



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

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Church family,

It has been one year since the ruling of *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health* overturned the infamous *Roe v. Wade* decision of 1973. This decision returned the discussion, as to allow abortion or not, back to each state. Abortion on demand is still far from ended in this nation. As with many issues of our day, abortion continues to greatly divide the United States of America. When the *Dobbs* decision was handed down it became clearer how deep and wide the divide between pro-life and pro-choice Americans actually is.

Every state now had decisions to make. Some state legislators immediately began steps to end on-demand abortions in their states and have achieved that goal. Other states began to advertise across the nation, "come over here for your abortion!"

For some, the erroneous conclusion was reached, "the abortion issue has been settled." That is far from reality. One year later the protests, the arguing, the huffing and puffing still continues on the nation's streets, at abortion clinics, at crisis pregnancy centers, on courthouse steps, in homes, and even at times in churches.

Where do Americans now stand? As of May 2023 the latest Gallup poll reveals Americans are 44% prolife, 52% prochoice, with 4% verbalizing no opinion. Steven Ertelt of [LifeNews.com](https://www.life.com) thinks the numbers for prolife are even higher. He concludes that, "49% of Americans oppose 100% of abortions, or they oppose 98% of abortions [with the exceptions of incest, rape, or to save the life of the mother]. So, half of America takes a pro-life position, and that number has increased since this time last year." You can read the entire June 15, 2023 article, "A Noticeable Shift since *Dobbs*" by Chris Woodward and Charlies Butts on [afn.net](https://www.afn.net).

In the words of [lifesitenews.com](https://www.lifesitenews.com), "Abortion-free states, rising birth numbers, shuttered abortion centers, and countless babies saved: There's a lot to be excited about in post-*Roe* America." [FiveThirtyEight](https://www.fiftythreeeight.com) statistics reveal more good news - there were approximately 24,000 fewer abortions in the United States in the year following the *Dobbs* decision! Still, thousands of tiny human beings did not have the same opportunity for continued life beyond the womb.

Though there are fewer abortion facilities and an increasing number of states who are passing legislation in favor of life – there is another method of abortion that is on the rise – medication abortions. The FDA has approved abortion pills to be safe up until the tenth week of pregnancy. According to most estimates abortions through the usage of pills now accounts for approximately 50% of abortions in the United States.

One would hope getting such pills would be very difficult. The accessibility of and regulations of these pills has been a hot issue of debate including by the Supreme Court over the past year. Increasing attention is being drawn to the fact that too many girls/women who take these pills are experiencing bad to terrible side effects ranging from emergency surgery, hospitalization, and even death.

State regulations for medication abortions are all over the place. According to a June 2023 article by the Guttmacher institute:

- 15 states require that medication abortion be provided by a physician.
- 5 states require the patient to have an in-person visit with a physician.
- 1 state has a gestational age limit on medication abortion provision.
- 1 state requires that the first of the two-drug regimen for medication abortion be taken in the presence of a physician.
- 1 state bans mailing pills for medication abortion to a patient.

How have we slid to such a dark place in America where one can now order by mail medication to kill your own child in the womb? The more Americans realize what is happening with medication abortions the more upset they are becoming. They are alarmed that many medication abortions are not even being overseen by a physician. Just order some pills and hope for the best seems to be the message being sent by some! The girls and young women taking these pills are not only killing the child but too often harming themselves. With good reason there is an increasing demand for stricter guidelines for who can get these pills, how and when they are administered, and by whom. Thankfully we live in a state where the people through their representatives have already signed into law - there will be no abortions provided in Mississippi. In fact, Mississippi is one of 14 states who have a total ban on abortion.

Roe v. Wade has been overturned yet the battle rages on. As followers of Jesus Christ we are called to be salt and light. God desires to shake us out of the "saltshaker" into the rotting society around us and to shine His light through us into the darkest places in people's lives. May we be willing servants of our LORD! Here are some concrete ways we can be salt and light:

- Praise God for His continued movement through His children who bring a message of love, hope, and life for anyone who will listen.
- Continue to cast your vote for those who will stand for and value human life from conception to one's last breath.
- Speak truth in love into our families and friends who may have a different view on abortion.
- Stand up for the innocent who cannot speak for themselves. How?
 - Support Crisis pregnancy centers – e.g. the Center for Pregnancy Choices [[cpcmetrofriends.org](https://www.cpcmetrofriends.org)] in Jackson, MS.
 - Support such organizations as [preborn.com](https://www.preborn.com) who provide free ultrasounds to those contemplating abortion.
- Encourage any mom with an unexpected or unwanted pregnancy to choose life. Individually and as a church body may we live out grace to her and support her in any way the LORD leads.
- Pray for girls and women across this nation who are thinking of destroying the precious life of their unborn child.

Choosing life together,
Byron

To say that the Lord was moving during our camp week in Myrtle Beach is an understatement! Each day the students were led in worship by the amazing North Point Worship. Each morning they were taught by Drew Worsham and each night by D.A. Horton. For three days they taught about the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Through them, you could see how the Lord was speaking to each individual student there. By the end of the week, six of our students made a first-time commitment to give their lives to God and many more recommitments! That week will always be one to remember.



This Sunday, July 2nd, a group of our students and leaders will be traveling to Arlington, Texas for the week to serve that local community by participating in Mission Arlington. Have your students prepared and be ready to Rise and Grind because we're going to be working doing missions projects and enjoying time together everyday! Have them armed with a Bible, notebook, and pen so we can be ready to "load the clips and spray the scrips!" The price for this week is \$250 per student. Lastly, if you hadn't already filled out the health information form for your student for Beach Camp week be sure to have that filled out for Mission Arlington! You may pick up a form at the church office if needed. Any updates will be sent out as needed. Please contact Tiki or Noah if you have any questions.



Four of our students will be attending Super Summer this year! It's a great opportunity for them to own their faith and grow into young leaders as they grow older and grow in their faith. Be praying specifically for Ashley Newton, Adalai Boggan, Claire Stevens, and Sarah Bailey Jackson as they seek to deepen their relationship with the Lord and grow into the young women that God calls them to be!

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Sunday, July 16th, during the regular Sunday morning service the youth will be recapping their summer and sharing how the Lord has been working in and through their lives. Please make an effort to be there to support our students!

SIGN UP FOR OUR
TEXT ALERTS!
 TEXT 'FBCYAZOO' TO 844.787.8660

Scan the QR Code to
GIVE ONLINE

Mid-year giving statements will be going out this month! Let Jessica know if you have any questions.

June Budget Offering				
June 4	June 11	June 18	June 25	Online Gifts
\$11,019	\$13,089	\$16,203	\$8,465	\$13,362

BBQ LUNCH
 & Business Meeting
SUNDAY, JULY 16TH
 Following Worship

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES, PLEASE PROVIDE HOMEMADE ICE CREAM!

DEACON NOMINATIONS
 have been made. Voting will take place Sunday, August 6th.

Gifts were received for the following designated funds:
 Challenge to Grow in memory of Dr. David Johnson
 Music Ministry in memory of Dr. David Johnson
 Capital Improvements in memory of Eddie Purvis
 Children's Ministry in memory of Pat Langley
 Challenge to Grow in memory of Billie Day



CAMPING in the WILDERNESS

DAY CAMP JULY 17-20 @ FBC, 8 AM-5 PM KIDS COMPLETED 2ND-5TH GRADE
REGISTRATION BEGINS THIS MONTH COST \$75

Summer day camp 2023 is here! If your child or grandchild has completed 2nd through 5th grade, this opportunity is for them! God sees and will supply every need we may have. This is the lesson that runs throughout our 4 days together. We will follow Moses and the children of Israel in the wilderness.

Our deadline for registration is Sunday July 9th, so your immediate response is imperative. Registration forms are in the children's check-in area, as well as, the church office.

Wow! Summer Blast has been crazy fun and with only 2 more events on the calendar, I sure hope you take advantage of each!

July 5—Swimming @ Tiki's!

July 12—TieDye & Ice Cream

To stay updated on all things happening in the Children's Ministry, be sure to go follow our Facebook Page! - Project 226, Children's Ministry of First Baptist Church, Yazoo



the BENEVOLENCE offering

WE WILL COLLECT OUR 5TH SUNDAY LOCAL BENEVOLENCE OFFERING SUNDAY, JULY 30TH

Because of your generosity, we've been able to help 18 families in our community so far this year! Please consider a gift on the 30th to this ongoing ministry.



A Facebook post by Robert Morgan reads this way:

"Look what I found in today's Washington Post—an article about the benefit of church choirs, the physical and mental health benefits of singing with others. Choirs are large families, said the paper. Singing in them promotes social bonding and joy. Choir members are more optimistic, less lonely, more likely to contribute positively to community. A sense of achievement comes from creating notes with the body and working together to master a work. The text is often inspiring and beautiful, so despite the day's travails, choir members leave rehearsals feeling 'This is a very positive thing that I can be a part of.' The Bible knew that all along. Choirs are a biblical part of God's scheme of worship! Don't miss it in your church!"

Please come and give this choir a try. I believe you will feel a part of something special almost immediately! Each Wednesday night at 6:50.

BACKPACKS OF HOPE

Just a reminder that we are continuing to collect supplies throughout the summer in order to build up stock for the fall semester. Please consider helping during this valuable time! Thanks again, FBC!

For a full list of accepted items, see Jessica!

Each year our VBS offering focuses on helping the Backpacks of Hope Ministry and this year our kids brought in almost \$1,200! This amount resulted in a pie to the face for both John & Noah!! Thank you for your continued gifts!



July 2023



SUNDAY ACTIVITIES

LifeGroups—9:40am
Worship—10:50am
NO PM Activities for Summer

WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES

Men's Prayer Breakfast—6:30am
Youth & Kids Activities
Prayer Meeting—6pm
Choir Rehearsal—6:50

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	Deacon of the week: 2—George Jennings, 9—Tim Manor, 16—Leroy McBride, 23 — Bill McGraw					1
2	3 Office Closed	4 Office Closed	5	6	7	8
MISSION ARLINGTON						
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
SUPER SUMMER						
16 Youth Summer Recap followed by Business Meeting	17	18	19	20	21	22
KIDS DAY CAMP						
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Benevolence Offering						
30	31	NO PM ACTIVITIES				

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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