



First Baptist Church

Worship, Grow, Serve, & Share Yazoo City

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Dear FBC Yazoo City Family of Faith,

In these trying and uncertain times, we have faith and peace in knowing that COVID-19 did not take God by surprise, and He is all-powerful and on His eternal throne as our Almighty God. Paul said in II Timothy 1:7, “. . . God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.” So in these days choose to walk by faith and not fear, but at the same time, we must walk in “self-control,” or “sound mind” as stated in some translations. In Proverbs 27:12, Solomon said, “The prudent sees danger and hides himself, but the simple go on and suffer for it.” God has blessed us with medical professionals with great talents and knowledge, and we need to hear and process their guidance in our churches in these difficult days. Paul also commanded us to walk in a spirit of love, fulfilling Jesus’ Great Commandment of love. Thus we have to consider the ways we should best love, protect, and help our people in church and in our community with the knowledge and needs of the situation before us. And lastly, as Christian citizens, Paul instructed us in Romans 13:1, “Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God.” Our governmental leaders are seeking to guide us with helpful knowledge in this difficult journey, and they need our prayers and cooperation during this time as we seek God’s will for ministry in and through our churches. So with these biblical principles as our guide, here are some basic thoughts and ideas for our church family as we proceed ahead through this trial.

1. For the near future, we will continue to worship God and grow in Christ together through weekly livestreams of worship services at 11 a.m. that can be accessed through the church website or Facebook page. Special thanks to our ministry staff, musicians, and audio and video team for their faithful and excellent service in this effort.

2. Various Sunday School and small group teachers are doing teaching times via Facebook Live or other online or social media platforms, including John Yates for the children, and Tiki Broome with the students. Join us with these groups as important times of spiritual growth and encouragement.

3. On Wednesday nights, I will be leading Bible study and Prayer Meeting via Facebook Live on my Facebook page at John H. Pace, Jr., which will then be made available through the church Facebook page. Simply go on Facebook and call up my Facebook page at 6 p.m. and we will be able to share this time of worship, prayer, Bible study, and fellowship together. If you have prayer requests to share, text them to me at 601-559-9352 or send them to Jessica in the church office.

4. I greatly encourage all of you to continue to faithfully give your tithes and offerings to support the ministry of FBC Yazoo City, especially during these difficult and important days. You can continue to tithe and give by mailing your offering in to the church office, through bank drafts, through online giving on the church website, or through text giving.

5. Pray for God to reveal ways you and our church can minister during this unique time in our church and community. Reach out to our church and community with ministry ideas, including:

- Check on elderly or sick church members to assist them and run needed errands for them. If you are taking items or food to people who are sick, leave the items outside, and call them on the phone to minister to them and let them know you have brought the items.

- Encourage people who are not able to leave their homes by contacting them to talk to and minister to and comfort them during this difficult time.
- Provide lunches to local students that can be picked up through a drive-thru process at the church.
- Minister to medical professionals, hospital, nursing home, and hospice staffs during these stressful times for them.
- Help with financial or ministry assistance for workers and businesses they may face financial struggles during this time.

6. I encourage all of you to pray without ceasing for God’s healing, blessing, protection, provision, and comfort during these difficult days for our state, nation, and world. And pray that this crisis will pass as quickly as possible so we can all get back to normal ministry and life. As you daily pray in your quiet time and with your family, friends, and prayer groups, remember these needed areas of prayer:

- For God to eradicate this virus and protect and save lives.
- For healing for those who have been infected.
- For comfort and strength for families where there has been the death of a loved one related to COVID-19.
- For wisdom, strength, and blessing on our President, Governor, and other governmental leaders guiding us through these times.
- For protection, blessing, and guidance for the medical professionals caring for people with the virus and ministering to people.
- For knowledge, wisdom, and blessing for the medical researchers and scientists doing research to combat the virus.
- For Christians and churches to be Christ-like, powerful, and faithful servants to our people and communities during this time.
- For provision and blessing for those affected economically by the virus.
- For safety and blessing on missionaries around the world.
- For our first-responders, law enforcement, and civil servants as they serve faithfully during these difficult days.
- For God to be glorified and the Gospel of Christ to be advanced in the midst of the difficult and trying challenges of these days.

Pray for God to heal and restore our state, nation, and world—physically and spiritually—in this time, and that God will bring the wonderful day ASAP that this threat subsides and we can gather back together to worship, grow, and fellowship at church. We are all praying with you that these new arrangements will be as temporary as possible, but at this point these are important considerations. Your church staff and leadership have done a wonderful job in trying to navigate the quickly changing situation we have all found ourselves in, and I appreciate them so much for their faithful service and leadership. Please encourage and support them and continue to pray for them during these difficult times. Also remember that Easter is quickly approaching and we do not need to let COVID-19 overshadow the glory and celebration of Jesus Christ and His life, death, and resurrection that provides salvation and transformation for sinners like us who surrender to Him in faith. Because He lives, we can face tomorrow! God bless you all and you are in our prayers.

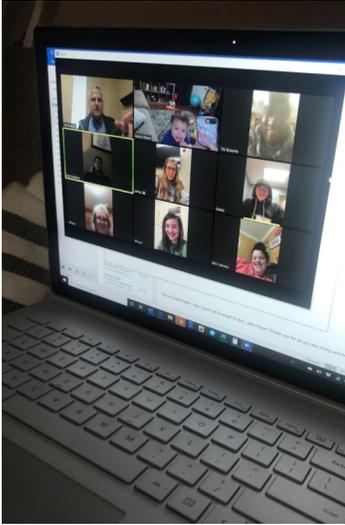
For God’s Glory,

John Pace, Psalm 46



STUDENT MINISTRY

Tiki Broome



There's a scene in my favorite movie "Remember the Titans" where Coach Boone takes the team for a run and they end up running to the battleground of Gettysburg. When they arrive, he gives this powerful speech about team unity, changing times, and how they must come together or they would fail as a team. This scene has been replaying in my head during these times we are dealing with COVID-19. Specifically in regards to the church and how this affects all of us not being able to be in close community. One of the most comforting things about this time has been how closely so many of you have leaned on and trusted in God to be the ultimate source of your strength. These unprecedented times have forced us to come together in a new but very beneficial way as the church. Students, we will continue to meet via Facebook and Instagram Live as well as via Zoom for Sunday School to stay connected. Make sure you have subscribed to the youth texts also. We love you all and miss you all so very much and can't wait to be back together laughing and worshipping together. I want you to be encouraged by this prayer of Moses that our God is in control from Everlasting to Everlasting.

May the Lord bless you and keep you;
 May the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you;
 May the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

-Stay Lit!
 Tiki Broome

PSALM 90:1-4
 FROM EVERLASTING TO EVERLASTING
 A PRAYER OF MOSES, THE MAN OF GOD.

- 1 LORD, YOU HAVE BEEN OUR DWELLING PLACE IN ALL GENERATIONS.
- 2 BEFORE THE MOUNTAINS WERE BROUGHT FORTH, OR EVER YOU HAD FORMED THE EARTH AND THE WORLD, FROM EVERLASTING TO EVERLASTING YOU ARE GOD.
- 3 YOU RETURN MAN TO DUST AND SAY, "RETURN, O CHILDREN OF MAN!"
- 4 FOR A THOUSAND YEARS IN YOUR SIGHT ARE BUT AS YESTERDAY WHEN IT IS PAST, OR AS A WATCH IN THE NIGHT.



During these unprecedented times, God continues to work!

New Members:

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| Will Andrews (1/26) | Leta Greco (3/15) |
| Alan Courtney (2/16) | Lura Greco (3/15) |
| Lee Ann Courtney (2/16) | Orin Howell (3/15) |



Grab some bread & juice and join us virtually via Live Stream as we partake in the Lord's Supper this Sunday, April 5.

You can join us weekly on Facebook or at fbc Yazoo.org.



March Offering & Attendance

March 1	March 8	March 15	March 22	March 29
Sunday School 219	Sunday School 230	Sunday School NA	Sunday School NA	Sunday School NA
Budget Offering \$14,977	Budget Offering \$9,920	Budget Offering \$3,928	Budget Offering \$3,593	Budget Offering \$6,625

*\$16,514.73 required weekly to meet budget.



Please be reminded that the church still needs capital to operate. During these times that we are not meeting, we are missing the offerings. Although the doors are closed and a plate is not being passed around, there are other options to give:

1. Mail in your checks to:
 FBC YAZOO
 PO Box 780
 Yazoo City, MS 39194.
2. Give online at fbc Yazoo.org/give.
 Choose to give a one-time gift or make it recurring.
 Create an account for a complete online giving history.
3. Text to Give. Text any amount to 662-516-5333. The first time, you will be prompted to enter your preferred payment method. After the initial set-up, you will only need to text your amount.
4. Lastly, if you aren't comfortable with any of these methods, you can contact Marie Manor (662) 571-1801 or Lynn Montgomery (662) 571-2923. They have offered to come pick it up for you!

Our expenses go on, whether the body meets together or not. Thank you for being faithful in your giving.



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Bro. John Yates

Proverbs 22:6; "Train up a child in the way they should go and when they are old they will not depart from it."

I've found myself staring at this blank canvas that is my computer screen and trying to find the words. What a strange last few weeks we've experienced. So, in this month's article I would like to focus on needs and how God has met those needs and is still working today. Some have come forward to volunteer to serve in VBS and I am so grateful. There are slots still open where you can plug in and those spots are listed in another article.

Another need met is below. Our Backpacks of Hope Ministry had some large giveaways in March that depleted our supplies pretty heavily. Although our church family was giving, the demand of 72 weekly backpacks has been a strain. Look below to see the story of a God sized miracle and Him meeting a need as only He can. Thirdly...when we kicked off the "Who's Your One" campaign on October 1, 2019, I began praying for the salvation of 2 special kids. I pray for all my kids, I assure you, but God laid these two on my heart. Everyday I prayed. God reminded me that He had everything under His command when, on Monday March 16th, I had the privilege of praying with these two precious kids and they surrendered their lives to Him.

In the midst of the craziness, be reminded...God is in control. **Isaiah 41:10**; "Don't be afraid. I am with you. Don't tremble with fear. I am your God. I will make you strong, as I protect you with my arm and give you victories."

Backpacks of Hope Ministry



With a steady depleting of supplies due to the volume of needs being met, we found ourselves living right on the edge of being out of supplies and unable to continue. And God met the need in God-like fashion. I was contacted by Linda telling me her husband had won an award with his job and the contribution was to go to a favorite charity. Although Linda and Randy do not attend FBC, she has been a very vocal supporter of this ministry. We received the first of 3 contributions on March 13. What an incredible gift and a message from the Lord to keep all eyes on Him and He would supply all of our needs according to His riches in glory.



VBS June 1-5 8am-12pm

I'm always hesitant to list actual needs in a program but I feel this is the best thing to do at this time. I firmly believe, and have seen it happen in my life and ministry, that God doesn't present a ministry without already having placed a burden on the heart of the servant He has for that position. Currently, I am in need of "helpers" for both of the 4 year old VBS classrooms, a "helper" for the Preschool Music Rotation. These classes all have teachers, we just need the classroom support.

I need leaders (teachers) for the following: Preschool Crafts and a 1st grade class. Both of these have wonderful helpers already in place, I just need someone to head it up. All materials are provided as well as adequate training.

Won't you be a part of something great? Commit to doing something of Eternal Significance. Come see me or call the church office and we will help you get involved.



Every year we have a night of training for our VBS. This is a very valuable and fun time. We will have the State VBS Leadership Team here to lead through curriculum and rotations. Originally set for Thursday April 30, this night has been moved to Tuesday, May 12, so please note and put on your calendar. Everything kicks off with supper at 5:30 in the Fellowship Hall.



Camp Sign Up is continuing. Registration forms with necessary information are now available in the office. July 19-22, 2020 at Lake Tiak-O-Khata in Louisville, MS. A \$50 deposit is due with the application and will be applied to the total costs of \$185.



VBS Training has been rescheduled for Tuesday, May 12, 5:30. Dinner provided

SIGN UP FOR OUR

TEXT ALERTS!

TEXT FBCYAZOO TO 844.787.8660

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The Pastor Search Team is still diligently working hard during this time. Included you will find a Pastor Search Questionnaire. Please complete this, and return by April 10th. You can drop it off by the office during office hours, or mail it in to P.O. Box 780.



**ANNIE ARMSTRONG
EASTER OFFERING**
Given to date:
\$4,771

April 2020

Sunday Services
 9:45 am—Sunday School-Zoom meetings
 11:00 am—Worship Service via
 Live Stream and Facebook Live!

Wednesday Services
 6:00 pm—Tune in live on Facebook Live
 Youth tune in on Instagram Live
 John has lessons prepared for kids on our website!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Deacon of the week: 5—Jimmy Phillips, 12—Phillip Pope, 19—Thomas Shipp, 26—Paul Rice			1	2	3	4
5 Palm Sunday Lord's Supper	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

WATCH US LIVE ONLINE!
 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.



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