



# First Baptist Church

Worship, Grow, Serve, & Share Yazoo City

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Church Family,

I want to thank you for your many prayers lifted before our Father as we have once again sought God's heart in who He would have serve as the deacons of FBC Yazoo for the next church year. Thanks to so many who submitted nominations for consideration.

I would like to share with you those brothers in Christ who have been recently elected to the servant role of deacon – Larry Davis, David Eden, Tim Manor, Phillip Pope, J.D. Rees, and Billy Redd.

It is great when a pastor has been somewhere long enough to get to know people better in the local church in which he is serving. I have had in depth conversations with each of these men during this time. Therefore, before I talked to them about being nominated, I already knew about their walks with God and some of the content of their hearts.

I was able to have another conversation with each of these men personally and hear their hearts about serving as a deacon. Two of them have served in this local body as deacon. Three others had served in other local churches. One had never served as deacon before.

It moves a pastor's heart to hear how men have sought the LORD in prayer and asked for His guidance and will in their lives. It moves a pastor's heart to hear a man say, "Byron, I struggle in my walk with God." I was able to say, "That makes you just like the rest of us, I too struggle. In the midst of the struggle you keep seeking the LORD. You keep repenting when you mess up. You keep choosing to seek God in His word and prayer. You keep yielding to His truth and His Spirit within. You keep obeying in His power. You keep wrestling in order to walk deeper with God."

Faithful authentic believers in the Bible also struggled, including the Apostle Paul,

"So I discover this principle: When I want to do what is good, evil is with me. For in my inner self I joyfully agree with God's law. But I see a different law in the parts of my body, waging war against the law of my mind and taking me prisoner to the law of sin in the parts of my body. What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this dying body? I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, with my

mind I myself am a slave to the law of God, but with my flesh, to the law of sin. Therefore, no condemnation now exists for those in Christ Jesus, because the Spirit's law of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death." – Romans 7:21-8:2

"For our battle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the world powers of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavens." – Ephesians 6:12

"Brothers, I do not consider myself to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and reaching forward to what is ahead, I pursue as my goal the prize promised by God's heavenly call in Christ Jesus." – Philippians 3:13-14

At the ordination service for Dave Eden, we were reminded that the men chosen in Acts 6 were not perfect, but they were maturing in godly character as they daily steeped themselves in God's absolute truth, submitted to the Holy Spirit living within, and in His power obeyed.

As these men served as the Holy Spirit led and enabled them, allowing the Apostles to focus on the specifics God has called them to, "the word of God continued to increase, and the number of the disciples multiplied." – Acts 6:7

These newly elected deacons will join hearts and minds with Bob Barrington, Bobby Barton, Mike Davis, Roy Harris, George Jennings, David Johnson, Leroy McBride, Bill McGraw, John Newton, Pat Rush, David Warren, and Kyle Wever. Together they will seek to serve the LORD and you in the coming church year.

The deacons will be contacting you soon to inform you that they are ready and willing to serve you in any way the LORD leads or you ask. Please keep these men in prayer – first to stay as close to Jesus as they can and to be the servant God calls them to be so that FBC Yazoo can be further on her way to becoming all that God is calling us to be!

In His Service,

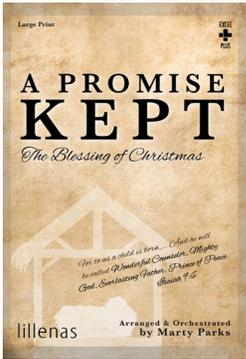
Byron

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Hey everyone,  
I hope the transition back to school full-time has been smooth. I know this time of year can be crazy with the amount of readjusting and homework being piled on you. A couple things I want you to be on the lookout for this month; Wednesday night Dinners will be making a grand return! So when you get out of school and practice, come on straight to church! We will start back September 21st. Another thing... I would love to make it to your games to see you play and cheer or whatever you may do. In order to do that, I need some help from you. Have your parents or yourself send me your schedule so I can put all of the games in my calendar. Y'all, I'm so looking forward to what's to come this semester as we unpack The Fruits of the Spirit on Wednesday nights. You don't want to miss out on these nights together because they feed into our Sunday nights as we travel deeper into God's word. See you there!



**UPCOMING EVENTS:**  
**SEPTEMBER 8TH-IN YOUTH SPACE-4PM**  
**SEPTEMBER 21ST-WED NIGHT SUPPERS RETURN**  
**SEPTEMBER 23RD-FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS AFTER PARTY**  
**DATE TBD-GUYS CAMPING TRIP**



From the very beginning, our God has revealed His faithfulness to numerous generations, keeping and fulfilling all of His promises. And of all His promises, the most important promise—the one of redemption and life...the one of word becoming flesh...the one of glory and power—was fulfilled in

the form of a baby, cradled in a manger. The FBC Worship Choir has just begun preparations for our Christmas celebration to be presented on Sunday, Dec 11. For the last several letters, you have been encouraged to join the choir, to come check things out, to participate in the Christmas presentation only...

This is a beautiful work that will bless you for being a part. Start now and you'll have ample time to learn. Wednesday night @ 6:50.

### August Offering

<u>August 7</u>	<u>August 14</u>	<u>August 21</u>	<u>August 28</u>
<b>Budget Offering</b>	<b>Budget Offering</b>	<b>Budget Offering</b>	<b>Budget Offering</b>
\$7,597	\$6,893	\$6,177	\$6,556
<b>Challenge to Grow</b>	<b>Challenge to Grow</b>	<b>Challenge to Grow</b>	<b>Challenge to Grow</b>
\$60	\$425	\$305	\$25
<b>Online Giving</b>			
\$12,438			

Please join us for the Dedication of Paul & Leah Kilpatrick's daughters,



*Carolina Hollis Kilpatrick*  
*Rowan Elise Kilpatrick*  
 on September 18th @ 10:45

**Gifts were received for the following designated funds:**

- Capital Improvements in memory of Blanche Hester
- Bereavement in memory of Jo Lee
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- Benevolence in memory of Jo Lee
- Music Ministry in memory of Jo Lee
- Children's Ministry in memory of Kristy Davis
- Music Ministry in memory of Blanche Hester
- Music Ministry in honor of Phil & Mary Dixon on their 50th Anniversary
- Challenge to Grow in memory of Jo Lee
- Challenge to Grow in memory of Joyce Burnette
- Challenge to Grow in memory of Kristy Davis
- Capital Improvements in memory of Kristy Davis
- Capital Improvements in memory of Jeanne McConnell
- Music Ministry in honor of Mary Walker



Dear Parents,

School is in full swing and our calendars are getting full and hectic. We are praying for you and your children daily: for a safe environment along with productive learning. We are loving having your kids here with us this semester! Parents, thank you for making the effort to get your children to church!! This is the most important place you can have them. Along with school starting, we have the Polk-A-Dot girls and Elevate happening on Wednesday Nights and K4C on Sunday evenings. Don't forget... Each Sunday night at K4C, we are working on our Kid's Christmas Program!! Please have your children here as we prepare for this! Memories are being made and God's word never comes back void! We always need more help around the children's area, so if you are feeling led to do so, please reach out! We'd love to have you help us pour into these kid's lives.



Lastly, don't forget about our Backpacks of Hope Ministry! We started packing these weekend food backpacks two weeks ago. You can join us on Wednesday nights @ 5:30 in the Kid's Kitchen in the Education Building. Each week these bags go home with hungry kids and the number of bags is rising each week! We need your help! You can donate items (for a full list of accepted food items, see me or Jessica) or if you'd prefer to give a monetary gift, we will take that as well! We are blessed to be a part of this incredible ministry.

As always, if you need anything, let me know! I'd love to pray for your specific needs/requests! Meet me at the altar. Prayer is POWERFUL! God has called us to serve & called us to prayer. Let's do it together!

Linda Walker



# FAMILY ministry



If you missed our church wide Family Night on the 10th of August, you missed a lot of fun! A special thanks to Tiki and all those in the kitchen and on the hospitality team for a great time of food, fun and fellowship. We look forward to doing more of this in the near future for our families, so keep your eyes open for upcoming opportunities!! And speaking of opportunities... beginning Wednesday night, Sept

21st, there will be a new Bible Study for our Young Adults/Young Marrieds. Rise Above the Rules of Religion and Return to the Purity of Following Christ.

Does Christianity ever seem like a burden to you? Following Jesus is not just about obedience. It's all about relationships. It is a daily, intimate relationship with the Father overflowing into relationships with other believers. And that moves us to cultivate relationships with others who don't know Jesus and share Christ with them. This Bible Study will help you rise above the exhausting and burdensome rules of religion and return to the simplicity and purity of following Christ.

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VANCE PITMAN

Bring your kids to ELEVATE at 5:45 each Wednesday and head over to the class (2nd floor Office Building) for a great time of fellowship and digging into the Word together. Commit now to being a part of what God is doing at FBC.



ONEWAY QUARTET

## SENIOR ADULT DINNER

sept 17th  
4:30 pm  
\$10  
pork tenderloin  
door prizes  
55+ years of age  
see Tim & Marie  
or Jessica to  
purchase tickets  
deadline to purchase:  
9/14/22

The Senior Adult Ministry is planning a trip to Branson Dec. 5-8th.

If you are interested in participating, please contact Tim & Marie ASAP!  
662.763.8383 or 662.571.1801

Deposits have to be made by 9/20!



Any budget requests for 2023 must be submitted to the Finance Team no later than September 15th.

# September 2022

## Sunday Activities

Sunday School—9:40am

Worship—10:50am

PM Activities—5pm Resume 8/14

## Wednesday Activities

Men's Prayer Breakfast—6:30am

Kid's—5:45

Youth & Adult Bible Study/Prayer Meeting—6:00

Choir Rehearsal—6:50

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	Deacon of the week: 4—David Warren, 11—Bob Barrington, 18—Bobby Barton, 25—Larry Davis			1	2	3
4 Wear your college team colors!	5 	6	7	8	9	10
11  Deacon Meeting @ 3pm	12	13	14	15 2023 Budget Requests Due	16	17 Sr. Adult Dinner
18 Lord's Supper	19	20	21 -YA/YM Study Begins. -Wednesday Night Suppers Begin 5:30pm	22 	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

### 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](http://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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### Office Hours

Monday - Thursday

8:00 am - 5:00 pm

**FRIDAY - CLOSED**

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