



First Baptist Church

Worship, Grow, Serve, & Share Yazoo City

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Wonderful Church Family,

Jesus Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Simply thanking and praising Almighty God each day for taking on your sins, dying in your place, and bodily being raised from the dead will do much to ensure that you are daily walking with Jesus Christ! May every day that God gives you breath be a day that you give every one of your breaths back to God – to be lived for His glory and honor so that all the people in your sphere of influence will know that God is real and living and lives inside of you. Make much of the risen living Jesus Christ this month and everyday that you live – so that you will live for His purposes and glory, and through you, others will be drawn to trust in Jesus Christ as well!

Let me share with you something that I have been thinking about.

During these days of Covid-19 I have had so many wonderful conversations with many people of FBC whom I have never met face to face. I have enjoyed getting to know and pray with so many of you by phone.

I am so thankful that now I am getting to see some of you face to face as more and more are getting comfortable being back together on Sunday mornings. Isn't it wonderful having more of us together in the same place at the same time worshipping our wonderful Almighty God!

Even as more and more come together on Sundays I know I will continue to enjoy talking and praying by phone with those who can't yet come in person or can't come at all due to various reasons. A question has come to my mind, "Byron, why not make this a permanent and organized part of what you do as Pastor of FBC? And, why don't you seek to do this with all church members not just with those who can't come?"

Here is what I would like to do starting in the near future. I want you all to know what I am planning to do so that when it happens you will be "in the know." Upon official launch, each week I am planning to send a letter to 3 or so families in the church. In the letter will be a simple message such as this,

"Dear Church Member, I want you to know that I will be praying for you and your family during the week of [insert date]. Please be thinking of certain things that you would like me to pray about. You will be receiving a phone call from me. You can share your prayer requests with me then or leave them unspoken. We will go before our Father together in prayer.

If you are not at home or unable to talk I will leave a voicemail encouraging you to call me back at your convenience. If I do not hear back from you please know that you and your family are in my prayers."

Of course it will take a long time to make it through all of the church families of FBC. Months from now if you think to yourself, "well, I haven't gotten a call from Byron," please be patient, that day should come. I am purposely going through the church directory in a random manner not in alphabetical order. The next three or so families on the list is who will receive the letter for that given week. Eventually I should be calling you to in order to pray with you.

I look forward to building stronger relationships with you and seeing God do what only God can do as His children pray!

It is a joy to love you and serve as your Pastor,

Byron



STUDENT MINISTRY

Tiki Broome

School is almost out! How exciting!

I am so excited for what's to come in the next few months. Graduation recognition, Winter Retreat, Camp, Mission Trips and so much more to look forward to. Like I said.. a whole lot is on tap for First Yazoo Students. If you remember the "great snow apocalypse of 2021," we were scheduled for a winter retreat that had to be postponed. Good news: we have rescheduled and are looking forward to going April 9-11. So if you are interested in going, let me know and we will get you signed up. Next, SENIORS!!! Be on the look out in the coming days for a message from me regarding Graduation Recognition. This will take place the first Sunday in May. I could go on and on about the cool stuff in store but I won't bore you. This month we look forward to and celebrate that our Savior has risen! But that's only part of the blessing of this month. I love to look and reflect on the beauty that not only did Jesus go to the cross for us, and then raised from death defeating Satan, this month is so beautiful because as we are reminded of His goodness to us. We can take that reminder and love and lavish that out on others. I pray you don't miss it this season; that, yes, Easter and dressing up and coming to church is a big deal, but God doesn't need that or want that. He wants us to see his Son on a tree suffering for OUR SIN and out of that, we get Freedom and Joy. May the lord bless you this Easter!



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"May The Lord bless you and keep you;
May The Lord make His face shine upon you,
And be gracious to you;
And may The Lord lift up His countenance upon you,
And give you peace."

-Tiki Broome

UPCOMING EVENTS
 Winter Retreat 2.0 April 9-11
 Senior Recognition May 2
 Summer Camp June 13-18



New Year's Day, 1983, I began my ministry journey with First Baptist Church as the Minister of Youth and Activities. Extremely green and fresh out of seminary, FBC Yazoo became a pivotal player in all areas of my life. During those 6 and a half years, not only did I grow spiritually and professionally, I also found my wife who has been my partner in ministry for 34 years. To say that I am grateful for this church is an understatement. When we were called to serve FBC Columbus in 1989, I never dreamed I would have the opportunity to serve among this congregation again. In October of 2009, David Bryant issued the invitation to serve as interim minister of education which I happily accepted. In April of 2010 I moved into the interim Minister of Music position where I have been blessed to serve for ten years. At the end of this month, after possibly setting a record for the longest "interim", my time here will come to a close.

Once again, let me share how this has come to pass. With my position at the Mississippi Baptist Convention board, I am allowed to serve in an interim capacity for a period of 6 months, with the possibility of a 6 month extension. The convention has graciously allowed me to continue this service long past these allowances. Early last year it was determined that I needed to wrap things up but was allowed to continue because of the pastoral transition we were facing. I am grateful to have had this extra time, but the time has come to focus more on my ministry with the convention and it is time for First Baptist to take the step of calling a permanent Worship Pastor. I believe the best days for FBC are still ahead and I am excited about what God is doing and is going to do!

FBC Yazoo is family. This church has not only contributed the spiritual growth of Sue and I, but to our children as well. Both of our children were introduced to international missions service through mission trips to Peru. Payne had the opportunity to serve as Children's summer intern. Mary Paige had the opportunity to share her gift of dance during our Christmas presentations. And like me, Payne found a godly wife and was married in this church. FBC Yazoo will also run deep in our family's roots. I love each of you and we will always be family.

Gratefully yours,
Ken Hall

February/March Offering

<u>Feb 28</u>	<u>March 7</u>	<u>March 14</u>	<u>March 21</u>
Budget Offering	Budget Offering	Budget Offering	Budget Offering
\$14,645	\$13,215	\$10,260	\$7,559
Challenge to Grow	Challenge to Grow	Challenge to Grow	Challenge to Grow
\$2,860	\$845	\$1,135	\$660
Online Giving thru 3/30			
\$12,931			

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

CHALLENGE to GROW Given to Date:
 \$533,450.53

Gifts were received for the following designated funds:

- Capital Improvements in memory of Jackie Varner's mom
- Cablevision in memory of Faye Johnston



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."



Project 226 is at it again. Our K4C program that meets on Sunday nights in the Fellowship Hall is a great program whose goal is to teach children to look beyond themselves and be thankful and discerning to the needs of others. We are collecting for Bedtime Bags. We have done this project twice over the past 6 years. These bags are used when a child is rescued from a difficult situation and placed in foster

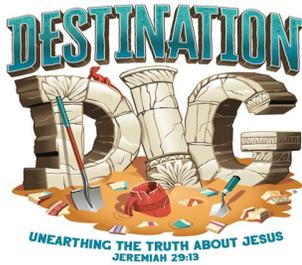
care. Often times, these children are removed in the middle of the night from difficult homes with only the clothes on their backs.

The bags are donated to DHS and distributed as needed. Bedtime Bags contain things like a small animal toy, small fleece blanket (throw) and brush or comb, 1 bar of soap, etc. You get the idea. Listed beside this article is a complete ingredient list. Please take a little time...maybe take your child or grandchild with you to help you and buy enough for 1, 2, or 3 bags.

We have the bags...just need your ingredients. Just leave your things in the bags from the store and drop in the backpack food containers in the Education Building or drop by the church office. We will take your items and assemble bags during our weekly meetings. Thank you!

Bedtime Bag Ingredients

- Stuffed Animal Toy (under 12")
- Small Fleece Blanket (throw)
- Brush or Comb
- 1 Bar of Soap
- Toothbrush and toothpaste
- Coloring book and box of colors
- 2 non perishable snacks (cookies, fruit snacks)
- 1 packet of cheese crackers
- Small flashlight and batteries



It's time for VBS! And what a rich curriculum it is this year. As a teacher/helper, you have the opportunity to show children Old Testament Prophecy and the New Testament Fulfillment of that prophecy. You will love digging into each lesson. Your help is needed!

We need teachers/helpers for 5K, 1st grade, 4th grade, Preschool Music, Preschool Crafts, as well as, those willing to get plugged in wherever needed. We are meeting here on the church grounds beginning June 28-July 3, 8 am to 12 noon. Please pray and consider helping out; then contact John or the church office. Obviously, VBS can not happen without your help!

VBS is the number one evangelistic tool of our churches. Be a part and be used by God to change a life and yours will be changed as well.

IMPORTANT NOTICE | Summer Camp 2021 | July 19-21 | Registration Deadline June 6th

Attention all kids, (completed 1st—5th grade). Kids Camp, 2021 is right around the corner and we need to know your interest!! Grab a registration form on the table in the kid's area. This year's camp will be held on campus and be a day camp going July 19-21, Monday through Wednesday 8:00 am—5:00 pm. Cost is \$50 each. Sign up deadline is June 6th.



HELP WANTED

We are currently looking for volunteers to get on a rotation for both the weekly Security Team and Landscape Team! If you would be willing to step up, please contact Jimmy Phillips at 662.571.6064 or Jessica Wever at jessica@fbcyazoo.org.



Wednesday Night Activities

YOUTH

Activities Building
6 PM | AFTER PARTY TO FOLLOW

ELEVATE KIDS

Kids Area
Education Building
5:45 | NURSERY-6TH GRADE

PRAYER MEETING & BIBLE STUDY

Fellowship Hall
6 PM

LADIES BIBLE STUDY

Rm 208
Education Building
6 PM

BACKPACKS OF HOPE

Kitchen
Education Building
5:45 PM

CHOIR REHEARSAL

Choir Room
6:50 PM



We will have our Baby Dedication Service on Sunday May 9th. If you are interested in participating, contact Jessica by April 28th!

jessica@fbcyazoo.org

870.370.1941





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Sunday Services
 9:40am—Sunday School
 11:00 am—Worship Service
 5pm—Youth, K4C, Small Groups

Wednesday Services
 6:00 pm—Prayer Meeting
 Youth—in the Activities Building
 Kids—in the Education Building

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
	Deacon of the week: 4—Phillip Pope, 11—Pat Rush, 18—Thomas Shipp, 25—David Warren				1	2	3
4 <i>Easter SUNDAY</i>	5	6	7	8	9	10 Winter Retreat	
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. We are also Live on Facebook each week!



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