



# First Baptist Church

Worship, Grow, Serve, & Share Yazoo City

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## Church Family,

The hot smoke flooding into my eyes was unbearable. I had to pull away from the grill that was filled with hamburgers and hotdogs. As the smoke cleared I could once again see where I was. I was standing in the heart of one of the most dangerous parts of Yazoo City, Shady Lane.

I wasn't alone. Jesus tells those who trust in Him, "If anyone loves Me, he will obey My teaching. My Father will love Him, and we will come to Him and make our home with Him (John 14:23)." So, wherever my two feet take me Jesus is right there too. Jesus also tells those who trust in Him, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me ... and surely I am with you always ... (Matthew 28:18, 20b)." I stand in this place of spiritual darkness by the authority of Jesus Christ and knowing He is with me. That changes everything. The same will be true for you when you choose to go into the darkness around you with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Manning the other side of the grill was Tiki. I love Tiki's passion for the Word of God and his passion for people, in particular people who need Jesus. That same passion for lost souls and hurting people was in the hearts of each one in our group.

People were coming from everywhere – moms, dads, children. We gave them burgers, hotdogs, chips, cold water, or delicious Kool-Aid in the Name of Jesus Christ. The people were so appreciative and kind.

At one point during the day, Carolyn and I, along with George and David, went door to door where many elderly people lived. With great caution a man or woman would come to the door. Many were deeply moved not just at the food and drink given but perhaps also in seeing black and white people whose hearts were united in love and purpose.

The Yazoo City Minister's Alliance is a conglomeration of people with different cultures, skin colors, and backgrounds. In fact some of them who read the same Bible I do have come to different theological conclusions on topics such as baptism, speaking in tongues, and so forth. None of our differences are essential beliefs for salvation. For example, concluding one should be baptized by immersion (as Baptists do) is not a requirement for becoming a child of God. Though I am in the midst of people who think differently than I do on some things I need to remember ... **DON'T GET SO CAUGHT UP IN DIFFERENCES THAT YOU DESTROY ANY OPPORTUNITY FOR UNITY.**

As a group of ministers we are completely UNITED in the "key truths" that are essential theology for salvation. That is - Jesus Christ is the Word of God, God, Who was born into this world with God as His Father, Who took on flesh, was born without sin, never sinned, yet on

the cross took on our sins, died in our place, was buried, and bodily raised from the dead! Any person is saved ONLY upon repentance of sins and absolute trust in Jesus Christ alone as his or her Savior! WE ARE UNITED in our trust in Jesus Christ Who shed His blood in payment for our sins and rose bodily from the dead!

God is amazing isn't He? Upon trust in Jesus Christ, God transforms and unites people who are different economically, educationally, socially, ethnically, geographically, and so forth – into His people, one BODY, the body of Jesus Christ, His Church. The Apostle Paul put it this way, "You are all sons of God through faith in Jesus Christ, for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus (Galatians 3:26-27)." To put this into American culture, "There is..." also neither black, nor white, nor yellow, etc. ... "for you are all one in Christ Jesus."

This past Saturday we may have been different in some ways, yet we were very united in Jesus Christ and in obeying God's word of instruction to our hearts - be light and salt into a dark and rotting world. Our Father had moved in all of our hearts. After a series of meetings and prayers we had to do something. How could we, believers, who ARE the Light of the World, not seek a way to bring the Light of Jesus Christ into the darkness of Yazoo City? We were and continually are being compelled by God and His love that flows in our hearts – to GO! We realize that this was just a tiny beginning. We must embrace many more opportunities to be conduits of God's grace to those around us.

What can you do? Pray. Pray for continued unity in Jesus Christ for all Yazoo City believers. In order for God to dispel the darkness and purify the rot it will take all of God's People in Yazoo City obediently marching heart in heart into the darkness with the presence and in the authority of Jesus Christ! Pray for workers to go into the fields of this great city. Ask God to clear away the smoke from your eyes and enable you to see Yazoo City through His eyes. If you are compelled by God to join us – our hearts and arms are open! God's love and unity in Jesus Christ can be demonstrated one burger or hot dog at a time!

In His Love,  
Byron

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# STUDENT MINISTRY

Tiki Broome

SUMMER 2021

## #SUMMERDAZE



**SUMMER KICKOFF**  
JUNE 9TH

Crawfish, Slip N Slide  
Kickball, Inflatables



**CAMP TENNESSEE**  
JUNE 13TH-18TH

Location: Moscow,  
Tennessee  
Price: \$300



**GAME NIGHT**  
JUNE 23RD

Bring your Team for a  
night of games and  
Family Feud



**THRIFTY**  
**THRIFT SHOP**  
**BOWLING**  
JUNE 30TH

Location: Indian Lanes  
Price: \$20  
EAT BEFORE



**MISSION ARLINGTON**  
JULY 5-10

Location: Arlington,  
Texas  
Cost: \$200



**SUPER SUMMER**  
JULY 12-16

Location: Mississippi  
College  
Price: \$225

Hannah and Mary both desired to have children, but in both instances, the child came in very different and unique circumstances. I've been struggling, but have also been blessed, by these two pictures in scripture lately. You see; God knows our wants and desires in life. Both Mary and Hannah clearly desired children and God blessed them in different ways. We often have desires and wants for our lives. Scripture paints an eye-opening picture for us though. Hannah prayed and submitted her child to the Lord. Mary, knowing her child was from God, still submits her son to God. What about us? Are we fully submitting the things we are praying for back to God? I struggle with this! If you and I are honest, we've prayed for countless things but we haven't truly submitted those things back to God when he provides! I write this to encourage you and warn you. God is in the business of answering prayers! Pray to him! Ask him for the hard things; Ask him for what your hearts desires. But when He chooses to answer that request (in the way we expected or not), be prepared to submit it back to Him! I pray that our eyes and hearts grow as we walk in faith.

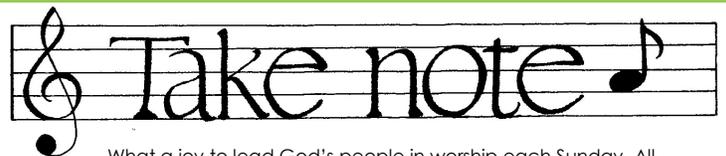
May The Lord bless you and keep you;  
May The Lord make His face shine upon you,  
And be gracious to you;  
And may The Lord lift up His countenance upon you,  
And give you peace."



### MEN'S MINISTRY GOLF SCRAMBLE

SATURDAY, JUNE 12, 2021 @ 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 June 5th:

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



What a joy to lead God's people in worship each Sunday. All throughout scripture, the choir or musical instruments were used in leading an army into battle or the procession of a returning conquering hero. We are still reaching out to those of you who have previously sung in the choir or who now would like to try. Now is the time!! As you yield yourself to Him and allow Him to use you to lead His people in worship, the blessings you receive are beyond measure. Does it take a commitment? Maybe a personal schedule adjustment? Yes, yes it does. But serving the King of Kings and Lord of Lords is worth the costs. Whatever they may be.

I want to encourage each choir member and those thinking of joining to please make every rehearsal possible. Obviously life happens sometimes and hinders our attendance, but each week we aren't just going over a piece for Sunday. We are also going over music for the next several weeks. If you know you will be out on Sunday, come Wednesday night anyway and get a head start on the next several weeks worth of music. Not to mention the stellar fellowship, right??

Blessings,  
John

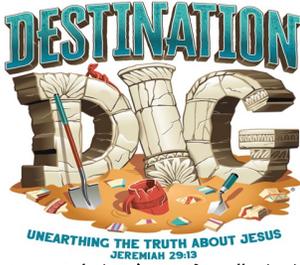
May Offering			
May 2	May 9	May 16	May 23
<b>Budget Offering</b>	<b>Budget Offering</b>	<b>Budget Offering</b>	<b>Budget Offering</b>
\$10,315	\$8,635	\$6,606	\$10,878
<b>Challenge to Grow</b>	<b>Challenge to Grow</b>	<b>Challenge to Grow</b>	<b>Challenge to Grow</b>
\$1,995	\$740	\$1,115	\$1,090
<b>Online Giving thru 5/27</b>			
\$12,594			
*\$16,514.73 required weekly to meet budget.			

- Gifts were received for the following designated funds:**
- Children's Ministry in memory of Blake Coghlan
  - Music Ministry in honor of Ken Hall
  - Music Ministry in honor of Gaye Sikes
  - Music Ministry in memory of Ruth Henley
  - Music Ministry in memory of Carol Sudduth
  - VBS in memory of Rose Isagnailin
  - Music Ministry in memory of Evelyn Maxine Johnson



# CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Bro. John Yates



VBS Registration is now open @ [www.fbcyazoo.org](http://www.fbcyazoo.org). Please sign your child/children up for this exciting adventure as we “dig” into God’s Word. We will dig into the Old Testament and see the prophecy foretold of Jesus and follow that prophecy into its fulfillment in the New Testament. As always, great music, recreation and snacks can be found as well. 8 am to noon everyday, Monday through Friday. June 28-July 2, 2021.

For children who have completed Pre-K (4 yrs old) through 6th grade. Register under grade completed.



A special thank you for all who have participated in the Backpacks of Hope ministry during the previous school year! With your help and generosity, we gave out well over 1200 bags of food to children who really needed help to get through the weekend. Along with the regular items, 110 boxes of kids cereal were also given out!

We are not allowed access to names of families or children in particular, but that has never deterred us from fulfilling God’s call in absolute obedience.

We will continue collecting the listed items throughout the summer with the goal 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!



## Summer Day Camp | Here at FBC | July 19-21 | 8am—5pm | \$50 | Deadline to Register June 6

For parents of kids ages 1st-6th grade! If you have not picked up a camp form in the kid’s area (Education Building) and want your child to participate in our Day Camp, you need to do so ASAP. Deadline to Register is June 6th. Please take a moment and get this done. Monday through Wednesday, 8 to 5pm. Lots of activities, lunch, and snacks as well as planned “track” times with various choices to make this camp as fun as possible. Plus, we will be learning more about those “lesser known” servants in scripture! Please take advantage of this time!!



Summer Blast is here! Yes, each Wednesday evening at 5:45, beginning June 2, we will meet in the Kid’s Worship Area for a fun time of Bible lessons, snacks and crazy games. Trust me; you do not want your child to miss out on this event!!! 4yo-6th grade

BUSINESS MEETING & ICE CREAM SOCIAL!

HELLO Summer

JUNE 6TH | 5PM  
SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES, PLEASE PLAN TO BRING HOMEMADE ICE CREAM!

Join us Sunday, May 30th as we observe the Lord’s Supper together! Contact your Deacon if you’ll be at home and want a communion cup OR just grab some crackers and juice and tune in!

JOIN US FOR A

# Baby Shower

HONORING THE MOM TO BE CLAIRE AND BABY GIRL PRUDEN  
SUNDAY JUNE 13, 2021 2:00-3:30p.m. @FIRST BAPTIST YAZOO  
FAMILY LIFE CENTER 339 JACKSON AVE. YAZOO CITY, MS 39194  
RSVP to RACHEL 662-763-9733  
HOSTED BY Rachel Hearst and Brittany Thomason



# June 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Deacon of the week: 6—Joey Greco, 13—Roy Harris, 20—AG Helton, 27—George Jennings		1	2	3	4	5
6 Ice Cream Social & Business Meeting @ 5 	7	8	9	10	11	12
13 Pruden Baby Shower @ 2	14	15	16	17	18	19
• • • • • Youth Camp—Tennessee • • • • •						
20 	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28 	29	30	<b>VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL</b>		

**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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Monday - Thursday  
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**FRIDAY - CLOSED**

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