



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

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## Wonderful Church Family,

Since becoming your pastor in September 2020, I have met many times with the deacons of FBC Yazoo. We have spent quality time together seeking to understand from God's Word how to be the deacons God has called them to be here at FBC. Our discussions were long, very fruitful, encouraging, and productive. God has called a group of godly and dedicated men to this servant position.

I have shared with this group of men something along this line, "Each of you have been called to a very important position of loving the church families to which you have been assigned and serving them in whatever capacity may be required—from changing a light bulb in the home, to visiting them in the hospital, to praying with them via telephone or personal visit, to giving solid counsel from God's Word during a moment of spiritual need." In the New Testament, when deacons were faithfully serving the members of the local church, the local church was filled with more members who love the LORD first, love each other stringly, and are being used by God in amazing ways. In other words.. A strong healthy local body of Christ has much to do with the level of service to the LORD and to the members provided by the deacon body. This is what I believe God can do in FBC Yazoo as the deacons live out the role of servant which is what God has called them to be. It is my plan to speak specifically about the role of deacons on Sunday morning, July 25, 2021.

Every local church is autonomous—a big word meaning—"nobody can tell us what to do or how to do it besides Jesus Christ our LORD!" There is no official "way" of determining who will or will not be qualified to serve as deacons in a local church. That is up to each local church as they seek God in His word and through prayer.

According to the Bylaws of FBC Yazoo City, "In June of each year, each church member may nominate as many men as they

choose as candidates for the existing vacancies on the Deacon's Council stating for each person so nominated the reason for nomination." You will find enclosed in this newsletter a nomination form. Nomination forms will also be available in the Sanctuary and Office. For those who would rather do things by computer, we have a solution for you as well. You will find in this newsletter a QR Code which will allow you to nominate candidates for deacon online.

Nominating someone for deacon should be carefully prayed and thought through. The Bylaws give specific guidelines for you to consider. "The nominees must be tithers of time, talents, and money; men who have demonstrated the qualities and standards and further pledging their support to the ministries of the church and its Pastor." The Bylaws go on to inform the congregation that, "Nominees to the Deacon's Council shall be active resident members of the Church for not less than one year preceding nomination and shall be at least twenty-one (21) years of age. Nominees should have demonstrated active participation in church affairs, activities and servant characteristics to the Church during and throughout their time as members of the Church Body."

If you are interested in how the nomination and election process works, please refer to the Constitution and Bylaws of First Baptist Church Yazoo City, MS, adopted by the Church Body on April 22, 2018. As determined by the Bylaws, Deacon Election will occur on August 1, 2021.

Please prayerfully consider the persons you nominate for deacon. You may submit those names beginning today through July 11, 2021.

It is a joy to serve as your Pastor,

Byron

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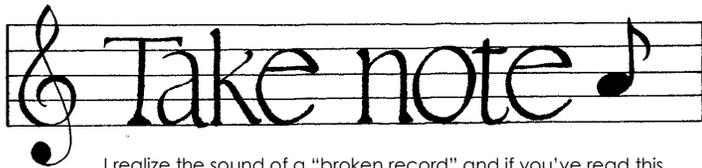
# STUDENT MINISTRY

Tiki Broome



Have you ever felt like life was just moving a million miles per hour and it just won't stop? That's been me since summer began! We kicked off summer with a packed schedule and it has hit full stride. This past month we crossed one of those major items off the list being at Camp! We were blessed in our time at Camp Moscow in Tennessee, where the theme was "Together." We dove in and looked at what Christ-centered community looks like amongst our students and those we encounter in day to day life. Students also had to do some internal evaluation of who they are in Christ and if they are allowing Christ to work in them. From that, birthed 3 students taking important steps in their faith. Two of them choosing to believe and come for baptism. And the other to commit in growing even deeper in their walk with Christ. Camp was great and I can't wait for next year!! We look forward to Mission Arlington this coming July 5-10. Please begin to pray that as we GO, we will see the full scope of why Jesus commanded us to go and share. I pray you are taking time this summer to invest and connect to a community of Christ and serve.

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."



I realize the sound of a "broken record" and if you've read this article the past couple of months, so do you. We have had some additions in the worship choir, both new and returning members and now we need YOU! The privilege we have to lead God's people in worship to Him is a high calling.

The new music we are beginning to do, week in and week out is exciting and some pieces, very challenging. You say you don't read music? Not to worry, you will fit right in. What you see any given Sunday is a group of hearts with a single focus: bringing honor and glory to Him by first lifting our hearts individually, then leading the congregation to the throne. Wouldn't you love being a part of that? Join us each Wednesday at 6:50.

It is hard to imagine, but I have Christmas music preview packs and will be ordering and handing things out in about a month!! Perfect time for you to join in!

John

## June Offering

<u>June 6</u>	<u>June 13</u>	<u>June 20</u>	<u>June 27</u>
<b>Budget Offering</b>	<b>Budget Offering</b>	<b>Budget Offering</b>	<b>Budget Offering</b>
\$12,902	\$10,600	\$11,705	\$
<b>Challenge to Grow</b>	<b>Challenge to Grow</b>	<b>Challenge to Grow</b>	<b>Challenge to Grow</b>
\$1,575	\$1,055	\$11,345	\$

Online Giving thru 6/29

\$12,130

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

## CHALLENGE to GROW

We have made it through 2 years of the 3 year commitment to giving toward the Challenge to Grow Campaign!

**Total Given: \$575,970.53**

Thank you for being faithful!

In July we will be sending out our mid-year giving statements. Be on the lookout for these. Let Jessica know if there are any discrepancies or if you have any questions!

**MEN'S MINISTRY GOLF SCRAMBLE**  
 SATURDAY, JULY 31ST @ YAZOO COUNTRY CLUB  
 GOLF & LUNCH - \$25  
 Don't golf? Join us for lunch at 11:30 - \$5  
 If you want to participate, contact any of the following men by July 25th:

Kent Montgomery	Richard Pickens
Justin Pruden	Joseph Mohamed
Mike Williams	Michael McCain
Joey Greco	Phillip Pope
Phil Dixon	

**Gifts were received for the following designated funds:**

- Local Benevolence in memory of Levern Collins
- Missions in memory of Levern Collins
- Missions in memory of Herb Putnam
- Music Ministry in honor of Gaye and Vernon Sikes
- Capital Improvements in honor of Bill Meeks
- Backpacks of Hope Ministry in memory of Levern Collins
- Capital Improvements in memory of Levern Collins
- Gracewater in memory of Levern Collins
- Men's Ministry in memory of Levern Collins
- Capital Improvements in memory of Lamar Purvis



# CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Bro. John Yates



A special thanks goes to each volunteer who generously gave their time so that children could hear the good news of Jesus. It takes so many workers to have a successful VBS and I know there are children now who will spend eternity with Jesus because of your dedication!!

Just a short reminder that we will continue collecting the usual items throughout the summer with the hope of beginning the new school year fully stocked and ready to go! So, please take the effort to pick up that one extra item each time you head out to shop. THANK YOU AGAIN!



It's finally here!! Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, July 19-21st. This year, due to things beyond our control, we are going to have our camp on the FBC campus from 8:00am to 5pm.

Lunch and snacks will be provided. If you would like to pitch in somewhere... I'll be looking for assistance with everything from providing meals, to crowd control to group leaders, etc.

Need something to be a part of and receive a blessing for?? Invest in the life of a child.

Matthew 19:14, Jesus said, " Let the children come to me and do not stop them, because the Kingdom of Heaven belongs to such as these."



Summer Blast has been awesome!! What a great June we had and now things continue: Wednesday July 7, 14, and we will close things out on the 28th.



It is time again to nominate deacons! Enclosed you will find a nomination form. These can also be found in the foyer of the Sanctuary or picked up on the office. Completed forms may be mailed in, dropped off at the office, or put in the offering boxes on Sundays. These nomination form are due back by July 11th. If you wish to complete this form digitally, simply scan the QR code above. Again.. Deadline to submit all nomination forms is July 11th. Our Deacon Council vote will be help on August 1st. Let us know if you any questions.



Current, active deacons, mark your calendars! The next deacons meeting will be Sunday, July 11th at 4pm



# July 2021

Deacon of the week: 4—Taz Ketchum, 11—Mike Kilpatrick, 18— Dan McLeod, 25—Jimmy Phillips

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
		<b>VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL</b>			1	2	3
4 	5 .....	6 .....	7 .....	<b>Mission Arlington</b>		10 .....	
11 Odum Baby Shower @ 2 Deacon Meeting @ 4	12 —————	13	14 SUPER		15 SUMMER —————	16 17	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24	
	<b>KID'S DAY CAMP</b>						
25	26	27	28	29	30	31 Golf Scramble	

### 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](http://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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**FRIDAY - CLOSED**

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