



First Baptist Church

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Church Family,

For many years, I, you, and perhaps millions of other believers have cried out to God to overturn the 1973 Supreme Court decision known as Roe v. Wade. On this past Friday, the Supreme Court in a 5-4 decision chose to reverse the Roe v. Wade decision which in effect had made “the right to abortion” the law of the land. No longer could states decide this issue for themselves as had been the case prior. Without going into the specifics, I fully support the decision of the Supreme Court. Rightly, and constitutionally, this issue is now back in the hands of the citizens of each state.

I praise God for answering so many prayers and undoing a terrible decision that opened a door which led to the killing of over 60 million innocent persons in the wombs of their mother! Prayer matters! God is listening! Remember, how you live your life, and what you then pray is taken by God and used in accordance with His will and righteousness. As God tells us through James, “The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.”

When God’s people yield to, obey, and stand for God’s truth and pray THEN God as He chooses does what only He can do! I believe God has moved in His decision and He has done so because God’s people have prayed. Let’s celebrate this decision and continue to yield to, obey, and stand for God’s truth. May we ALWAYS do so in LOVE AND GRACE!

The overturning of Roe v. Wade did not declare abortion illegal. Abortion is still legal. Abortion is still a very celebrated option by many across this nation. Just turn on your TV and you will hear many who think very differently from those who uphold a biblical worldview of life and when it begins. I just read a memo from the Mississippi Baptist Convention to be aware that churches may find themselves targeted by those who enraged over the decision of the Supreme Court.

Teenage girls and adult women with unwanted pregnancy still have a choice to make—to abort or not. With the landmark decision by the Supreme Court teenage girls and adult women with unwanted pregnancies will now have another choice to make. Will she seek a state who will allow abortion [praise the LORD Mississippi will not!] or will she seek help from those who want her to bring another precious child out of the womb and into this world?

This is where you and I as God’s children can make a great

difference. Pray that pregnant women hear and see from Christians, the Church, and from Pregnancy Centers the love of God, the grace of God, and tangible help in deciding to choose to give that child an opportunity to live outside the womb. And may we individually and as church body find ways to support Crisis pregnancy centers who provide sound biblical counsel, ultrasounds, and minister to pregnant women in other amazing ways. For example, you might consider supporting such organizations as preborn.org. or the Center for Pregnancy Choices [cpcmetrofriends.org] in Jackson, MS.

As I was writing this article, the Supreme Court handed down another important decision. SCOTUS awarded victory to Mr. Joseph Kennedy. Mr. Kennedy is a high school football coach in Bremerton, Washington. What did Mr. Kennedy do to eventually become the subject of the highest court in the land?

Mr. Kennedy went to the 50-yard line after each football game and prayed. The school board instructed Kennedy to stop praying because it interfered with his duties as a public school official, was being done on public property, it involved students [who were never asked to come and pray but chose to pray], and it even perhaps made some students *feel* life they too HAD to pray with him on the field. This eventually led to the firing of Mr. Kennedy. You can gain a greater understanding of this case on the website of First Liberty [firstliberty.org].

After years in the courts and many believers praying and seeking God’s intervention, the Supreme Court ruled in favor of Mr. Kennedy and his first amendment right to exercise his religion, to pray. This is a victory for the constitution, the first amendment, and religious liberty!

We see a lot going wrong in our nation. Be encouraged my brothers and sisters. These are two examples of things going right. When we stand with God and on God’s Word, we stand with Him. Open your eyes and heart to the world, nation, state, and city in which you live—there is a lot to pray about! We have been reminded—prayer matters! What are you waiting for? Let’s pray...

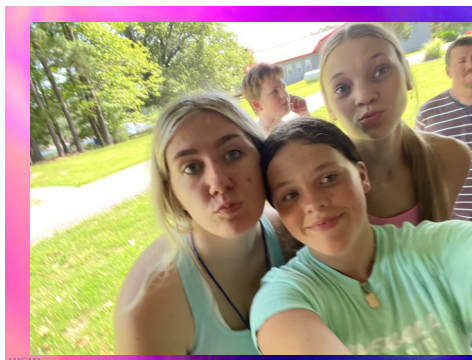
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Hey guys!! It's Emma! We have some fun things coming up this month that you DO NOT WANT TO MISS!! We will be going to Mission Arlington July 3rd-9th. Be praying for the team as they lead a Kids Camp for the Arlington community. The following week, we have a couple of students that will be attending Super Summer at Mississippi College. This is a camp focused on preparing these students to become leaders in the church and their communities!

God is working through our students in Yazoo City and we want YOU to be a part of it!! So, stay plugged in and keep praying for our students!

And in case you missed it, we had a student accept Christ at camp! She was baptized this past Sunday! Thank you all for praying for our students while we were away for Camp @ the Grove.



I am ready to join the Worship Choir. How do I do that?

1. Arrange for a vocal tryout. Come with a prepared solo and be ready to sight read a solo from Brooklyn Tabernacle Choir arranger, Carol Cymbala.
2. Bring your resume complete with choir experience and references of those who can speak of your musical giftedness.
3. Please be prepared to present your most recent blood tests to assure all those in attendance of your health status and their safety.
4. In accordance with scripture, lineage is very important, so please bring your most recent copy of your family tree. A background check will then be run accordingly.
5. Finally, once steps 1-4 have been completed, your monetary donation of \$500 will assure you a place in the choir.

Ridiculous isn't it? Of course it is. As outlandish as every one of these "qualifications" is, there are some in the congregation that compare themselves to those they hear singing solos or the choir singing a special arrangement. "There's no way I could do that!" "I can hardly carry a tune, let alone sing a choir anthem like that." I hear this a lot.

So, what does it really take to be a part of the Worship Choir? First, a willingness to give back to the Lord by an outpouring of a grateful heart. Second, a commitment to attend rehearsals necessary to give our best back to Him. Thirdly, a willingness to lead His people in worship and that means being in the choir loft each Sunday (barring any unforeseen event).

The Worship Choir is family and we desire you to be a part. Come for the first time this Wednesday and I believe God will speak to your heart and you'll find a family.

June Offering

<u>June 5</u>	<u>June 12</u>	<u>June 19</u>	<u>June 26</u>
Budget Offering	Budget Offering	Budget Offering	Budget Offering
\$7,781	\$13,924	\$11,169	\$6,697
Challenge to Grow	Challenge to Grow	Challenge to Grow	Challenge to Grow
\$940	\$770	\$205	\$965
<u>Online Giving</u>			
\$10,358			

Gifts were received for the following designated funds:

Capital Improvements in memory of Joyce Burnette
Capital Improvements in memory of Jeanne McConnell
Capital Improvements in memory of Dallas Powell
Capital Improvements in memory of Eddie Purvis

FEED THE KIDS

The kids at VBS raised just over \$2,400 for our Backpacks of Hope Ministry!!



Dear Parents,
This summer has been in full swing with so many fun things going on here at church! Our Summer Blast programs on Wednesday nights have been great and we have had an increase in attendance. The kids have been learning about God in each session with fun activities to follow. These bonds that are being created among our students will last a lifetime, as will the seeds of God's word that are being planted into their young hearts.

Please make an effort to have your kids here at every event and activity that will be available! Everything we do in this ministry is for the benefit of these children who are the future of our church. Every sacrifice that we as volunteers make in our own families' lives goes toward creating something that will further your child's future in Christ. Every program that we offer from K4C to VBS, to Day Camps and more, is made of lots of prayer, preparation, and choosing the best people available to pour into our children.



On June 25th, we had a tea party to celebrate all Daughters of the King. It was a precious time to dress up and fellowship and learn more about each other! Events like this help to build strong bonds and relationships with each other. Please be on the lookout for our next fun event for the month of July called Spy Camp!!

We will have two separate dates for this camp divided by age groups. Parents, we will need you to pick up a form and register your kids as soon as possible so that we can put the final details together for this event.

Lastly, I want to encourage you all, as always, to meet me at the altar every Sunday. Let's continue to fight together for our families. Let's learn from each other, encourage each other, and lift each other up one day at a time!

Blessings, Linda Walker

SPIES OF THE BIBLE



DAY CAMP 2022

2ND-6TH GRADE
JULY 18-21ST | \$75

4K-1ST GRADE
JULY 25-26 | \$50

REGISTER TODAY!

SECRET MISSIONS IN THE BIBLE

Deacon NOMINATIONS

Deacon Nominations are due no later than Sunday, July 10!! Forms are available in the Sanctuary and may be turned in to the office or to the offering boxes. If you would prefer to fill out the form online, simply scan this QR code with your smart phone camera.



BBQ LUNCH & BUSINESS MEETING

Sunday,
July 17th



following
AM service

JOIN US FOR SOME FUN & FELLOWSHIP AS WE ALSO TAKE CARE OF BUSINESS!

FAMILY ministry

As I write this, preparations are continuing for our Student Mission Trip to Mission Arlington. The team will pull out of the church parking lot at 9am this Sunday, July 3. It's always an exciting time of life changing proportion with all the ministries that will be occurring throughout the week. I encourage you to make a note to pray, daily, for Tiki and the team of adults and students.

All parents of children who have completed 4k-6th grade... this year, once again, we will be holding our Day Camp! July 18-21st all children who have completed 2nd grade through 6th grade will have a camp from 8am-5pm. The following Monday, July 25-26, we will have Day Camp for those who have completed 4k-1st grade from 8am-5pm. This is important... there is NO online registration available for these camps. You must pick up a form for each child. These forms are available on the Sign-in table in the kids area. Deadline for sign up is July 6.

The children's Summer Blast series continues each Wednesday at 5:45 unless otherwise stated and will give your children (ages 4-6th grade) a great time of fun and Bible principles. This will help build a solid foundation in Jesus Christ. As your pastor of family ministries, I want to encourage you to take full advantage of all the things offered. There has never been a more crucial time in the lives of all Christians.


John Yates



July 2022

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

Wednesday Activities
 Summer Blast—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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3	4 	5	6	7	8	9
MISSION ARLINGTON						
10 Deacon Nominations Due	11	12	13	14	15	16
SUPER SUMMER						
17 BBQ Lunch & Business Meeting	18	19	20	21	22	23
Kids Day Camp 2nd grade-6th grade						
24	25 Kids Day Camp	26 4k-1st grade	27	28	29	30 Young Adult Gathering: more info to come

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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