



First Baptist Church

Worship, Grow, Serve, & Share Yazoo City

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Dear Church Family,

"Rain, rain, go away, come again another day." Perhaps all of us would slightly change those words to apply to Covid. "Covid, Covid, go away, never come back any day." Even as I write these words, I am hearing of this person or that person who now has Covid. Thankfully the results are usually less severe than when the Pandemic started. We are all realizing that it looks like Covid is here to stay.

After almost 2 ½ years of dealing with Covid, we all know the impacts on the world and nation. The impacts have also been even severe on local churches. For a lengthy amount of time – vibrant church services were suddenly offered only online. People who were used to seeing each other each once or twice a week – now did not. Local churches are still realizing the detrimental impact that not meeting together has caused in the fellowship and even the normal functioning and routines and ministry of the local church. We are also realizing that these things are not easily recovered.

When I came as your pastor, FBC was just beginning to gather again for Worship in person each Sunday morning. By the grace of God, with one or two exceptions – Covid related or not, we have continued to meet each Sunday morning for almost 2 years! For almost as long God's people have been consistently gathering for Sunday School, K4C, Youth discipleship, and Wednesday night opportunities. Praise the LORD for His faithfulness! During these past two years we have realized two areas in which the people of FBC have not met as much as needed. From what I understand, the people of FBC used to gather together for fellowship on a regular basis. That understandably came to a standstill during the Pandemic. We are trying to address that issue by scheduling meeting times more often. We have enjoyed a Thanksgiving meal together, a Senior adult night together, and we have changed the time of business meetings to include lunch. The two business luncheons have been well attended. Thank you. There is still more we are seeking to do to restore even unto new heights our time of fellowshiping together!

Another area that has been deeply impacted are team meetings. Throughout these two years the Leadership Team and other particular teams have met as needed. The deacons have continued to consistently meet each quarter in order to make sure that the families of this church body are being ministered to. For this we are all very thankful. We are in agreement that our teams need to come together more often in order to carry out each of their "areas of ministry" within FBC. I have proposed a "kick off" for teams as we start a new church year together.

First, if you have agreed to serve on a team in any capacity, THANK YOU! Every single church member is so valuable. We each have been gifted by

the Holy Spirit and He seeks to manifest Himself in and through you for the "good" of this local body of believers!

Please mark your calendars for 3:45 p.m. on August 28, 2022. I am asking that all teams and team members come together in the Fellowship Hall. I will have a few words to say and for the majority of the time I would like teams to meet together. One might ask, "what are we supposed to do?" Some starters:

- You will see who is on the team with you.
- Pray and ask God what He wants to accomplish through your team during the year.
Then, by the Spirit, set goals for the coming year.
- Plan your next meeting ...

If you are a part of the following teams please plan to join us on August 28.

- Ministry Team, Prayer Ministry Subteam, Bus Subteam, Manna House Subteam, Christian Service Subteam, Children's Ministry Subteam, Youth Ministry Subteam
- Worship Team, Senior Adult Ministry Subteam, Family Ministry Subteam, Sound Subteam, Greeter Subteam, Usher Subteam
- Fellowship Team, Special Events Subteam, Kitchen Subteam, Bereavement Subteam, Wedding Subteam
- Facilities Team, Technology Subteam, Decorations Subteam
- Evangelism Team, TV / Cablevision Subteam
- Discipleship Team, Men's Ministry Subteam, Women's Ministry Subteam
- Financial Resources Team

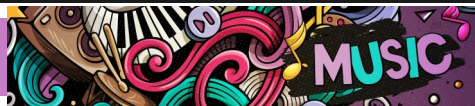
You might be serving on two or even more of these teams. You will need to check in with each of the teams of which you are a part. Some teams *may* want to meet together since they have common goals. For example Greeter Subteam and Usher Subteam OR Technology Subteam and TV / Cablevision Subteam. Your team may meet as briefly or as long as you want up until 5:00 p.m.

If we will all be a part of this "kickoff," it will go a long way towards all the teams of FBC Yazoo functioning as need be and it will contribute greatly to the "good will" within this church body. See you on August 28th at 3:45 p.m.

Byron

Hey guys it's Emma! Thank y'all so much for all you've done this summer. I may be gone physically, but please feel free to reach out to me whenever. I want to hear from y'all! I am praying that y'all continue to grow in Christ and share what you have learned throughout the summer as you go back to school. It is time to enter back into your mission field so go and be a light for Christ!!!

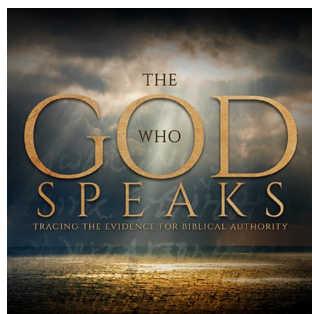
We have some exciting things coming up in the next few weeks. August 10th we will have a Back-to-School Bash! So come hang out with us! We'll be playing Family Feud! It's going to be tons of fun! Secondly, we will have a "Night of Worship" along with the other churches in the county. It is set for Wednesday, August 3rd at 6pm. We'll meet in the Fellowship Hall. You don't want to miss it!



Ok, it's fall and you've been waiting. I heard you. "When this summer is over I'm going to join the worship choir." Well, here you go. We are taking a couple of weeks off before getting back on schedule, so all that will begin Aug 10th at 6:50.

Maybe you're one that says; "I can't commit to every week but I might give it a try when they start working on the Christmas Music." Well, boy are you in luck!! On Aug 24th we plan on kicking off our Christmas Music prep. Yep...hard to believe but it's true. Come join this group. You will be welcomed with open arms and you will be blessed, trust me.

Mom and dad, our Sunday night kids program will focus on Bible study AND a Christmas Musical this fall. Fun, fun, fun. If your child would love to be a part of this great event to be presented in December, get them to our Sunday night program, K4C, that will meet beginning August 14th.



**Join us Sunday, August 21st
for the showing of "The
God Who Speaks." The
movie will begin at
4:45pm in the Sanctuary.**

July Offering

<u>July 3</u>	<u>July 10</u>	<u>July 17</u>	<u>July 24</u>	<u>July 31</u>
Budget Offering	Budget Offering	Budget Offering	Budget Offering	Budget Offering
\$6,864	\$7,510	\$13,168	\$36,161	\$7,405
Challenge to Grow	Challenge to Grow	Challenge to Grow	Challenge to Grow	Challenge to Grow
\$5,175	\$5,980	\$420	\$285	\$1,375
<u>Online Giving</u>				
\$10,712				



*Please join us as we celebrate the
50th Anniversary of*

**PHIL & MARY
DIXON**

SATURDAY, AUGUST 13, 2022

two o'clock to four o'clock in the afternoon

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
FELLOWSHIP HALL**

328 Grand Avenue | Yazoo City, Mississippi

R.S.V.P. to (601) 955-6943 Casual Attire

Gifts were received for the following designated funds:

Challenge to Grow in memory of Jeanne McConnell
 Challenge to Grow in memory of Joyce Burnette
 Capital Improvements in memory of Dallas Powell
 Music Ministry in memory of Blanche Hester
 Music Ministry in honor of Linda Walker
 Capital Improvements in memory of Blanche Hester
 Capital Improvements in memory of Jo Lee
 Capital Improvements in memory of Eddie Purvis



Dear Parents,

I can honestly say that this July has been the best month yet, but I can say that every month! Praise God! God has really been using me in the background, growing me! Your children are the best! We have been so busy learning about God in so many fun ways! We just finished up SPY Day Camp! We truly had so much fun with art projects, scavenger hunts, spy lessons, music and so much more! Thank you for bringing your children in so we can pour into them! I can promise you that they have been soaked in the word and prayed for. I love all the sweet memories being made between them; and watching them grow in God's word, how awesome our God is! I am sorry about canceling the younger spy camp due to unforeseen issues. We will, however, make that up later down the road.



I want you to know that I have been praying for your children and your family. I only want the best for you. I want to



see your families grow and God's kingdom to become stronger and bigger! I want FBC to stand firm in our beliefs and with each other. I pray more and more people will respond to the word and gather at the altar, among family and friends and send the enemy packing! You do have authority. When you learn your authority, you're able to fight for your children on a whole new level. You can run the works of the devil smooth out of your child's dreams, your marriage, your family, your church!! Don't live life and miss out on that one!

I look forward to planning more amazing, fun things in the future!

Blessings,
Ms. Linda

BACK TO SCHOOL BASH

Wednesday, August 10th
6pm / Fellowship Hall

FOOD & FAMILY FEUD

FAMILY ministry

What a summer!!! So much going on and now it's time for school. What happened? As I write this, Linda and a fantastic group of dedicated workers are about to wrap up our day camp for the older kids and then prepare for our younger kids camp. What a great addition and blessing it is for FBC to have Linda on board. The next time you see her, give her a word of appreciation.

Now, the fall schedule for our kids is taking shape with everything kicking off with our "promotion Sunday", Aug 7th. Obviously, this doesn't affect any other class or department except the children's ministry so there's no other emphasis that Sunday. On Wednesday, Aug 10, we will have our Back to School kickoff with all ministries opening up. Then Sunday, August 14, our Sunday Night fall schedule opens for everyone. K4C will meet in the kids area instead of the Fellowship Hall for this fall semester. Lots going on and everything didn't make the newsletter so pay attention to your bulletin each Sunday and be alert for special texts. Commit now to being a part of what God is doing at FBC.

YOUNG ADULT/YOUNG MARRIED POT LUCK POOL PARTY

Saturday, August 13th

Tiki's House
1724 Moonmist Dr.

5 pm

August 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
	1	2	3 No PM Activities	4	5	6
7 Deacon Vote	8	9	10 Back to School Bash @ 6	11	12	13 Young Adult Back- to-School Potluck Pool Party
14 "The God Who Speaks" showing @ 4:45 PM Activities Resume	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 Team "kickoff" meeting @ 3:45	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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