will be special so tell your friends to join in on the worship of our Savior.



Please make plans to bring your family and friends to participate in this beautiful service as we worship and celebrate the birth of the King of Kings. Through moving music and scripture, everything will be put in perspective as we focus on Jesus. December 24th 5 pm.

## November Offering

<u>November 7</u>	<u>November 14</u>	<u>November 21</u>	<u>November 28</u>
Budget Offering	Budget Offering	Budget Offering	Budget Offering
\$16,169	\$26,394	\$9,441	\$16,764
Challenge to Grow	Challenge to Grow	Challenge to Grow	Challenge to Grow
\$1,985	\$695	\$870	\$1,670
<u>Online Giving</u>			
\$11,688			

**Gifts were received for the following designated funds:**

Capital Improvements in memory of Eddie Purvis  
Lottie Moon in memory of Chester Stovall



Breakfast in Bethlehem has quickly become a favorite event among our kids and their leaders.

If you are new to our church family, this event is for ages 4 yr old—6th grade. The kids will meet in the gym at 9:30 Sunday morning, December 19 for a pancake/ bacon breakfast and a special guest that will share the Christmas story.

Please put this on your calendar so your kids don't miss out on this special time!



Thank you for all who participated in our shoebox drive this year. Well over 100 boxes were assembled this year and delivered to the collection site. If you didn't participate this year, we encourage you to be a part next year as we increase our participation goal. Thanks!

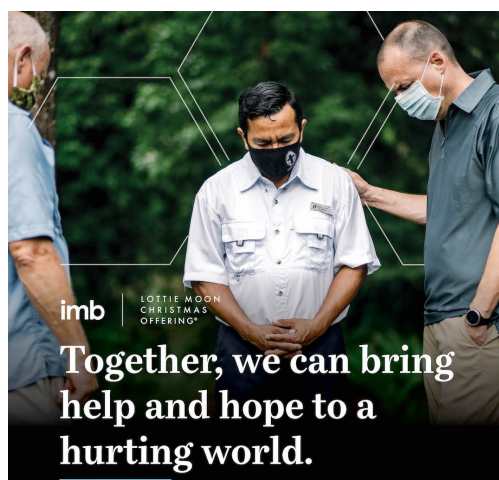
**HOLLY JOLLY BLOCK PARTY**

**Saturday, December 18th**

**1 pm | Lintonia Park  
(Beside Webster Elementary)**

**FREE FOOD, GAMES, DOOR PRIZES & MORE!**

**It's time again to collect the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering! This is an**



**Together, we can bring help and hope to a hurting world.**

**annual offering collected by believers around the world to support international missions. It is unique from other mission offerings in that 100% of gifts provide for missionaries all over the world. It is a valuable part of Southern Baptists' history of reaching the nations with the gospel and vital to reaching the vision of a multitude from every**

**language, people, tribe, and nation knowing and worshipping our Lord Jesus Christ (Revelation 7:9).**

**WE ARE PARTNERING WITH WORD OF FAITH CHURCH (NEXT DOOR) TO PUT ON THIS HOLLY JOLLY BLOCK PARTY AND WE NEED ALL HANDS ON DECK ! PLEASE BE LOOKING FOR YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO SIGN UP AND HELP MAKE IT HAPPEN! WE NEED VOLUNTEERS FOR GAMES, FACE PAINTING, COOKING FOOD, REGISTRATION TABLE, AND MUCH MORE AS WE REACH THE COMMUNITY OF YAZOO.**

**Young Adults & Young Married Couples**

join us for a

**CHRISTMAS PARTY!**

Sunday, December 12th @ 6:00

45 Red Hancock Dr. Benton, MS 39039

RSVP to Tiki 601.953.1878

**make note:**

we will not have Sunday School December 26th!

join us for worship at 10:50!




# December 2021

## Sunday Activities

Sunday School—9:40am  
Worship—10:50am

## Wednesday Activities

Backpacks of Hope packing—5:45  
Elevate Kids—5:45  
Youth & Adult Bible Study/Prayer Meeting—6:00  
Choir Rehearsal—6:50

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 Worship Choir Christmas Celebration @ 10:50  Young Adult Christmas Party @ 6	13	14	15	16	17	18
19  Breakfast in Bethlehem @ 9:30	20	21 Office Closed	22 Office Closed  No Wednesday Services	23 Office Closed	24  Christmas Eve Service @ 5pm	25 
26 NO SUNDAY SCHOOL!!	27	28	29 Office Closed  No Wednesday Services	30 Office Closed	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](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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