



# First Baptist Church

Worship, Grow, Serve, & Share Yazoo City

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## Dear FBC Yazoo City Family of Faith,

Grace and peace to you in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord! What a year! I had a guy tell me recently that he was going home and put up his Christmas tree to try and speed up an end to 2020. While the year has had challenges, 2020 has also been a blessing to me in many ways, including the great joy of being able to serve with all of you as your interim pastor, and Dawn and our family want to say thanks for your love, friendship, and support.

I want to say a special thank you to your wonderful ministry staff for their leadership and faithfulness in ministry through the interesting journey of 2020 thus far. You are truly blessed as a church family to have the leadership and ministry of John Yates, Jessica Wever, Ken Hall, and Tiki Broome, and their dedication and faithfulness to guide FBCYC to press forward in pursuing and doing God's will in and through your church. I also want to say thanks to your wonderful audio/visual team and the TV ministry team for their dedication in serving each week to faithfully keep our service broadcasts going through all the different platforms. I have had so many exciting spiritual conversations with people from Yazoo City and other parts of the country who watched our services and were convicted by God about important spiritual issues and decisions in their lives. I also want to say a special thanks to your wonderful Leadership Team, Deacon Body, and other ministry groups for guiding us through these days and for the blessed ministry and service they have given. Special thanks to the Deacons and other volunteers who provided lunch for the ministry team after one of our broadcasts; who provided the chicken plates for the church family recently; and who volunteered to clean the sanctuary and fellowship hall when we returned to services. And of course, thank you as the church family for your faithfulness and perseverance during these days as well. Please join me in expressing thanks to these people and groups every opportunity you get, and remember to pray for God's blessing, wisdom, and guidance for your church, staff, and leadership each day. We have been back to church for three weeks and it has been such a blessing to regather for worship. We thank you for your commitment to return and striving to be as safe as possible. Let's make sure to continue to be careful when we are gathering together for worship, because we hear of new COVID-19 cases all the time, even people that seemed to contract the virus through attending church. So to be as safe as possible in our services, please remember and follow these simple guidelines:

- In worship services, we ask that families sit together as a group, spreading out throughout the fellowship hall and sanctuary, accommodating a six foot distance in all directions between you and the nearest other family/individual.
- We strongly encourage people who are not feeling well, have a fever or a cough, have traveled in highly infected areas, or have been in possible contact with an infected individual, to please stay at home and worship through one of our broadcast platforms, and do not come to church worship for 14 days until you are adequately able to assess your health. Please take your temperature before you come to church, and if you have a fever, please stay at home and worship online.
- Please resist greeting or fellowshiping with handshakes and hugs. Please continue to practice the 6-foot "social distancing" in our personal interactions. Also, please avoid congregating in groups in common areas inside of the church.
- Pay special attention when entering and leaving the worship service to maintain the six foot social distance and not stop and congregate for an extended time. Keep the traffic flow safe and steady as you enter and exit the building.
- Currently, we will continue to not have congregational singing, but instead we will have special music and solos by individuals and/or small ensembles.
- We will continue to not pass the offering plates during an offertory, but we do have offering collection boxes at the entrance doors as you enter and leave the worship services to collect weekly offerings. Please continue to faithfully give your tithes and offerings to support the ministry of FBC Yazoo City. You can also

continue to tithe and give by mailing your offering in to the church office, through online giving on the church website, through text giving, or through bank drafts.

- We welcome and encourage people to wear protective masks and protective gloves while attending church services.
- We encourage you to regularly wash your hands and use hand sanitizer often before, during, and after church.
- If anyone happens to test positive for COVID-19 after attending a worship service, please inform us ASAP so we can take appropriate action in reporting and informing those in attendance.
- Continue to pray fervently for God's healing, blessing, protection, conviction, provision, and comfort during these difficult days for our community, state, nation, and world. Please continue to pray for our government and healthcare leaders in our state and nation as they guide us through these unprecedented times, as well as the social, racial, and political tensions in our country.

We will continue to have physical gatherings for worship on Sunday mornings, with a 9 a.m. worship service in the church fellowship hall, and an 11 a.m. worship service in the church sanctuary. Having two worship services in two different locations will help decrease the possibility of spreading germs and also alleviate the need for immediate deep cleaning for multiple services held in the same location. Please remember that we are asking that only people over 60 years of age attend the 9 a.m. service in the church fellowship hall, allowing our seniors a safer environment to attend worship. We also understand that there are people in the high-risk groups – those over 60, young children, those with weakened immune systems, those battling illness, those taking medical treatments, and those overcoming medical procedures – who still may not need to return to church for their safety. Some people may not want to return immediately out of personal concern or worries. This is completely understandable, and if you are in any of these groups we want you to know it is alright to wait to return to church until the threat from COVID-19 subsides in a greater way, or until you have a greater peace from God about returning to church.

If you are unable or not ready to return to physical gatherings at church, please remember that the weekly broadcasts of our worship service at 11 a.m. will continue to be available through livestream on the church website ([www.fbcyazoo.org](http://www.fbcyazoo.org)), on the church's Facebook page, on radio at Power 107.1 FM, or Yazoo City Cablevision channel 72. We will continue right now to not have physical gatherings for Sunday School or small group meetings on Sundays or Wednesdays. We encourage Sunday School classes and small groups to use the 10 a.m. hour on Sunday mornings to teach Sunday School through Zoom or other online/technological options. On Wednesday nights, I will continue to lead Bible study and Prayer Meeting via Facebook Live on my Facebook page, which will then be made available through the church Facebook page. John and Tiki will also be making available teaching and fellowship times for the children and students on Wednesdays and Sundays as well through technological platforms. If you have prayer requests, text them to me at 601-559-9352 or contact Jessica Wever. **Also, we will be providing a nursery for the 11 a.m. worship service for children ages 0-4 beginning July 5.** Children sitting with their families are also welcome in our services. Lastly, remember to pray daily for your Pastor Search Committee as they seek God's leading and direction to identify God's man to be your next pastor here at FBCYC. And continue growing in unity and focus in your lives and church to follow and obey Christ and His will above any other concern. God bless you, we love you, and please let me know if we can minister spiritually or personally to you in any way.

For God's Glory,

Dr. John Pace (Galatians 2:20)



# STUDENT MINISTRY

Tiki Broome



Canoe Trip June 17, 2020

Hello everyone! Summer for youth is in full swing. We have had a lot of fun in the midst of ever-changing times. I am looking forward to what's to come as we are already halfway through the summer. The biggest of those being Camp! We are actually putting on our own camp at the beach! There are a couple ways we need your help first being prayer. I believe this will be a mile marker for each of our students' lives. So I ask you: pray!! We will be creating prayer cards that you can grab and pray for a student as they attend camp. The second thing I ask: give! Many students and parents have been effected by the fluctuation in work, so I ask that if you can give, please do. We want no excuse for a student not to go and hear from the Lord. We can't wait for camp as it will be the launch pad for our students as we go back to school. Church, again, thank you for being such a supportive and loving people to our students. Below you will see a list of food items you can donate to help us as we go to camp:

- Gatorade (no Powerade)
- Sanitation Supplies
- Snacks

I would also like to say again thank you so much for the support you have shown and displayed to me personally this past month. I am grateful and honored to serve this church as a minister on staff. My prayer continues to be that as we continue to journey as a body that we would be strong, steadfast, and willing to go and do whatever God calls us to do.

Tiki Broome  
Be Strong, Be Steadfast, Be Willing  
1 Corinthians 15:5-8

**Parent Meeting**  
Sunday, July 12th 5pm

**CHALLENGE to GROW** Given to Date:  
\$378,203.53

**JULY 19, 2020**

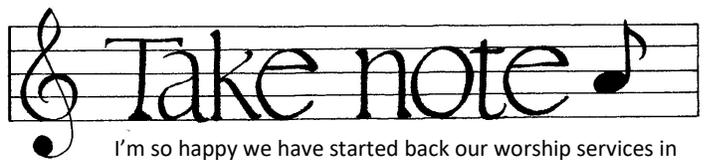
— don't miss this! —

We will have ONE SERVICE at 11am. Following the service, there will be a Quarterly Business Meeting! Since we did not get to meet in April, this will be a big meeting! Deacon nomination forms are also due this day!

During these unprecedented times, God continues to work!

New Members:

- Sarah Kate Beckwith (6/14)
- Mary Tindle Odum (6/28)
- Phyllis Odum (6/28)



I'm so happy we have started back our worship services in person. Your church staff loves each other and enjoyed being together during the livestream only worship services, but we needed to see all of you! As we continue this process of regathering, the question is "will we ever get back to normal?" Who knows what normal is? All we can say is we will continue to worship God in spirit and in truth while being cautious to protect the health of all of our members. Each week we hear of churches who had started back but have had to temporarily close again because of outbreaks in their congregation. So be patient as we strive to trust in the Lord to give us the wisdom in how best to proceed. One of the things I miss more than anything is congregational singing. Yet the physical act of singing is proven to release particles in the air and project them a good distance which is why we are not singing congregationally while our state's number of cases continue to rise. I promise we will add that element back as soon as we can. In the meantime, you can "make melody in your heart" (Ephesians 5:19). We continue to encourage the wearing of masks before and after the service. There are masks available at the entrances to our worship areas so please feel free to take one if needed.

Ken Hall

## June Offering

<u>June 7</u>	<u>June 14</u>	<u>June 21</u>	<u>June 28</u>
<b>Budget Offering</b>	<b>Budget Offering</b>	<b>Budget Offering</b>	<b>Budget Offering</b>
\$18,282	\$8,569	\$7,765	\$10,431
<b>Challenge to Grow</b>	<b>Challenge to Grow</b>	<b>Challenge to Grow</b>	<b>Challenge to Grow</b>
\$8,155	\$2,115	\$1,550	\$4,960
<b>Online Budget Giving</b>	<b>Online Challenge to Grow</b>		
<b>thru 6/28</b>	<b>thru 6/28</b>		
\$12,737	\$1,450		

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



# 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."



If your child or grandchild hasn't participated in VBS there are still a few backpacks available in the church office and the online videos will remain accessible for another month. Don't let this opportunity pass by.

### God is working through this event!

Can COVID-19 be a "blessing" as well as a "curse"? In the midst of this pandemic there is so much sickness even death, but God has moved in some mighty ways. I have challenged you parents to invest in the spiritual health of your children. Some of you have and others have done so this year because of the shelter in place order that came down.



As a result, we have experienced 6 professions of faith during this pandemic, praise the Lord! Parents and grandparents, do not wait any longer to share Jesus with your kids. It can be a simple "added note" of conversation during an activity other than Sunday School or Wednesday night Bible Study (which is still being posted every Wed for an interactive and fun study for you and the kids).

**Whatever the case, stop waiting for the absolute perfect scenario to share Jesus with your children. Do it right now!**



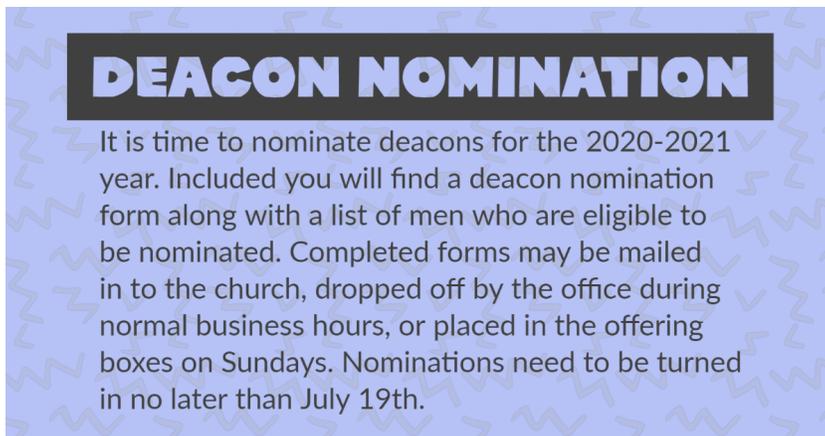
On Wednesday July 8, at 6 pm, our 6th-moving to 7th graders will be moving out of our Kid's Ministry and moving up into the Student Ministry. I know Tiki will take good care of you and challenge you, but I will miss you guys! Especially since I haven't had my usual time with you.

So, this will be a party at Claire Steven's house on 18th Street. Ms. Michelle and Mr. Shane have volunteered to cook hamburgers and hotdogs while you and the other 6th graders in our group swim and chill. Following swimming and supper, I will have a devotion time with you, followed by the presentation of a special gift for each upcoming 7th grader. Mom and dad, make sure your 6th-moving to 7th grader is present that night!



Yay!! OK, all moms of our babies through 4 year olds...we want you back in our services!! I know you miss us, but not nearly as much as we miss you! **So, beginning this Sunday, July 5, 2020, the nursery will be ready for you for the 11am service only!**

Proper sterilization guidelines will be adhered to for everyone's safety, so make your plans to begin attending once again!! I look forward to seeing you!





# July 2020

**Sunday Services**  
 9:45 am—Sunday School-Zoom/FB Live  
 9:00 am—Worship Service in Fellowship Hall\*  
 11:00 am—Worship Service in Sanctuary

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Deacon of the week:</b> 5—Tim Manor, 12—Dan McLeod, 19—Bill Meeks, 26—Bill McGraw			1	2	3	4
5 Nursery opens for 11am service!! preK-4yo	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 Youth parent meeting 5pm	13	14	15	16	17	18
19 *One Service @ 11 Business Meeting @12 <small>Last day to submit Deacon Nomination forms</small>	20	21	22	23	24	25
<b>Camp Laguna Beach</b>						
26	27	28	29	30	31	

**WATCH US LIVE ONLINE!**  
 Sunday morning services are available **LIVE** online. You can watch the service by going to [www.fbcyzoo.org](http://www.fbcyzoo.org) and clicking on the "Live Stream" on our home page.



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