



First Baptist Church

Worship, Grow, Serve, & Share Yazoo City

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Wonderful Church Family,

February 14th will be here before you know it! Yes, I know it is Valentine's Day! Like many of you men, I plan on making sure that my wife knows that she is loved and appreciated on that day! This is a special day also in the life of FBC Yazoo.

In January, we made the very difficult decision to not resume regular activities due to the still alarming number of Covid-19 cases in Yazoo, including some of our own. Though there are still many who are contracting Covid-19, including some of our own, we can rejoice that the number of cases are decreasing and more and more people who desire are getting vaccinated.

A few weeks ago we focused our hearts on the "ecclesia;" the gathered ones in Christ known as His Church. We are so thankful that modern technology has allowed us to still somewhat gather together. It is not the same as actually being together in the same place at the same time. Pastors across this nation are concerned, "when all the Covid-19 dust settles" just how many people will come back to gather in the same place at the same time on Sundays and Wednesdays?

You, yes you, can be a part of the re-gathering of God's people at the same time and in the same place. When you choose to gather with your brothers and sisters in Christ in person you are making an incredibly wonderful decision! You will once again be a source of encouragement to those around you. You will be there to rejoice and laugh with your brothers and sisters in Christ as well as to help shoulder their pains and sorrows. You will be in wonderful Sunday School conversations in which you can spur one another on to walk deeply with Jesus Christ. And so much more!

These have been unusual times. Apart from TV, livestream, Facebook, and radio we would be terribly hurting as a church body. It is hard to maintain strong relationships with people when you have little to no personal contact with them. I can talk to my mom and dad on the phone which is wonderful. I can't hug my mom and dad through a phone no matter how smart it may be! There is much value in being with people you love and care for face to face.

God makes His desire for His church abundantly clear – "And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching ." – Hebrews 10:24

- When God's people get together wonderful things happen – our love for God and for each other gets stirred, and God-works flow from one life to the other, and flow out into the community.
- When God's people get together they will encourage each other with

words like – Keep on following Jesus! Keep on staying true to God's word! Keep on telling everyone who will listen to trust in Jesus Christ as Savior – Who was crucified for their sins and paid for them with His death and rose bodily from the dead! Keep on praying for this community! Keep on being a faithful husband and wife! Keep on raising your children to know Jesus and walk with Him all the days of their lives! Keep on being patient with those around you! Keep on forgiving one another! Keep on supporting each other! Keep on praying for one another! Keep on giving that God's word could be proclaimed to Yazoo City and the world! Keep on bringing food to be packed into backpacks for hungry children! Keep on remembering the needy around us and serve them in and through the Christian Service Center! Keeping on singing and praising God and thanking God – for though the nation is getting darker – as we give ourselves to the LORD, His light is going to shine brighter and brighter through us! Keep on loving one another as God has loved you! Keep on loving Yazoo City with your words and actions! Keep on living life for God's glory!

Jesus made it clear to the woman at the well – a time is coming when worship of God is possible wherever you are because the Holy Spirit indwells those who trust in Jesus Christ! Can you worship in the woods? Yes. Can you worship on the river or lake? Yes. Can you worship in your favorite chair? Yes. But let me tell you something. None of those can take the place of worshiping side by side and heart in heart with hundreds of others who are of like heart and like mind – children of God in Christ Jesus!!!

We understand everyone is not going to feel safe to come back to Sunday School, small groups, worship, and so forth by February 14. We still encourage those most senior among us to stay home until the numbers are much better or you have received your vaccination, if that has been your choice.

We as your pastoral staff in obedience to God's word, and out of our profound love for each one of you, firmly believe it is time to start gathering together again! We will do all we can to make sure every environment is cleansed and safe – from the crib in the nursery to your favorite seat in Sunday School to that special spot in the sanctuary. On February 14, all regular spiritual growth and worship opportunities will begin again. We have no intentions of again ceasing to have these opportunities. We hope to see you then and every Sunday and Wednesday God gives us ... "and so much the more as [we] see the Day approaching!"

It is a joy to love you and be loved by you,

Byron



STUDENT MINISTRY

Tiki Broome



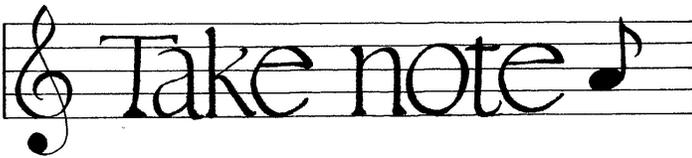
Have any of you lived in the future? I know often time, I do. I look at what's ahead and I live there rather than in the present. Scripture tells us in Matthew 6:34: "Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble." Also in Isaiah 43:18-19: "Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old. Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert." I read those verse and I say to myself.. "That's so hard!" We are always trying to get to or live in or make our future a reality. We have a lot going on and coming up and it's so hard for me to live in the present because I want to be a part of those moments so badly. But we must stay grounded in what's right in front of us whether that be your final moments of your senior year, or a hard test you have coming up. I'm excited for these next coming weeks and months as I feel the Lord has so much planned to make himself known in our lives. This month we will continue through our series in the book of Acts. We are looking at the foundations of what makes the church the church and also the example of what it looks like to be a Christian. I feel like this series is instrumental to the growth of all of us in our faith and in our walk with Christ. Make time to be there on Wednesday nights to grow and learn in the knowledge of Christ. Also, this month, we have Winter Retreat February 19-21! Make sure you sign up. It will be a blast and you don't want to miss out!!

"May the Lord bless you and keep you;
May the Lord make His face shine upon you,
And be gracious to you;
And may the Lord lift up His countenance upon you,
And give you peace."

-Tiki Broome

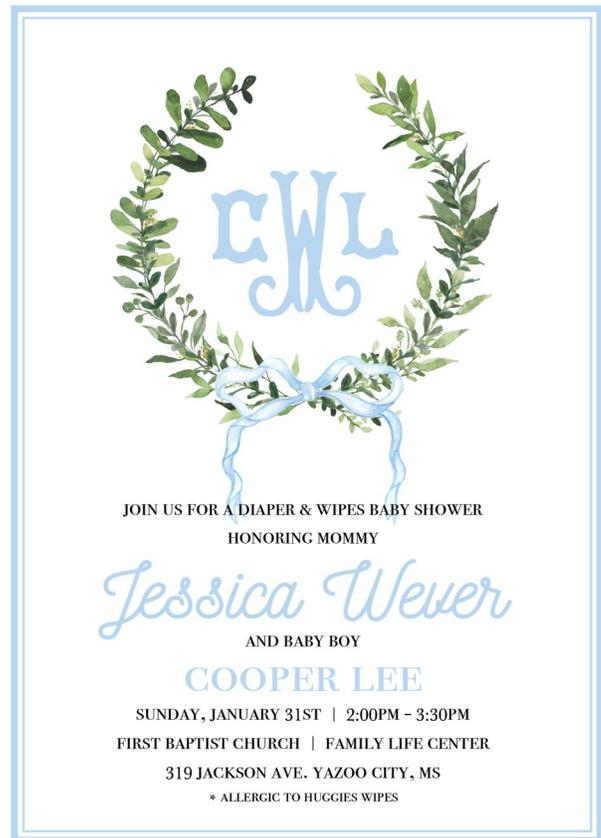
UPCOMING EVENTS

Winter Retreat - Feb 19-21st
DNow - March 5-6th



Once again we will attempt to restart choir rehearsal as our Wednesday schedule hopefully kicks off again on February 17th. We will meet in the choir room at 6:45 and will still practice social distancing and ask everyone to wear a mask coming in and out of the choir room. We will use this time as a gauge to determine if we have enough to continue. As always, please don't come if you are uncomfortable with gathering or have a medical condition. I have missed gathering with my choir family but appreciate you leading in worship as part of the congregation each week. I'm also grateful to our Praise Team and accompanists who gather to practice each week to lead in worship. Don't lose heart, church, and keep singing!

Ken



January Offering

Jan 3	Jan 10	Jan 17	Jan 24
Budget Offering	Budget Offering	Budget Offering	Budget Offering
\$7,405	\$15,574	\$5,414	\$11,157
Challenge to Grow	Challenge to Grow	Challenge to Grow	Challenge to Grow
\$3,610	\$51,665	\$910	\$1,280

Online Giving thru 1/27

\$10,186

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

Gifts were received for the following designated funds:

- Backpack Ministry in honor of Vernon & Gaye Sikes
- Lottie Moon in memory of Ray Shackelford
- Local Benevolence in memory of Martha Farrish
- Local Benevolence in memory of Claudie Wright
- Capital Improvements in memory of Claudie Wright
- Music Ministry in honor of Ken Hall
- Capital Improvements in memory of Rita Middleton
- Gracewater in memory of Claudie Wright
- Cablevision in memory of Rita Middleton



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."



So very excited for Sunday School to begin meeting again. I have missed each of you so much and I know your teacher has as well. On Sunday, February 14th, we will be together for Donuts and other goodies at 9:45 in the kids area. Please, parents, get your kids here for this special time. This will give them time to eat as well as get reacquainted with their teachers. We are really looking forward to getting back together and celebrating what God has done in each of our lives.

Lake Tiak-O-Khata

July 18-21, 2021

\$185.00

We all know about Abraham, Moses, David, and Esther. The heroes of the faith, but the Bible is filled with stories of men and women who—although you may not know their names—served God in BIG ways.

Children who have completed 2nd grade through 6th grade, registration has begun for Summer Camp '21. Please let the church office or Mr. John know if you plan to attend. **This is to establish interest so it is a must to respond as soon as possible.** Registration forms and money will come later.



Wednesday night, February 17th, we will begin our Elevate program! Everything kicks off at 5:45 with our Game Show followed by our new series, Spy Chase. We will join "P.R.O.P.H.E.T.", a secret spy organization. On the mission, we learn about prophets like Isaiah, Elijah, and many others. So get ready for the most interactive Elevate experience yet!

Ages 4-5 will participate in Spy Chase Jr.

HELP WANTED

We are looking for volunteers to fill in at the office during Jessica's absence for Maternity Leave. She is due March 7th. We're hoping to find people to work 4 hour shifts, Monday-Thursday, March 2nd-April 22nd. There are calendars for March & April set up in Jessica's office. If you are interested in helping out and could spare some time to answer the phone and buzz people into the office, please swing by and sign up! Or get in touch with Jessica; call at 662.746.2471 or email at jessica@fbcyazoo.org.

CHALLENGE to GROW Given to Date: \$451,220.53



Backpacks of Hope

Next time you head to the grocery store, don't forget to pick up some of the following items for this incredible ministry!

Instant Oatmeal, Cereal Bars, Pop-tarts, Single-serve containers of Ravioli, Mac-n-Cheese, & soup, Vienna Sausages, Ramen Noodles, Jerky Sticks, Crackers, Cookies, Granola Bars, and Fruit Snacks.

Please remember: NO PEANUT BUTTER **THANK YOU!**

SIGN UP FOR OUR

TEXT ALERTS!

TEXT FBCYAZOO TO 844.787.8660



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Sunday Services
 9:45 am—Sunday School Starting Feb 14th
 11:00 am—Worship Service in Sanctuary
 5pm—Starting Feb 14th

Wednesday Services—beginning Feb 17th
 6:00 pm—Prayer Meeting
 Youth—in the Activities Building
 Kids—in the Education Building

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
Wever Baby Shower 2:00						
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 Sunday School & Sunday Nights Resume!	15	16	17 Wednesday Night Services Resume!	18	19 Youth Winter Retreat	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28			Deacon of the week: 7—Joey Greco, 14—Roy Harris, 21—A.G. Helton, 28—George Jennings			

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. We are also Live on Facebook each week!



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