



First Baptist Church
Worship, Grow, Serve, & Share Yazoo City

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Beloved Church Family,

One of the roles of the Finance Team is to encourage God's people to be faithful stewards of the resources that God entrusts to them. A steward is someone who manages the property or resources that belong to someone else. As God's children in Jesus Christ we understand that all we have is from His hand. It is true that each of us works very hard in order to have a place to live, food to eat, money to pay the bills, and so forth. Even the ability to do whatever you do is a gift to you from God! God reminded Israel and He reminds His Church, *"When you have eaten your fill, be sure to praise the LORD your God for the good land He has given you. But that is the time to be careful! Beware that in your plenty you do not forget the LORD God and disobey His commands, regulations, and decrees that I am giving you today ... remember the LORD your God, for it is He who is giving you power to make wealth (Deuteronomy 8:10-12, 18)."*

God is a giving God. God calls His children to be giving children. God calls us to the discipline of giving. That is giving a portion of what He gives us - back to Him - to the local church in which we are invested, and giving to wherever else His Spirit leads.

Through Paul, God instructs followers of Jesus Christ, *"Remember this-- a farmer who plants only a few seeds will get a small crop. But the one who plants generously will get a generous crop. You must each decide in your heart how much to give. And don't give reluctantly or in response to pressure. 'For God loves a person who gives cheerfully.' And God will generously provide all you need. Then you will always have everything you need and plenty left over to share with others (2 Corinthians 9:6-8.)"*

God calls us to give as an act of trust - in HIM! God calls us to give with joy in our hearts and praise on our lips because we get to participate with Him in what He will do through these gifts to impact the world for His glory! Because we have trusted and obeyed - we are going to get to experience even more of God at work in our lives! It is amazing what happens when God's child gives. The more you give the deeper your trust in your Father grows!

The Finance Team wants this church body to hear your story of God's faithfulness to you as you have chosen to give!

Beginning in May, once a month, we hope to hear from one of you. If you are interested in telling your story here is what you need to do.

1. Write out the key points of your story that can be communicated in about 3 minutes.
2. Contact the church office to set up a time to meet with Tiki.
3. A video will be made of your testimony.
4. Your testimony will be shared with the congregation!
5. We will rejoice together at the faithfulness of our amazing and generous Father!

We look forward to being encouraged by your story!

Secondly, I have had a number of discussions with some of you regarding being trained in:

How to be a growing disciple of Jesus Christ.

How to make disciples of others - that is how to actually share your faith and teach that new believer how he or she can be a growing disciple of Jesus Christ as well!

The current material chosen is "Becoming A Disciple Maker," by Billie Hanks, Jr. and Randy Craig. In this study not only will you grow in understanding and application of how to be a disciple of Jesus Christ, you will also have opportunity to "role play." You will be trained in how to share the Gospel by learning and doing. If you have interest in this training please email me at byron@fbcyazoo.org. I was thinking of beginning this study in May, perhaps on Sunday afternoons. Each session will likely be about 1 ½ hours in length. The study will take 12 weeks to complete. I am also open to teaching this study at a different time upon group consensus. Let me know if you are interested and we will get the study going.

Thirdly, we have now concluded a study through the book of Proverbs on Wednesday nights before our prayer time. In May we will begin examining passages of Scripture that deal with prophecy. Please come and join your brothers and sisters as we make this journey, share prayer requests, and in small groups lift our hearts and minds before our Father in prayer. We hope to see you there!

In His service and for His glory,

Byron

Hey everyone! My name is Noah Bottrell. I'm super excited to be in Yazoo City this summer and to be a part of your church family. I also am excited for what the Lord is going to do this summer through the youth ministry and I'm thankful that I get to be a part of it. My desire this summer for myself is to grow in my ability to teach and lead and I can't be more grateful to get to learn from Tiki as well as grow relationships with y'all and with the students I'll be with all summer. I am currently a student at Mississippi College studying Sports Management. My goal after graduation is to go to Baylor University grad school for Sports Management and to ultimately work there in the Athletics Department and with the Baylor Bears Baseball team. Sic 'em! As much as I love baseball I love all things Baylor sports and my Detroit Lions and Tigers forever. Yes, I know that is a diverse fandom. It will make more sense when I say that I grew up in Michigan but have lived in Waco since 2020. Home is Waco, but Mississippi has provided me with an awesome family and many great friends. I am excited to get to know everyone this summer. Thank you for welcoming me into this church family!



Ashley Newton



Leilani Montgomery

CONGRATULATIONS
TO OUR 2023 GRADUATES



The summer schedule is a bit more laid back and therefore a perfect opportunity to come check out the Worship Choir. Wouldn't you love to help lead God's people to worship Him? Think of all He has done for you. Wednesdays from 6:50 to around 8:00. Come join the blessing that is FBC's Worship Choir.

Scan the QR Code to

GIVE ONLINE



April Budget Offering

<u>April 2</u>	<u>April 9</u>	<u>April 16</u>	<u>April 23</u>	<u>Online Gifts</u>
\$10,552	\$12,719	\$6,739	\$5,407	\$14,628

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER 2023
NATIONAL PRAYER GATHERING



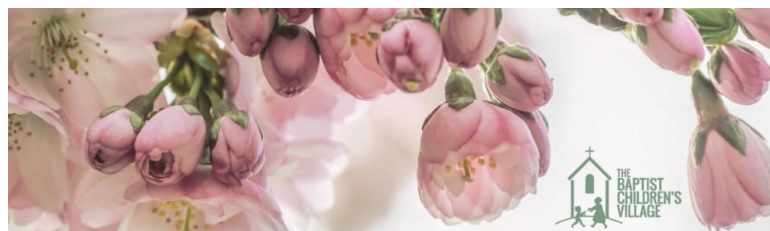
JOIN US

THURSDAY

MAY 4TH

12PM

COURTHOUSE



2023 Annual Offering
Mother's Day!

SIGN UP FOR OUR

TEXT ALERTS!

TEXT 'FBCYAZOO' TO 844.787.8660

Gifts were received for the following designated funds:

- Music Ministry in memory of Ruby Fountain
- Capital Improvements in memory of Charline Killebrew
- Capital Improvements in memory of Helen Nicholas
- Annie Armstrong in memory of Ruby Fountain
- Annie Armstrong in memory of Charline Killebrew
- Annie Armstrong in honor of Keiko Purvis
- Annie Armstrong in honor of Willie Belle Hood
- Annie Armstrong in honor of Cheryl Carver
- Annie Armstrong in honor of Paulette Kilpatrick



It's always a little sad for all of the Kids Ministry teachers and helpers when we have to say goodbye to our 6th graders. We know they are ready for the move into Student Ministry and we look forward to watching them continue to grow in the Lord as they take advantage of the many summer opportunities they will have with Tiki and his team.

To that end, Wednesday night, May 24th, we will have a special party in our kids worship area to say an official "good-bye". Parents of our 6th graders please mark your calendar for this special night and make sure they attend their last time with us.

On Monday, May 8th, we will have our VBS Teacher training. We will begin with supper at 5:30 then shortly after have our opening Worship Rally followed by break-out sessions specifically targeted for the area you have selected to serve. It will be during the evening you will receive all your teaching materials and will pump you up as you are exposed to the great lessons in "Twists and Turns" VBS 2023.

As of this writing, we still need 1st grade teachers and helpers as well as some help in our preschool area. I know God has touched someone's heart. It's time now to step forward and help in the greatest evangelistic outreach in the Southern Baptist Convention.

Please help! Sign up today and you can make the training that will give you everything you need to have a great experience.



Monday, May 8th
5:30pm

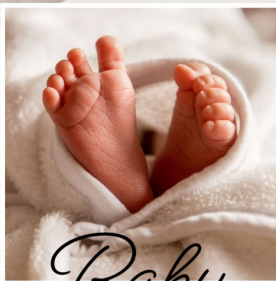


Pre Registration will begin this month for VBS. Please take a moment and sign your kids up early. You will be really happy you did that when that first day of VBS hits on June 12th.

Look for announcements and QR codes.

CAMPING in the WILDERNESS

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



Baby
DEDICATION

If you are interested in participating in Baby Dedication on Sunday, May 14th, contact Jessica. 870.370.1941



join us for a
BRIDAL SHOWER
honoring
MEGAN
COGHLÁN
MAY 21 | 2-4 PM

FBC Fellowship Hall
319 Jackson Ave
Yazoo City, MS 39194

Registries:
Black's Fabric & Department Store
Good Hope General Merchandise
Downtown Marketplace
Yazoo Drug Co.

may 2023



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
	1	2	3	4 NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER 2023 NATIONAL PRAYER GATHERING 	5	6
7	8 VBS Training 5:30pm	9	10	11	12	13
14 No PM Activities	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 Megan Coghlan Bridal Shower 2pm	22	23	24 Final Wednesday night supper til fall!	25	26	27
28	29 	30	31	Deacon of the week: 7—David Warren, 14—Kyle Wever, 21—Bob Barrington, 28—Bobby Barton		

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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