

Wonderful Church Family,

Another year is now fading into the annals of history. Another year is now presenting itself to us. Another year filled with so many opportunities to know God, love God, glorify God, walk with God, and proclaim to our family, friends, neighbors, and coworkers the hope they too may know every moment of Now and Eternity in Jesus Christ!

God wants to use every one of us to impact the life of every person around us in 2022. We will be talking about that this Sunday morning. Let's start this year off strong! All of us gathering in the Name of Jesus Christ, worshipping Him with all of our hearts, and presenting ourselves to Him – "Here we are! Take us! Use us! To impact people for your Kingdom and Your glory in 2022!"

During the month of January we are going to begin the book of Genesis! We will be taking a very close look at the week of creation. A correct understanding of Scripture and theology begins with a correct understanding of the opening words of the Bible. In these opening words God makes it very clear what His heart is when it comes to current issues such as evolution, sexuality, marriage, and gender.

There is no way we can go into the needed depths of some of these issues in the time we have together on Sunday mornings. Therefore, I am led to present you with additional opportunities of exploring these issues. One opportunity comes in the form of a video. The other in a small group study.

On Sunday January 9 our children will begin meeting again for discipleship at 5:00 p.m. At 4:45 p.m. in the sanctuary we will be viewing a film by the American Family Association called, "In His Image."

God declares in His absolute truth called the Bible,

Genesis 1:27, "So God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them."

Genesis 2:24, "Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh."

- God created mankind in His image.
- God created two biological sexes – male and female.
- God created marriage and He defines it ONLY as one male and one female united together in covenant love.

Yet, America, and even the church in America who knows these scriptures, is asking some very serious questions these days such as:

- Is homosexuality really a sin in God's eyes?
- Is it okay to try and "change" one's gender?
- Is it even possible to truly "change" one's gender?
- Is it okay in God's eyes for a man to marry a man, or a woman marry a woman?
- Can a person practice homosexuality and truly be a Christian at the same time?
- Does God make a person "gay"?

Please plan to be in the sanctuary at 4:45 p.m. on January 9, 2022, to watch this very important documentary. I hope to see you there!

We also live in a day when "evolution," "Big Bang," and "the earth being billions of years old" is accepted by many, including people who sit in pews each week. Actually, a close look at the biblical text and an honest look at science tells a different story. On January 23, 2022 please plan to come to Genesis Academy on Sunday nights at 5:00.

You will walk away each week with a deeper understanding from God's word, theologians, and brilliant scientists as to why you can know that God created this world just as He says He did in Genesis – not through evolution, not by a Big Bang, and not over billions of years. Come ready to listen, think, and discuss what we learn each week. You will grow in your understanding of God's word and amazement over our wondrous and all-powerful God and what He has done! There is no cost to you for this study. There will be sign-up sheets in the foyer of the sanctuary so that we will have an idea of how many study guides to have prepared. I hope to see you there!

I am so thankful God brought me here to be your pastor! I love each of you and look forward to another year of seeking our LORD together and serving each other and others in His Name and for His glory!

Byron



Happy New Year!

I hope everyone had a great holiday with family and friends! I know I did. Thank you to all who sent me your Christmas cards! It was definitely a highlight everyday checking the mail.

Now that we are into 2022, a lot of cool things are on the horizon. First, will be DNOW coming up March 4th-5th. Information and sign ups will begin this month and we are pumped for what God is going to do that weekend!! We are also looking into some really cool retreats the next couple months. As we look to the new year, I pray that you take advantage of the opportunity to start anew. In various aspects of your life; that could be quiet time, being at church more consistently, or even how you are living your life. Take some time over the next month and evaluate where you can grow in your walk with Christ. I look forward to an awesome semester! Also, be on the look out for our rescheduling of the Holly Jolly Block Party, as well as our "Loads of Hope" Laundry Ministry opportunity.

-Tiki



For a few months now you have thought about being part of the FBC Worship Choir. Then as you were moved by the wonderful Christmas presentation, you found yourself talking about it once more. But you have bought into the lie that you had to possess "solo" abilities to be a part of the choir and that is simply

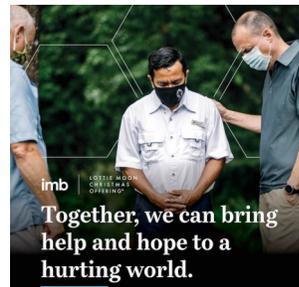
not true. Maybe you have heard the voice whisper in your ear; "How in the world are you going to have time for that?" Here's what you need to sing in the Worship Choir. Do you have a heart bursting with thankfulness and praise for all He has done for you?

Here's your sign! On Wednesday night, January 5th at 6:50 pm, the choir will begin rehearsing. I believe that once you attend one rehearsal, you will want to make this a regular part of your service to the Lord. And just ask any current member...the blessings you receive are numerous.

I hope to see you on January 5th!

INSTRUMENTALISTS WANTED 🔍

Do you play drums? What about guitar or bass guitar? Keyboard? Now is the time to use the talent God has given you with the Worship Ministry of FBC. Each week you will receive your music by email to prepare, then meet in the sanctuary at 9:45 am each Sunday morning for rehearsal. God gave you abilities to play, now give it back to Him. Please pray and consider being a part of this vital ministry. If you are interested, John would love to talk with you.



BIG THANK YOU to each of you that gave towards the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. We were able to collect \$17,360.

December Offering

<u>December 5</u>	<u>December 12</u>	<u>December 19</u>	<u>December 28</u>
Budget Offering	Budget Offering	Budget Offering	Budget Offering
\$18,184	\$20,157	\$8,191	\$7,469
Challenge to Grow	Challenge to Grow	Challenge to Grow	Challenge to Grow
\$7,115	\$805	\$650	\$970
Online Giving			
\$13,874			

Gifts were received for the following designated funds:

- Challenge to Grow in memory of Chester Stovall
- Lottie Moon in memory of Ken Sudduth
- Lottie Moon in memory of Bobby Bentley
- Lottie Moon in memory of Rita Middleton
- Capital Improvements in memory of George Nicholas
- Capital Improvements in memory of Ken Sudduth
- Capital Improvements in honor of Charline Killebrew
- TV Ministry in memory of Ken Sudduth
- Local Benevolence in memory of George Nicholas
- Local Benevolence in memory of Ken Sudduth
- Lottie Moon in memory of Chester Stovall
- Lottie Moon in memory of Jim & Martha Farrish
- Lottie Moon in memory of Blake Coghlan
- Lottie Moon in memory of Warner Rean Hilderbrand
- Lottie Moon in memory of Don Cummings
- Capital Improvements in memory of Eddie Purvis
- Media Ministry in honor of Media Team



Thank you for the very generous love gift you gave this year. We are very grateful and appreciate it so much. As we look toward a new year of serving together, I look forward to seeing how God works His will and way through FBC.

Paul said: "Forgetting what is behind and reaching forward to what is ahead, I press on toward the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."



Come with us to a very strange town, a place where people live their lives upside down. Now that doesn't mean the people there stand on their heads or that you'd climb to the ceiling to get into your bed. It's the wrong choices they make that we call "upside down." And some of their choices are the strangest around!

Some of the people choose not to forgive. Others give up quickly and that's no way to live. There's a woman who gives warnings and tries to be nice, but she neglects to follow her own advice. There's a man named Jack who refuses to go back. There's a worrisome man with panic attacks. There's a friend who hears advice both good and bad. That story ends

up with an entire town mad!

Wednesday night, ELEVATE, ages 4k-6th grade, starts back up on **Wednesday, Jan 5th at 5:45 pm.**

Our Sunday night kids program will begin January 9th at 5 pm in the kids worship area (Education Building). This semester, our series will include Bible Lessons, games, snacks, service projects and newly added Kids Music time.

For ages 4k-6th grade, you will want your kids to be a part of this wonderful program. Come check it out!



Just a quick reminder to keep those donations coming whether it is a much needed food item or a monetary gift. At this time we are providing much needed weekend food to 52 children and your gifts are truly helping.

Thank you!

JOHN YATES

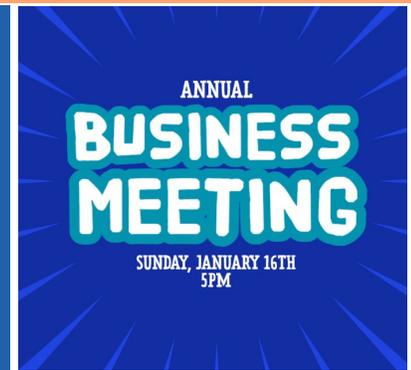
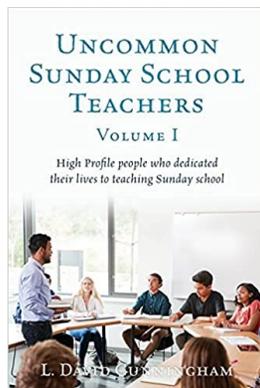


Uncommon Sunday School Teachers, Volume I

and *II* by L. David Cunningham has just been published about 13 high profile people who dedicated their lives to teaching and/or promoting Sunday School. These books were written to encourage and motivate those who are a part of Sunday School ministry. These two books may be ordered on Amazon. One of the 13 chapters features Mr. Owen Cooper, a First Baptist Church member for 40 years. Mr. Cooper was founder, CEO, and President of Mississippi Chemical Corporation. While Mr. Cooper was a member of FBC- he was the last layman elected as President of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Author David Cunningham interviewed and included Yazoo City native, Rev. Kenneth Westbrook (who grew up as a member of Center Ridge Baptist Church), in the chapter about Mr. Cooper. Other familiar names and pastors of First Baptist are also included. Rev. Westbrook was pastor of our mission church on Gordon Ave from 1963-65 while going to college, and knew Mr. & Mrs. Cooper when they taught Sunday School at the mission.

Sunday Dec. 5th, we were able to recognize Ms. Gerry McGraw for her faithfulness as a Sunday School teacher & presented her with a certificate and copies of these books. She has served as a Sunday School teacher for 62 years! Thank you Ms. Gerry for your service over the years!



Join us for this 7-session study by Jeannie Cunnion!

Moms, join us for this Sunday night small group beginning Jan 23rd. Led by Nedra Redd!

THE GENESIS ACADEMY

A comprehensive 12-part video series on Genesis 1-11!
Join Byron on Sunday Nights at 5 beginning Jan 23rd!



January 2022

Sunday Activities

Sunday School—9:40am
 Worship—10:50am
 Evening Activities—5pm

Wednesday Activities

Backpacks of Hope packing—5:30
 Elevate Kids—5:45
 Youth & Adult Bible Study/Prayer Meeting—6:00
 Choir Rehearsal—6:50

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5 Wednesday Services Resume!	6	7	8
9 Deacon Meeting @ 3:30 K4C resumes! 5pm In Him Image Movie Showing @ 5	10	11	12	13	14	15
16 Business Meeting @ 5	17	18	19	20	21	22
23 Small Groups Begin @ 5	24	25	26	27	28	29
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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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