



First Baptist Church

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Church Family,

On the day I am writing this article I am saying "see you later" to another dear brother in Christ who has passed from this world into the presence of his Savior. Last week it was Dr. David Johnson who always had another question. Over the years those discussions led to a good relationship with my brother and friend. I will miss him sitting right in front of me during prayer meetings and sitting right beside me during Sunday morning worship.

The other man, whose funeral is today, you do not know. He is a "cousin" by marriage. Willie is 12 years older than me. He also has served the LORD with his life and as a pastor for many decades. Our relationship was very transparent. He knew the depths of my struggles and I knew his. We shed tears together and prayed together. I received wise counsel and even an occasional "firm" word from my brother. Willie's strong faith in God challenged me to trust God even more! He would often comment, "I am too blessed to be stressed or depressed!"

Willie had small cell lung cancer. After many weeks at MD Anderson it seemed like the cancer was gone. Just a few weeks ago we had a great conversation. Unknown to any of us the cancer had found its way to the brain. Within a matter of days Willie was gone.

Both of these men's exits from this world came quickly and sent shock waves into the lives of their families, and into mine. Comments from their precious wives went like this, "how can life change so much in 2 seconds?," and "it happened so fast."

The last time I checked the death rate is 1 to 1. Unless Jesus gives the word for the trumpet to blow and we all are caught up in the air with Him [see 1 Thessalonians 4:17] we will all die. If you are a young person reading this you may be thinking, "dying is for old people." Crazy things are happening in the world. The number of young people, in particular young men, who are dying, is alarming. At least one lesson out of the Covid Pandemic is, "you had better be ready to die."

Young or old ... your day is coming. So is mine. Be ready. The only way to be ready is to trust in Jesus Christ alone as Savior! The moment you do He Who is Eternal Life washes your sins away with His blood, makes you at peace with God, transfers His righteousness to you, and then comes to live in you forever! Jesus told Martha who was deeply grieving the death of her brother, "'I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in Me, though he die, yet shall he live (John 11:25).'" It doesn't get any better than that!!!

The sudden exits of these men from my life remind me of the wisdom of God to those of us who still live.

"Come now, you who say, 'Today or tomorrow we will travel to such and such a city and spend a year there and do business and make a profit.' You don't even know what tomorrow will bring-- what your

life will be! For you are like smoke [a mist, a vapor] that appears for a little while, then vanishes. Instead, you should say, 'If the Lord wills, we will live and do this or that.'" But as it is, you boast in your arrogance. All such boasting is evil. So it is a sin for the person who knows to do what is good and doesn't do it (James 4:13-17)."

Some days life seems to move at a snail's pace. Some days you look in the mirror and wonder, "how did I get so old so fast!" Here are a few thoughts to think about during your "mist time."

- The bottom line to having life period is so that this person can come to trust in Jesus Christ as Savior, know Him, walk with Him in obedience, and be used by Him to lead others to trust in Him, know Him, and walk with Him! If a person misses Jesus Christ – they miss out on eternal life! Adrian Rogers once said, "Everyone of us will be known for something when we are gone. Do you know what I want them to think of when they think about me? THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST. I want them to say, That man's life was centered in the only message that really matters." Wow! That can be said about David and Willie. How about you?
- When you make plans start by asking God what He wants you to plan or to do with your life. To plan and live life any other way is to play the part of a fool. You will miss out on a lot God desired to do in and through your life!
- Constantly steep yourself in God's word so that you know His will and His role for you in this world. Whatever God calls you to be and do which is good, be it and do it by the power of His Spirit – that you may not sin against God or the others in your life. Who in your life need a dose of God's good through you today?
- Don't get so busy running from here to there and being about the business of building your own kingdom that you fail to be a part of building the Kingdom of God. One of those Kingdoms will last. The other will not.
- Life is too short to not forgive. If you have a broken relationship do all you can do today to make it right again! Forgive or ask for forgiveness! Rebuild that relationship in grace and love!
- Slow down. Make the phone call. Make the drive. Take the time to spend with brothers and sisters in Christ, family, and friends. You nor I are guaranteed another hug, smile, word of wisdom, conversation, or laugh.

On this mist of a journey together,

Byron

KEEP CALM AND EAT JAMBALAYA

The annual Jambalaya Fundraiser is here! The students are selling tickets and the plates will be ready for pickup on Sunday June 11th directly following the Sunday service at 12:15 PM. The ticket price is \$13 per plate. Tickets must be purchased by Friday June 9th. You don't want to miss a plate of Jambalaya made by our very own Tiki Broome, an award winning BBQ king and certified grill master! Come by and support our students!

The youth will be embarking on a grand adventure Sunday afternoon June 18th and heading to the world renowned Myrtle Beach! This is an opportunity you don't want to miss out on! As mentioned above, there will be a Jambalaya Fundraiser as an opportunity to help support our students' summer camp trip. In preparation, there will be a meeting to discuss the details of the trip on Sunday, June 11th at Sunday Night Bible Study at Tiki's house.



FIRST YAZOO STUDENTS

2023

SUMMER DAZE

MAY	24	SUMMER KICK OFF POOL PARTY
MAY	31	SLIP N' SLIDE KICKBALL
JUNE	7	NIGHT AT THE BALLPARK COST: \$20
JUNE	14	GUNS & ROSES COST: \$20
JUNE	28	OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT
JULY	19	PARTY SAFARI
JULY	26	MEMPHIS DAY TRIP
AUG	2	BACK TO SCHOOL BASH

MAJOR TRIPS

JUNE 18-24 CAMP @MYRTLE BEACH
JULY 2-8 MISSION ARLINGTON
JULY 10-14 SUPER SUMMER

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE ENVELOPE FUNDRAISER FOR YOUTH SUMMER ACTIVITIES! YOU BROUGHT IN OVER \$4,000!! BECAUSE OF YOU, OUR STUDENTS WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO ATTEND CAMP & MISSIONS THIS SUMMER!

Did you know?

Your regular giving makes ongoing ministry and missions possible as we fulfill the mission God has given us as a church. Each week we strive to "reach and equip the generations to become fully devoted followers of Christ." There are many ways to give at FBC Yazoo, but one of the easiest is through our Online Giving Platform. Go to fbcyazoo.org/give to set up your giving account. Online Giving is safe and secure. You can make a one-time gift or schedule a recurring gift so you do not have to remember to write a check. You can give regularly to the general budget or choose to give above and beyond your tithe to the Challenge to Grow Campaign, Missions, and other designated funds. If you have questions about Online Giving, feel free to contact Jessica in the office (662.746.2471).

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TEXT 'FBCYAZOO' TO 844.787.8660

May Budget Offering

May 7	May 14	May 21	May 28	Online Gifts
\$17,662	\$7,325	\$6,889	\$7,158	\$13,077

Gifts were received for the following designated funds:

Capital Improvements in memory of Doctor David Johnson

Capital Improvements in memory of Eddie Purvis

Backpacks of Hope in memory of Doctor David Johnson



IT'S FINALLY HERE!!

Summer Blast has arrived and it is going to be wild, crazy, and loaded with serious summer fun each Wednesday during your summer break! Below is a schedule for the upcoming events! Hope you 'll join us!

June 7th—Pool Party @ 5:30pm—Tiki's House. All parents are encouraged to stay and enjoy.

June 21st—Bowling. Parents, we will need you to provide some needed funds (you will be notified) and some help in transportation to Clinton.

June 28th—Dunking Booth and Water Relay—uh oh...I sense a conspiracy.

July 5th—Slip—N—Slide Kickball

July 12th—Skating in Clinton. Parents please join us.

July 26th—Water Slide

Parents, please grab a permission and liability form in the Kid's Area so that your child can participate in this great summer program!



DAY CAMP JULY 17-20 @ FBC, 8 AM-5 PM KIDS COMPLETED 2ND-5TH GRADE
REGISTRATION BEGINS THIS MONTH COST \$75

VBS 2023

JUNE 12-16 | 8AM-NOON

SIGN UP TODAY:



Thank you to each team that helped restart our Wednesday Night Suppers this past fall! It was an awesome time of fellowship & good eating! We will resume suppers in the fall! If you'd like to help out by putting together another team for the rotation, let us know!

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DEACON NOMINATIONS

due June 28th

Annual Deacon nominations take place this month! Forms will be available in the Sanctuary beginning Sunday, June 4th. Please prayerfully consider who you will nominate this year! Nominations are due by Wednesday, June 28th. Completed forms may be returned in the offering boxes or to the office. After nominations, voting will take place the first Sunday in August

June 2023



SUNDAY ACTIVITIES

LifeGroups—9:40am
Worship—10:50am
NO PM Activities for Summer

WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES

Men's Prayer Breakfast—6:30am
Youth & Kids Activities
Prayer Meeting—6pm
Choir Rehearsal—6:50

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	Deacon of the week: 4—Larry Davis, 11—Mike Davis, 18—David Eden, 25—Roy Harris			1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9 Last Day to purchase Jambalaya ticket!	10
11 VBS Decorate Day! Jambalaya Plate Pickup: 12:15	12	13	14	15	16	17
18 	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

VBS 2023

YOUTH BEACH CAMP

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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