



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

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My brothers and sisters in Christ,

For the last number of weeks a group comprised of a few members of FBC Yazoo and a few members from Word of Faith (the local church next door) have been praying and meeting together in order to plan another Block Party. As you might recall, the Holly Jolly Block Party had to be cancelled during December 2021 due to the potential of bad weather. This group and so many others from both churches believe strongly that we need to come together and do something in the Name of Jesus Christ to proclaim the Gospel and bring people in this community together. An Easter Block Party is now planned. Many are in preparation and prayer modes. Here is what is planned:

There will be 2 egg hunts [more than 2,000 eggs have already been filled with candy during a recent luncheon], egg toss games (delicious cakes to the winners), face painting, kettle corn, egg races, cotton candy, a craft station, hayrides, bounce houses, a petting zoo, grilled hamburgers and hotdogs, a possible dunking booth, and prize drawings with the ultimate prize being a large TV, and more! Every person who registers will receive an Easter bag with an egg embossed with a Christian message, and a Gospel tract will also be enclosed. Every person who registers will be eligible for the drawings.

Due to many Easter egg hunts bound to be planned on the Saturday before Easter we decided that the block party will be held on **Good Friday**.

Have you ever wondered, "Why is the Friday before Easter called 'Good?'" If you had asked Mary (Jesus' mother) or any of the disciples to give a word describing the events of that Friday it would not have been "good." Remember what they watched happen - Jesus being severely flogged resulting in great blood loss, a crown of thorns pressed into His head, being forced to carry His cross to the place of execution, watching the One they believed to be Messiah nailed with heavy spikes to a wooden cross, listening to people mock and jeer at Jesus while He hung on the cross, watching Jesus' life drain away in agony, and seeing a centurion thrust his sword into Jesus' side to make sure He was dead. I doubt any of them would have chosen the word "good" to describe the days events.

It is debatable exactly when and why the adjective "Good" became attached to "Friday." If you have an enquiring mind there are a number of theories you can find on the internet to ponder. However "Good" and Friday came together there are very good reasons for doing so. Consider the following:

- What Jesus Christ was doing on the cross was VERY GOOD in the eyes of God the Father. According to Isaiah 53:10 it was the will of God!
- What Jesus Christ was doing on the cross was VERY GOOD for sinners, which is all people, including you and me!
 - Romans 3:23 – "for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God ..."
 - Romans 6:23 – "For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."
 - Jesus Christ, God in flesh, came to be the sacrificial lamb for the sins of Human Kind. Jesus served as our propitiation - a

sacrifice in behalf of humanity.

-Jesus received in Himself the full wrath of God against sinful humanity.
-Jesus' sacrificial death served to satisfy the demands of God's righteousness and holiness which requires atonement [payment in death] for sin.

-1 John 2:2, "[Jesus] is the propitiation for our sins and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world."
-John 3:16-18, "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through Him. Whoever believes in Him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God."

-Romans 5:8 – "God shows His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us." God did all of this because He loves us.

-Romans 10:9-10 – "... if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. For the Scripture says, "Everyone who believes in Him will not be put to shame" ... "For everyone who call on the name of the Lord will be saved."

-Faith/ belief / trust is more than intellectual acknowledgement.

-Followers of Jesus understood that faith is active and living. I live out my faith in Jesus Christ by abiding in Him, yielding to His indwelling Spirit, and obeying God's word and God's will.

-In other words, the reality of one's faith is revealed everyday by actions of obedience flowing from his or her faith in keeping with God's absolute truth – the Bible.

-To those who live out such faith in God ...

-Romans 8:1, "There is therefore no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus."

Authentic followers of Jesus Christ get to live out that love relationship with God while on this earth and for all of eternity! I think those are amazing reasons for the word "Good" being added to that particular Friday!

Don't forget ...

EASTER BLOCK PARTY
In the park across from Webster Elementary School
Good Friday, April 15, 2022
4:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Keep this upcoming event in your prayers. We hope to see you there!

In His Love,
Byron

Hey everyone,
 I pray you are growing and learning a lot! This past month has been exhausting for me with school papers and book reports due. I find myself tired and disconnected from a lot of things. Have you ever been in a season like that? For a lot of us this second semester of school before summer is a mad rush of busyness. One of the by-products of this is that we allow some major things to fall through the cracks. Things like quality time with family, healthy eating, and yes, interaction with church and God's word. I have been reading a lot about "what is the gospel, and what does it look like in the everyday life." For us, that's taking the time to influence the places and spaces we have been placed. Don't fall into the trap of just getting by and neglecting important things in your life, whatever that may be. Our young marrieds Sunday School class has been talking a lot about how we need to get back in routines that are beneficial to our families. For each of them it boiled down to Christ and church taking a backseat in many different ways. I want to encourage you all that we will remain in this same pattern until we begin to put healthy community around us and decide to be different! My Sunday school class is constantly encouraging me with their desire to change and grow. Not only to be an example to their children, but for themselves as well. All that to say... don't get too busy with meaningless things that don't impact The Gospel. Instead look to how you can get into good community and thrive.

I pray that you are looking to Easter as a moment to celebrate! Easter more than anything is a day that gives us validation to continue to grow and share in our walk with Christ. "Let the resurrection joy lift us from loneliness and weakness and despair to strength and beauty and happiness." — Floyd W. Tomkins

As you prepare for Easter, don't become so enthralled in all the plans or the fancy clothes. Be amazed that the King of kings, Lord of lords, has risen for you and me.

P.S. Also be on the lookout for students selling Jambalaya Fundraiser tickets! This helps them pay for summer activities such as Mission Trip and Camp. If you would like to scholarship a student this summer, below are the prices for each event. Thank you so much for all you do to support our students!

Mission Arlington - \$200
 Camp @ The Grove - \$350

-Tiki Broome , Pastor of Students & Communications

INSTRUCTORS NEEDED



Come on in...ALL KIDS! We plan on singing at the beginning of our Palm Sunday Service, April 10, and we need you to join us.

As we continue, there will be other singing opportunities so you don't want to miss this. Each Sunday night at 5 pm in the fellowship hall. We will learn some music theory but mostly learn various songs to be presented later during a worship service.

James 1:17 (CEB) echoes this truth: "Every good gift, every perfect gift, comes from above. These gifts come down from the Father." So once we really believe that all the things we have ultimately belong to God, we can go forward into the practice of giving back to God."

The worship ministry of FBC is making plans. Plans that include YOU. Do you play an instrument well enough to show someone who has a desire but never pursued the opportunity to learn? In other words, you have enough of a "beginners knowledge" of a guitar, piano, flute, voice, drums or any other instrument and are willing to teach a beginner...to give them the opportunity to learn and explore that desire?

What about dance, art (whatever technique...water color, pencil, oils), drama (theatrical arts), photography, graphic design, or sculpture? We are not talking about a professional skill level although for some of you that might apply. We are talking about a basic knowledge and skill to get someone, who has a desire but no direction, started in this opportunity. Your gift, in whatever level it exist, is from God and not to kept to yourself. In fact, it is so important that to Jesus, Zacchaeus' actions in Luke 19 indicated salvation.

Luk 19:8-9; "Later that day Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, "I will give half of my property to the poor. And I will now pay back four times as much to everyone I have ever cheated." 9 Jesus said to Zacchaeus, "Today you and your family have been saved, because you are a true son of Abraham.

So what is this all about? Come talk to me about this new and exciting potential program for FBC and I will be more than happy to fill you in. I look forward to hearing from you!

March Offering

<u>March 6</u>	<u>March 13</u>	<u>March 20</u>	<u>March 27</u>
Budget Offering	Budget Offering	Budget Offering	Budget Offering
\$16,022	\$6,713	\$9,648	\$13,968
Challenge to Grow	Challenge to Grow	Challenge to Grow	Challenge to Grow
\$1,180	\$685	\$430	\$1,620

Online Giving
 \$13,250

Gifts were received for the following designated funds:
 Capital Improvements in memory of Bill & Dot Meeks



Spring has sprung and we are so excited about all the fun activities that we are planning for your little ones!
 VBS will be the week of June 6th-10th. Pre-school through 6th grade. We will let you know when registration begins! This year's theme is SPARK Studios! The Master Artist is working to redeem, reclaim and transform us!! The children will have so much fun learning about Jesus in such a creative way!

Also mom, dad and grandparents! If you can serve, please sign up to help in VBS! We need you! We are talking about planting seeds in our children that will some day affect their eternal salvation!! This is so important!!

Every Sunday night at K4C we are teaching some of the most amazing songs to your children for choir! We are also incorporating sign language to go along with it. This is an amazing, precious time that we get to spend and invest in your children!! The children's choir will sing at the beginning of the service, Palm Sunday, April 10th!! You don't want to miss it!

Don't forget about our Easter egg hunt! April 9th! You will be able to enjoy fellowship with your church family! This will be a special time for us all as we celebrate our Savior.

I also want to take a minute to tell you how excited I am to be able to serve at FBC Yazoo! Thank you for allowing me the privilege of investing in your children!
 -Ms Linda, Children's Coordinator

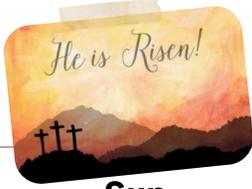


BBQ LUNCH & BUSINESS MEETING

Sunday, April 24th

following AM service





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Sunday Activities

Sunday School—9:40am
Worship—10:50am
Evening Activities—5pm

Wednesday Activities

Backpacks of Hope packing—5:30
Elevate Kids—5:45
Youth & Adult Bible Study/Prayer Meeting— 6:00
Choir Rehearsal—6:50

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
DON'T FORGET YOUR GIFT TO THE ANNIE ARMSTRONG EASTER OFFERING <small>FOR NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONS</small>					1	2
3	4	5	6 Jambalaya tickets due!	7	8	9 Easter Egg Hunt @ 10:30
10 Jambalaya Fundraiser @ 12 Leah Kilpatrick Baby Shower @ 2	11	12	13	14	15 Easter Block Party @ 4:30	16
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24 BBQ Lunch & Business Meeting	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 and clicking on the "Live Stream" on our home page. We are also Live on Facebook each week!



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