



First Baptist Church

Worship, Grow, Serve, & Share Yazoo City

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During my time of Covid quarantine I began reading a book by David Platt, "Something Needs to Change." You will be hearing more about this book in the future. This will be the next small group study I am going to lead, starting in March. In this book I have been on a hiking journey with David's group through the Himalayas. This book is David's story of what he encountered and the deep soul searching that ensued. This journey has also led to much searching in the depths of my own soul.

Along David's journey he encountered a very rare person living high in the mountains. Her name is Maya. She is a nurse raised down in the valley below in a well-known large Asian city. This nurse could have been in many other places making more money and living in much less harsh conditions. Maya is a Christian. Her goal for each day of life is this, **"I just want to do what God wants me to do with what God has given to me."** Read through it again - *slowly*.

I want ... to do

What God wants me ... to do

With what God has given ... to me.

What if that was the goal of each day that God gave you life? What changes would there be in your life if every day you went before your God who has saved your wretched soul and told Him ...

I want to do ...

Whatever You want me to do ...

With what You have given ... to me?

How different would your life look in ...

Your own walk with God – would God be receiving more of your heart, more of your obedience, more of you? Would getting to know God in His word and prayer be something you REALLY looked forward to rather than something you just think you ought to be doing? Would you live every day as if it was a precious gift to you from God? Would you embrace every moment as an opportunity to know Jesus Christ and make Him known? What more would God be doing in and through your life if you sincerely lived each day like this?

Your family – would your family be receiving more of your time, more of your genuine interest, more of you? Would you take more time to take walks with your children, hold them in your arms, play silly games, jump on the trampoline, or play yet another game of chess? Would you tell them more often how much you love them? Would you look for more and more opportunities to make sure they are trusting in Jesus and walking with Jesus in every facet of their lives?

Would I be a better husband? Would I invest even more time to keep a strong marriage strong? Would I look for more ways to let my wife

know how much I cherish her? Would I, with a better attitude, seek to love her sacrificially, whatever that may look like? Would I make sure she knows she is more important than my job, my hobbies, or my weekly household duties? Would I spend even more time on my knees praying for God to make me be the husband He wants me to be to my precious bride?

Would you be a better wife? Would you invest even more of your time to keep a strong marriage strong? Would you look for ways to let your husband know how much you respect him? Would you look for ways to make your home a place that he longs to be? Would you be on your knees praying for God to make you a better wife to the man God has given to you?

Your spheres of influence – Would you look for more ways to show the person in front of you, in tangible ways, how much God loves him or her? Would you care even more about whether the person in front of you will spend eternity enjoying the awesome presence and blessings of God RATHER THAN spending eternity in a very real place of suffering - void of the presence of God? Would your family and friends see more of the Living God alive in you through your words and actions?

Your church – Would you be a more vital part of FBC? Would you be more determined than ever to be with God's people when they gather? Would you be more intentionally giving to your God all of your heart, time, talents, and resources so that His purposes could be brought about through His people in Yazoo County and beyond? Would there be more people from Yazoo County walking the aisles on Sunday morning shouting "I'm saved!" because you took the time to tell them what it really means to be in an authentic relationship with Jesus Christ? Would you be looking for more ways to be an encouragement to others in this church body? Would you be more on your knees crying out to God to use FBC to eternally impact Yazoo County and City? Could you be content to go about your life knowing there are still people in this city who do not truly know Jesus? Would you be at the altar more - crying out for God to move, to have His way, in His church, no matter what that may look like?

What in your life would change?

How about we take it one day at a time. Will you join me in praying today and every day God gives to you, to us – ***"Father, by your grace I have breath for another day. On this day ... I just want to do what You want me to do with whatever You choose to give me."***

On this journey together,

Byron

FIRST YAZOO STUDENTS

DNOW is upon us!

I am so pumped for DNOW March 4th-5th. This year our theme is "Strive" we will be looking at what it looks like to live a life that is striving to follow Christ. Our speaker will be Nate Ball from FBC Clinton and our worship will be led by Daniel Moody from FBC Madison. Now is the time to be inviting your friends and spreading the word. The major thing I would like you to pray about is that students prioritize this weekend over all the other distractions. We will be having a parent meeting Sunday February 6th to go over some communication upgrades and the rest of the school year calendar. I look forward to what's to come for First Yazoo Students!! Continue to pray for our student ministry and that it may impact many students to come.



Super Bowl Party
 Sunday, February 13th
 5pm
 373 Lake City Rd.
 Yazoo City, MS 39194



Upcoming Dates
 1/26
DNOW REGISTRATION OPENS
 2/6
PARENT MEETING
 2/13
SUPER BOWL PARTY
 2/23
DNOW REGISTRATION CLOSES
 3/4-3/5
DNOW!!



Isaiah 55:8 "My thoughts," says the LORD, "are not like yours, and my ways are different from yours. As high as the heavens are above the earth, so high are my ways and thoughts above yours. My word is like the snow and the rain that come down from the sky to water the earth. They make the crops

grown and provide seed for planting and food to eat. So also will be the word that I speak—it will not fail to do what I plan for it; it will do everything I send it to do. You will leave Babylon with joy; you will be led out of the city in peace. The mountains and hills will burst into singing, and the trees will shout for joy. Cypress trees will grow where now there are briers; myrtle trees will come up in place of thorns. This will be a sign that will last forever, a reminder of what I, the LORD have done"

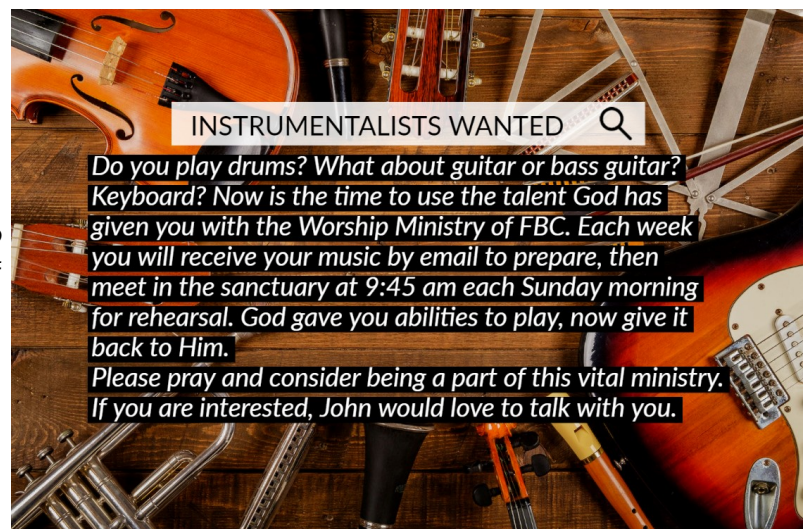
Suffice it to say, I was surprised when the Worship Pastor Search Team came to me with the direction the Lord had given them. I, like you, have been praying for God to lead this team to the man He had for FBC. God called me to FBC in September of 2016 to help organize and build our children's ministry. We have been so blessed to see so many children come to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ and follow through in Believer's Baptism.

God's promises are plentiful and never fail. He brought all this to my heart and mind during a time of prayer and searching after being approached by the team. He reminded me of His call 6 years ago and all He has accomplished. He reminded me of the love of music He gave me very early on, the training He provided and the desire He placed in my heart to lead others in worship.

As the Pastor of Worship and Family Ministries, I pray that God's people, that make up FBC, may grow in their love of genuine worship, that we will continue to see our kids trust in Christ and that we see our young families continue to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Please join me in praying for God's perfect plan for music, worship and families so that we can look at His handiwork as a reminder of what He and only He has done!

JOHN YATES



INSTRUMENTALISTS WANTED

Do you play drums? What about guitar or bass guitar? Keyboard? Now is the time to use the talent God has given you with the Worship Ministry of FBC. Each week you will receive your music by email to prepare, then meet in the sanctuary at 9:45 am each Sunday morning for rehearsal. God gave you abilities to play, now give it back to Him.

Please pray and consider being a part of this vital ministry. If you are interested, John would love to talk with you.

January Offering

<u>January 2</u>	<u>January 9</u>	<u>January 16</u>	<u>January 23</u>
Budget Offering	Budget Offering	Budget Offering	Budget Offering
\$18,184	\$20,157	\$8,191	\$7,469
Challenge to Grow	Challenge to Grow	Challenge to Grow	Challenge to Grow
\$7,115	\$805	\$650	\$970

Online Giving

\$14,880

Gifts were received for the following designated funds:

Jimmy Walker Memorial Scholarship Fund in memory of Mr. Jimmy Walker

Capital Improvements in memory of Bill Meeks

Music Ministry in memory of Bill Meeks

Annual Bill Meeks Men's Ministry Golf Scramble in memory of Mr. Bill Meeks



Date to remember, mom and dad! Saturday, February 12th you can Plan a Date Night! Drop your kids off in the Fellowship Hall at 5 pm, go have a nice dinner and pick them up at 9 pm. Project 226, FBC Kid's Ministry wants to give this to you as a gift from us.

Call the church office or sign up online at fbcyazoo.org.



With all of our construction, we've had a slow start to our new series, UpsideDown Town. We will be back in the Kid's Worship space this Wednesday, Feb. 2. ELEVATE, ages 4k-6th grade, is a fun Bible program with scripture, Bible games, and life application. Please encourage the spiritual growth of your children by making the effort to get them to this program Wednesdays at 5:45!

Our Sunday night kids program, K4C (Kids for Christ) will continue this Sunday night, Feb. 6, in the Fellowship Hall @ 5pm.

For ages 4k-6th grade, you will want your kids to be a part of this wonderful program. And new this semester is a time for Kids Choir. K4C is a strong Bible-based program with scripture memorization, games, service projects and the newly added music time. Come check it out!!



The Backpacks of Hope ministry is still going strong and with the upcoming Spring Break only a month away, we are collecting our full-sized boxes of kids cereal. WE NEED YOU!! We are helping feed 57 children every weekend and appreciate every bit of help you give week in and week out. We are also still in need of the basics... single-serve, microwavable Ravioli, Mac N Cheese, etc.

JOHN YATES

WE ARE EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE
JOHN YATES
HAS BEEN CALLED AS
OUR PASTOR OF WORSHIP
& FAMILY MINISTRIES!



PARENT'S NIGHT OUT

saturday february 12th

5-9pm

drop your children off at the
Fellowship Hall for a night of fun
and y'all go enjoy a date night!



YOUNG ADULTS, YOUNG MARRIEDS

join us for a night of
good eating & bowling!!

SATURDAY FEB. 19

leaving church at 5pm
to go to Brandon.



We are currently seeking volunteers to help serve at the Manna House! In 2022, we are scheduled to help serve meals for five days (one week) every five weeks. Our assigned job includes putting food in the take-out trays for about one hour from 11AM-12PM. Since the pandemic began, all meals prepared at the Manna House have been picked up at the door and taken off the premises. This limited exposure to a large group of people has aided in volunteer safety from COVID-19.

We need additional volunteers to serve the weeks First Baptist is assigned to serve. **Please call Liz Milner at 662.571.8896 if you are willing to help or would like more information.**



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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
		1	2	3	4	5
6 Youth Parent Meeting @ 4:30	7	8	9	10	11	12 PARENT'S NIGHT OUT! 5-9pm
13	14 	15	16	17	18	19 Young Adult Bowling Night!!
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28					

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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Monday - Thursday

8:00 am - 5:00 pm

FRIDAY - CLOSED

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