FirstBaptistChurch Worship, Grow, Serve, & Share Yazoo City

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Family,

In His letter to the church in Corinth God breathed these words of encouragement through Paul,

- "God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord." - 1 Corinthians 1:9
- **God is faithful.** God is always true to Himself and then to His children. You can trust Him! You can trust His word! He will never fail to keep His promises to His children!
- God has called you. You are a child of God! You are a part of His Kingdom, by His call, that is by His choosing! Take great comfort in knowing you are securely His and all His promises to you are "Yes" in Christ Jesus!
- God has called you into the FELLOWSHIP of His Son, Jesus <u>Christ, our Lord</u>. When you trust in Jesus Christ as your personal savior – God saves you into, makes you a part of, enables you to forever be a participant in a relationship – continuous fellowship with Himself! Fellowship comes from the Greek word, "KOINONIA."

Koinonia is a fellowship/relationship that is rooted in God, His grace, His love, and His loving kindness! Koinonia is fellowship that can only be entered into by those who trust in Jesus Christ. For those who do:

- God cleanses you of your sins.
- God transfers the righteousness of Jesus Christ to you making you acceptable by Himself, Holy God.
- The Eternal Life comes to live within you.
- The Spirit of Christ, the Holy Spirit, now dwells forever in you.
- You are now in Christ Jesus, and He is forever in you.
- In God you now live, and move, and have your being 24 hours per day, 7 days per week, and 365 days a year.

For a person in true koinonia with God, every facet of your existence is to be impacted by this ongoing relationship/fellowship with GOD. As each true follower of Jesus Christ is in koinonia with Him and the Father **simultaneously** we are in fellowship with one another!

Too often we think of church as a place to go on Sunday. Being a part of the Body of Christ, the Church, is a supernatural binding of those who all bow their hearts to King Jesus! In the Church people come from all different walks of life, economic situations, educational backgrounds, cultures, and have a wide variety of colors of skin. No matter how different we are, we are united in Jesus Christ's blood, by His Holy Spirit, and now and forever have "fellowship (koinonia) with the Father, and with His Son, Jesus Christ (1 John 1:3b)" and also with one another.

A wise follower of God nurtures his or her fellowship with God by spending time in God's word, being taught by His Spirit, talking over every facet of life to get God's wisdom and guidance, and then obeys as the Holy Spirit enables! Fellowship with God gets stronger and matures! Wise children of God also nurture their fellowship with one another. We do this by spending time together each week in Sunday School, small groups, in worship, and sharing meals with one another. We are all so thankful that things began to return to "normal" during 2021. We have since enjoyed eating, conversation, and being encouraged during Thanksgiving fellowships, Wednesday night supper fellowships, men's and women's fellowships, and even lunch fellowships prior to quarterly business meetings. As we participate in these our fellowship with one another and with God gets stronger and matures!

The Men's Ministry team believes that God is calling them to take the lead in what we hope to be the biggest such fellowship seen in this church body in many years! The date is set. Put it on your calendars today – APRIL 30, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. They have named this fellowship ...

The Call of the "WILD" Family Fellowship

This night is about so much more than eating your fill of wild game. Please note, for those who prefer to not be so wild – there will also be hamburgers, hotdogs, and other good food to eat. The Men's Ministry team longs for this night to be about much more than good eatin'! This is a night of being wild about your relationship with God and the relationships that God has given to us with one another.

WILD = <u>W</u>alking <u>I</u>n <u>L</u>ove and <u>D</u>evotion

This is a night for God's people to show their love and devotion to Him! This is a night for God's people to show their love and devotion to one another! This is a night for God's people to show their love for a brother or sister who has yet to join us during our other fellowships - by reaching out and inviting him/her to be a part. This is a night for God's people to show God's love to family, friends, neighbors, or coworkers whom you know are not involved in any church or may not even have a relationship with God at all!

There are more details to come. Please consider making this your game plan:

- 1. Plan to be a part of this fellowship on April 30th.
- 2. Invite a church member who may not have been involved here at FBC in quite a while.
- 3. Ask a friend, family member, neighbor, or coworker to join us for this fellowship.
- 4. Pray that this would be not only a night of fellowship with one another, but even more so that it would be a night of amazing fellowship with our heavenly Father!

In fellowship with Him and with one another,

Byron

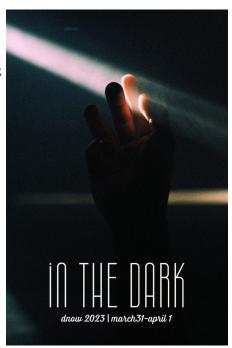
Hey family!

What an amazing February it has been. I'm so excited for what's to come! We are ONE month away from DNOW!!! There are a few ways you can help. First, I would ask that you pray fervently for our students. Students today are facing a constant battle of image, popularity, self worth etc. I don't think there's been a harder time for students than in this current age of social media. Secondly, I would ask that you volunteer a portion of your time. We can never have to many volunteers... so please reach out if you feel led to serve. And lastly, if you would be willing, our big service project this year is helping FBC's Backpacks of Hope Ministry. We will be collecting food and presenting it the Sunday after DNOW. If your kid is not signed up for DNOW, Camp or Mission Trip, now is the time to do it! We look forward to an awesome March. As always, thank you for all you do to help our students!

Tiki Broome Youth & Communications Pastor



DNOW REGISTRATION IS LIVE! SCAN THE QR CODE AND SIGN UP TODAY! March 31-April 1 \$25



BACKPACKS OF HOPE

- Instant Oatmeal
- Cereal Bars
- Pop-tarts
- Single-serve containers of
- 🗙 Ravioli
 - Single-serve containers of
- Mac&Cheese
- Single-serve containers of
- Soup
- Vienna Sausages
- Ramen Noodles
- Jerky Sticks
- Crackers
- Cookies

Granola Bars Fruit Snacks(No Fruit Cups) Please remember: NO PEANUT BUTTER





February Budget Offering

<u>Feb 5</u>	<u>Feb 12</u>	Feb 19	<u>Feb 26</u>	Online Gifts
\$11,197	\$8,021	\$16,551	\$25,835	\$14,128

HEIP US SEND STUDENTS TO CAMP & ON MISSION

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youth summer fundraiser is happening now! Fust Unger Students

The youth summer fundraiser is happening now! Next time you pass through the sanctuary, grab an envelope off of the poster. The envelopes are numbered 1-100. The goal is to fill each envelope with the dollar amount that corresponds to the number on the outside of the envelope! You are obviously allowed to give more if you feel led! Money raised will go toward helping students attend camp & missions this Summer! Thank you for your support in this effort!

SIGN UP FOR OUR



Gifts were received for the following designated funds:

Challenge to Grow in memory of Charline Killebrew TV Ministry in memory of Helen Nicholas Local Benevolence in memory of Charline Killebrew Capital Improvements in memory of Helen Nicholas Yazoo Co Baptist Association in memory of Dennis Kirby Challenge to Grow in memory of Helen Nicholas Backpacks of Hope Ministry in memory of Blake Coghlan Capital Improvements in memory of Eddie Purvis



Get on board! It's the trip of a lifetime awaiting you on the cruise ship The Adventure! Pack your bags, hoist the anchor, and join the crew as we cruise through the Apostle Paul's journeys. Along the way we will learn where, when, how, and why we should spread the message of Jesus to everyone! While on board we will watch Captain Stern try to keep stow-aways-turned-crewmembers, Rudder and Cuddy, from making a mess of the entire cruise.

Last month I told you the date (June 11-16) for VBS. Now comes the time to ask for help. Those of you who have been a part of this very important event know how much goes into it especially man power/volunteers.

Can you take the time to teach a class? Do you realize that VBS is the number one evangelistic tool in the Southern Baptist Convention? When was the last time you talked to a child about Jesus?

There have been, several times, people have volunteered to teach for the first time, only to come to me later and thank me for the rich blessing they received. The material practically teaches itself, giving you step by step instructions. Plus, on May the 8th at 5:30



in the FBC fellowship hall we will have dinner and the MS Baptist State VBS Leadership Team will be here to walk you through the curriculum and even give you ideas that aren't in your curriculum.

We will have classes beginning with 4K and going through 6th grade. Rotation Leaders are needed as well for Missions (it's a DVD driven rotation), Crafts and Music.

Folks, you really do not want to miss this opportunity to serve. God wants to use you and I need you. Not open to teaching a class but willing to be a helper? You are needed too! Please consider this and sign up.

It's a date!!! Although plans are in the infancy stage at this moment, Day Camp will happen here at FBC on July 17-20, 8:00 am—5:00 pm, so mom and dad, please mark your calendar and look for updates as we get closer.

There's rumor of strong Bible Study, games, food, and even an excursion or two. Shhhhhhhh

This will be for those who have finished 2nd grade-completed 5th.



Registries: Good Hope, Yazoo Drugs, Amazon, Target, & Elizabeth Clair's Wednesday Night Suppers continue to be an awesome time of good food & even better fellowship! Don't forget to make your reservations and join us at 5:15 each week at \$5/plate. Also, we need your help! We are still in need another team to join the rotation! If you'd be interested in helping out in this way, please contact Tiki! We'd like to see this ministry continue.

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Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday April 1st

10:30 am 1977 Windsor Place

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Sunday Activities

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

Men's Prayer Breakfast-6:30am Bible Studies & Prayer Meeting- 6:00 Choir Rehearsal-6:50

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
	—David Johnson, 12—Tin cBride, 26—Bill McGraw	n Manor,	1	2	3	4	
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No PM Activities			No PM Activities				
19	20 FIRST DAY SPRING	21	22	23	24	25	
26 Mary Sibley McGraw Bridal Shower-1:30	27	28	29	30	31 DN	OW	

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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