

Church Family,

I want to take a moment and remind all of us of a great opportunity beginning October 1st. The Men's Ministry is hosting a church-wide sit-down breakfast in the Fellowship Hall. This will be a time to sit across from each other again and share our hearts, encourage each other, and rejoice together in the LORD! This is also a time of "kicking off" a 7-week Sunday School emphasis. Here are the goals that were shared with Sunday School teachers on September 10, 2023:

1. Reclaim the power of presence by making it a priority to be faithful in Sunday School attendance!
2. Discover the joy of fellowship in God's house with God's people!
3. Grow as disciples through the study of God's word!
4. Seek to find and involve others to become a part of our Sunday School classes!

Each class is being encouraged to set a goal to see an increase of participation in their Sunday School class. Each class is being encouraged to reach out to former Sunday School members and if they still live in the area – invite them to reengage again. Each class is encouraged to pray and then seek out new members. Those new members may be people within the church who are currently not attending Sunday School or people who do not currently attend FBC at all. Those people may be family members, or friends, or neighbors, or coworkers – anybody! Those people may be people you encounter in your ebb and flow of life whom God uses you to lead that person to trust in Jesus Christ as Savior!

There is something very special about a Sunday School small group that goes beyond learning about God and His Word and His will for our lives, such as:

- Deep trust, and confidence in one another, is formed in our hearts which leads to more openness and even a willingness to be vulnerable with one another.
- Deep love is formed in the hearts of those that gather, as week after week, they walk with the LORD and walk together through life.
- Deepening relationships are the natural byproduct of a group of people who love the LORD together,

study His word together, submit to His truth together, share their hearts with one another, pray together, encourage one another, and so forth.

Together with the LORD let us do what we can and trust Him to do what only He can! As we see God move let's celebrate the great things He has done!

On November 12th we will be celebrating High Attendance Day in Sunday School. We will also be coming together for a wonderful Thanksgiving meal as we praise God from Whom all blessings flow! I am looking forward to being with you then!

One other thing in October that we need to focus on is our Quarterly Business Luncheon which will be held after worship on October 15th. Our quarterly gatherings are very important for making sure we are all aware of things happening in and through FBC Yazoo, making sure we are moving forward together according to God's will, and these gatherings can also be times of declaring great trust and praise in our Heavenly Father and encouraging one another!

In the past the church has provided the meal for these gatherings. Due to rising food prices the cost for these meals has already exceeded money annually allocated for such costs. No longer having a meal was not a good option. Many of you have commented on how much you enjoy the luncheons before having family business. We want to keep these going!

Here is how this will work moving forward. There will not be a required cost for the meal. Your gift towards offsetting the cost of the meal would be appreciated. If you don't have any money to give – please still come and join us. If you are able, give as the LORD leads you – be that \$1, \$5, \$20 or more. We hope to see you there!

Loving each other, and others, because we love God!

Byron

Hey everyone,

It's that time of year; deer season is upon us!!! This school year is moving faster than we realize. I hope all of you have been as encouraged as I have been by Fields of Faith this year. Bro JJ White brought a strong word about taking up your cross daily. I want to encourage you all coming out of that event... many of you find yourselves convicted of how you can be better in your walk with Christ. I encourage you to truly take the step to plug in to youth on Wednesday nights and Sunday nights. This requires two things of you: sacrifice and discipline. Sacrifice of yourself and your time and discipline to do the work needed to grow. I pray going into these next couple months we can kick it into another gear and truly begin to do the hard things in order to make Jesus' name great in Yazoo County.



RADIATE
Women's
CONFERENCE
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2023
FBC YAZOO FELLOWSHIP HALL
10am
\$25/TICKET
Please RSVP by 10/18

Brunch,
Special
Speaker &
CANDLES
with Jess
THE MOBILE CANDLE BAR

Thursday, Oct. 12 6 PM

YAYM
Volleyball League
INTEREST MEETING

2nd Floor Office Building

games will begin wednesday october 18th @ 6pm

BBQ LUNCH
& Business Meeting
SUNDAY,
OCTOBER 15TH
FOLLOWING WORSHIP

Due to rising costs, there will be a donation basket to help cover this expense! Thank you!

DEACON COUNCIL
MEETING

SUNDAY
OCTOBER 22ND
3:00 PM

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September Budget Offering

Sept 3	Sept 10	Sept 17	Sept 24	Online Gifts
\$8,144	\$8,012	\$13,798	\$6,316	\$13,623

Gifts were received for the following designated funds:

- Capital Improvements in honor of Steve & Cheri Coody
- Radio/TV Ministry in memory of Tim Saxton
- Margaret Lackey State Mission in memory of Tim Saxton
- Backpacks of Hope in memory of Dr. David Johnson
- Children's Ministry in memory of Pat Langley



It's Fall Festival time again. It is really hard to believe the time is here, once again, for bonfires, hotdogs, s'mores, and Trunk or Treat. Each year this event has grown for our community and I am sure this year will keep that tradition going. We can use your trunk so plan on hanging out.

The plan is for "set up" to begin after 5pm and for the festivities to begin at 6pm. Please join us for a fun-filled and relaxing night of activities. There will be plenty to eat and lots of visiting to be done around the bonfire. Special thanks, again, to David and Sandy Warren for hosting!

Oh yes, the date is Tuesday night, Oct. 31st. I know a week night is harder on everyone, but as a church function I truly believe if we are "an alternative" to Halloween and trick-or-treating the streets, then obviously we must do this on the 31st. Please help us make this the best yet!!

Welcome to the Anaconda Mountain range! It's home to some of the world's toughest peaks and also home to Altitude, the best base camp and climbing teams up the seven peaks. And to help everyone make it to the top, we'll learn lessons from the Beatitudes in Jesus' Sermon on the Mount! So pack all your climbing gear, assemble the team, and double check weather conditions, because it's time to climb some mountains! This adventure begins Wednesday night, October 11th, at ELEVATE. Ages 4k-6th grade. 6:00pm



Parents, in the September Newsletter, I mentioned our Christmas presentation that the K4C kids are working on and we have just begun the work! Each child receives a copy of the Kid's Tracks to practice and help learn.

This is a beautiful work and we would love to have your child be a part. Each Sunday night from 5:00-6:30, K4C learns scripture, plays games and has Bible lessons. This fall we work on this presentation that we will share with the Adult Worship Choir.

It is going to be a beautiful service on Dec. 10th!

A Note from your Pastor of Family Ministries

Choices and decisions are just a part of life. Perhaps one of the most obvious statements ever, but have you paused and tried to add up all the decisions you make in one day? This would be a very difficult task at best, wouldn't it? From personal day preparations, to family decisions and those things you must choose to do as a parent. Some are easy, and some not so much. Some make you the hero (in your child's eyes) and some make you the arch villain, the worst person in the world. Such is life.

Sometimes the craziness of life, the multiple schedules between work, sports, and homework, just leaves you, as the parents, exhausted and sometimes frustrated. Have you ever had someone look at you from across a table or over coffee and say, "I know just how you feel." That just seems to make it better somehow although the situation hasn't changed. You've just realized that you aren't the only one.

That's the community that is your Sunday School class and Wednesday night Bible Study. Someone that no matter what you are experiencing, will be in that group and can look at you with real empathy having experienced the same thing. This support helps you "weather the storm" and this community provides a place to grow spiritually. Pollster George Barna puts it this way:

- "...if people's faith is objectively measured against a biblical standard of how faith is to be practiced, Americans are spiritually lukewarm. Very limited effort is devoted to spiritual growth. Most Americans experience 'accidental spiritual growth' since there is generally no plan or process other than showing up at a church and absorbing a few ideas here and there. Even then, few people have a defined understanding of what they are hoping to become, as followers of Christ." Barna attributed much of this to the numerous distractions common in most people's lives.

Your spiritual growth should be a priority. Barna addresses the effect this has on your child;

- "Seven out of ten parents claim they are effective at developing the spiritual maturity of their children, but the Barna survey among 8-to-12-year-olds discovered that only one-third of them say a church has made "a positive difference" in their life; one-third contend that prayer is very important in their life; most of them would rather be popular than to do what is morally right. In fact, "tweeners" (those ages 8 to 12) deem their family and only one out of every three say it is easy for them to talk to their parents about things that matter to them."

The programs we have put in place for the spiritual growth of you and your children are not just thrown together but have a lot of prayer and intent behind it. Make the commitment today to put your family's attendance on the top of the family priority list.



October 2023

SUNDAY ACTIVITIES

LifeGroups—9:40am
Worship—10:50am
K4C & Adult Bible Study—5pm
Youth—5:30pm

WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES

Men's Prayer Breakfast—6:30am
Supper—5:15pm
Youth, Elevate Kids, & Prayer Meeting—6pm
Choir Rehearsal—6:50

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Church-wide Breakfast @ 8:30 	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12 YAYM Volleyball Interest Meeting @ 6pm	13	14
15  BBQ Lunch & Business Meeting	16	17	18	19	20	21  Radiate Women's Conference 10am
22  DEACONS meeting @ 3pm	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31 				

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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