



First Baptist Church

Worship, Grow, Serve, & Share Yazoo City

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Giving Church Family,

Prices are and seem to be rising on everything! Therefore money is likely on your mind at least once a day—how to ... get it, spend it, save it, invest it, and maybe even how to give it.

God talks about money hundreds of times in the Bible. Jesus Christ told many parables to teach God's people how to avoid being mastered by money, how to wisely use money for purposes beyond this world, and how to store up heavenly treasure! We are wise to hear/heed His truth!

We recently talked about money (see May 15, 2022 Worship Service on Facebook or YouTube). We explored the history of the tithe—even answering a most important question: Does God call New Covenant Followers of Jesus Christ to tithe?

Our journey brought us to 2 Corinthians. Paul is rejoicing over how the churches in Macedonia have responded with amazing [financial] sacrifice and giving even in the midst of great trial and affliction. Through Paul, God tells the people in the church of Corinth, and you and I as New Covenant Followers of Jesus...

- 2 Corinthians 8:7, "But as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all earnestness, and in our love for you—see that you excel in this act of grace [of giving] also."
- 2 Corinthians 9:6-7, "The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."

It all comes down to who is the master of your heart. Is it you, or is it the Holy Spirit? Yes, it is possible for a person to truly trust in Jesus Christ and he/she STILL BE THE ONE SITTING ON THE THRONE of his/her HEART. If Self is on the throne then Self is not going to give as the Spirit leads. Asking the Holy Spirit to reign on my heart is an every day decision I make in my walk with God. I really want God calling the shots and not me. How about you?

After much study over many years and prayer, I have come to the following conclusion. With the Holy Spirit ruling on my heart and over the resources God has entrusted to us—I believe He calls us to give according to the standard set forth by God before the LAW and in the LAW—the tithe. Yes, I fully understand that we are not under the LAW any longer. Yes, I understand that there is no outright command to give the tithe in the New Testament.

Consider this... For Abram and Jacob [two men who deeply sought and trusted in the LORD] the amount that expressed their hearts of total trust and gratitude was the tenth [tithe]. That was before the Law was ever given. The tenth [tithe] became the standard of God in the Law. When Jesus walked this earth, He tithed.

- Matthew 23:23, Jesus reprimanded the religious elite, "*you have given a tenth [tithe] of your spices... but you have neglected the more important matters of the law—justice, mercy, and faithfulness. You should have practiced the latter without neglecting the former (tithing).*"
- Matthew 5:17, "Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them, but to fulfill them."

For decades, Charlotte and I have chosen to give the tithe and beyond as the Holy Spirit and God's word have directed us. We have experienced God doing amazing things in our lives as a result. Many of you have the same testimony. Jesus is always right, "It IS more blessed to give than to receive." - Acts 20:35

Think about the many ways God blesses others through you and **blesses you** when you give.

When you give to FBC YAZOO, your gift supports...

1. Existence of FBC, the presence of God in this city.
2. Pastors living out their calling from God.
3. Sound, godly, biblical counsel through the ministers at no cost.
4. A place for followers to gather together and resources to pay the bills!
5. Teaching of God's word through Sunday School [including books], discipleship, preaching, VBS [including materials], Day Camp, K4Christ, Elevate, Youth...
6. Place for God's people to prepare to lead in worship through music [including materials].
7. Wonderful, very talented pianists, and organist.
8. Place of ministry to grieving families.
9. Resources for feeding/helping the poor—backpack ministry, grilling outreach ministry, local benevolence...
10. Place for fellowships/relationships to grow closer to God and one another.
11. The Gospel being declared to many people through Facebook, Radio, TV, and website.
12. Opportunities for local, associational, state, national, and world missions.
13. Ministry to students in Yazoo schools—city and county.
14. Ministry to hospitals and hurting people.
15. Ministry to nursing homes and those needing encouragement.
16. An outpost of prayer for one another and this world!
17. As an SBC church, we give to the Cooperative Program. A portion of our budget joins other church's gifts resulting in ministry to Mississippi, this nation, and the world.

Those are just the practical aspects of the benefits of your giving. Many of you in FBC have excelled in your giving to the LORD. One of those ways in nearing completion at the conclusion of this month—Challenge to Grow. Three years ago many of you made a promise to the LORD to give a particular amount to be used in the upkeep and updating of the buildings on this church campus. If you need to know where you stand on your promise, please give the office a call and we will be glad to inform you. Thank you for giving so faithfully!

Perhaps even more important—WHEN YOU GIVE AS THE HOLY SPIRIT LEADS, then you are saying something to God!

- I worship You alone as my Savior and God!
- I recognize all I have is from Your hand.
- I honor You!
- I need and depend on You!
- I give my all to You—100%!
- I trust You!

You also will benefit greatly and be blessed by the hand of God. You will...

- Know deep joy as you partner with God for His purposes and glory!
- NOT HAVE A LOVE for money and your money will not master you!
- Be taken care of by God... as He promises in many passages of the Bible. Jesus tells us in Luke 6:38, "Give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you." As the old saying goes, "You can't outgive God!" Let's keep on giving as the Holy Spirit leads!

Byron

FIRST YAZOO STUDENTS

Hey Guys!! My name is Emma Grace! I am the new Summer Youth Intern! I am so excited to spend this summer with yall! Some things I am looking forward to this summer in youth are the Summer Kick-Off Party, Mission Arlington, Super Sumer, and so much more!! Camp @ the Gove is June 13-18th. During this week, we get the opportunity to hang out with some other churches, learn more about Christ, and have some fun!!

I can't wait to get to know yall more throughout the summer! I know it is easy to skip out on things in the summer, but WE WANT YOU HERE! So be a part and get plugged in! God is going to do some amazing things this summer and you don't want to miss it!



SUMMER FIRST YAZOO STUDENTS

JUNE

- 7 HELLO SUMMER PARTY! // @TIKIS 6-9
- 8 BIG CHILL NIGHT // LOCATIONS TBA 5-8
- 13-17 CAMP AT THE GROVE // MEMPHIS, COST 350
- 22 THRIFT SHOP BOWLING // CLINTON, COST \$25
- 28 KAYAKING // CHUNKY RIVER, COST \$35

JULY

- 3-9 MISSION ARLINGTON // COST \$200
- 11-15 SUPER SUMMER // MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE
- 20 DA INTERN PARTY // LOCATION TBA
- 27 FAMILY REUNION // @TIKIS 6-9

AUGUST

- 10 BACK TO SCHOOL BASH // FBC YAZOO

PHOTOS: SUMMER '22, GET READY, TO JUMP IN



If there was any doubt about the arrival of summer, one just needs to step outside... Yikes! When you take a look at the church calendar, that also can often indicate the arrival of summer. Student Ministry taking off to this mission and that camp as well as the crazy sessions of Summer Blast every Wednesday night with a few exceptions. It's a busy time for sure, but what about the Worship Choir??

I am really glad you asked... You see, with all the hustle and bustle, there remains one constant in the life of the church programs; SUNDAY IS COMING!! Yes, that's right, it takes dedication and commitment to make rehearsals an to be in the choir loft on a Sunday even when the choir isn't singing a "special music" piece. Because one thing for sure is Jesus is worthy of all our praise day in and day out and He deserves our excellence and nothing short of it!

If you are normally part of the choir and for whatever reason find yourself sitting in the congregation when you know God wants you serving Him through your

voice, or you are someone who has been thinking about joining this special group for some time but just haven't followed through, the summer is the perfect time to get in the swing!! Longer days make it easier to return home after rehearsals on Wednesday evenings. "No pressure" trial time in that if you're not sure this is for you, you don't have to worry about leaving in the middle of preparing for a big program (i.e Easter & Christmas) when your attendance is more emphasized, and finally...with current members in and out with family vacays like everyone else, your addition fills a spot that otherwise would be vacant.

Of course, here's the big thing... God has been dealing with you and you have been disobedient by not following through with His leading for whatever reason. Enough is enough!! We have a place for you! We meet each Wednesday night at 6:50 and will continue to do so throughout the Summer (with a few exceptions) because...SUNDAY IS COMING!!

John Yates

May Offering

May 1	May 8	May 15	May 22	May 29
Budget Offering				
\$16,022	\$6,713	\$9,648	\$8,725	\$5,328
Challenge to Grow				
\$1,180	\$685	\$430	\$965	\$360
Online Giving				
\$11,539				

Gifts were received for the following designated funds:

- Challenge to Grow in memory of Dallas Powell
- Baptist Children's Village in memory of Ophelia Johnson's mom
- Baptist Children's Village in memory of Dr. Davis Johnson's mom
- Capital Improvements in memory of Levern Collins
- Capital Improvements in memory of Dallas Powell
- Music Ministry in memory of Lousie Dixon
- Capital Improvements in memory of Joyce Burnette
- Baptist Children's Village in memory of Joyce Burnette
- Women's Ministry in memory of Joyce Burnette
- Local Benevolence in memory of Joyce Burnette
- Local Benevolence in memory of Jeanne McConnell



Dear Parents,
Another school year has come and gone and we have wrapped up Kids 4 Christ for this semester! But don't worry, we still have so many fun things planned here at FBC Yazoo during the Summer months!!

We will have Vacation Bible School during the week of June 6-10th, so please make sure your kiddos are signed up and ready to participate!

We will also have our Summer Blast program kick ••••• off starting June 1st! We have so many surprises in store for our kids! Each Wednesday night, we will continue Summer Blast starting at 5:45 pm! Our last Summer Blast will be July 13th, Kid's Day Camp July 18-21st, End of Summer Party July 27th, and then our Back to School Bash August 10th!

••••• June 25th, we'll have a Tea Party for the girls! Bring your hats, gloves, and necklaces, and get ready to play dress up! Stay tuned for more info!

Once again I would like to thank each of you who pour into our children each week throughout the year... this could not happen without you!

I would also like to encourage you to meet me at the altar on Sunday mornings. If you haven't noticed, I'm there just about every week praying over the spiritual well-being of the children in our church.. This is where we can fight together, spiritually with one another, for our children. There is nothing ore amazing than to bring your worries and problems to the feed of Jesus along side your church family.

Thanks again for all of your support this year with the kids ministry!

Blessings, Linda Walker

SUMMER PROJECT 226

JUNE

- 1 SUMMER BLAST // FBC YAZOO
- 6-10 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL // FBC YAZOO
- 15 SUMMER BLAST // FBC YAZOO
- 22 SUMMER BLAST // FBC YAZOO
- 29 SUMMER BLAST // FBC YAZOO

JULY

- 6 SUMMER BLAST // FBC YAZOO
- 13 SUMMER BLAST // FBC YAZOO
- 18-21 KIDS DAY CAMP // FBC YAZOO // FOR GRADES 1st-8th
- 27 End of Summer Party // FBC YAZOO

AUGUST

- 10 BACK TO SCHOOL BASH // FBC YAZOO

*** NOTE**
Come have a BLAST with us this SUMMER!! Each week, we'll have crazy, fun and exciting activities & Bible lessons planned!

PHOTO CAPTIONS:
SUMMER '22
FUN TIMES &
SWEET MEMS!

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A

Tea Party

in honor of the girls of

**First Baptist Church
Yazoo City**

Saturday, June 25, 2022
319 Jackson Ave
Yazoo City, MS 39194

*All girls of our Project 226
Kid's ministry, wear your gloves,
hats, & dresses &
RSVP by June 22nd!*

**Deacon
NOMINATIONS**

Deacon Nominations will take place this month! Be ready to nominate those who you feel are qualified & willing to serve! Once nominations are made, voting will take place the first Sunday in August.

**FAMILY
ministry**

In 2 Peter 3, the bible says: "Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ." A direct command and in this day and age with all the various demands on our time and family, it is easy to place this command off to the side. It's not that we don't believe it or make our minds up to disobey... it's just we get caught up the whirlwind of a busy schedule. This summer at FBC, there are ample opportunities to grow in your faith!!

Both Tiki and Linda are doing an exceptional job at creating such opportunities. However, that is all they can do... give you the opportunities. It is then up to YOU! There is a new women's bible study that has just begun also! Reach out to the church office or Amy Bradford for more info. VBS, Camps, and the kids Summer blast series that will be from 5:45-7 each Wednesday will give your kids a great time of fun & Bible principles. This will help build a solid foundation in Jesus Christ. As your Pastor of Family Ministries, I want to encourage you to take full advantage of all the things offered. There has never been a more crucial time in the lives of all Christians!

John Yates



June 2022

Sunday Activities
 Sunday School—9:40am
 Worship—10:50am

Wednesday Activities
 Summer Blast—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 VBS Lunch & Decorate Day	6	7	8	9	10	11
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12	13	14	15	16	17	18
CAMP at THE GROVE						
19 	20	21	22	23	24	25 Girls tea party! 9:30am 
26 OBSERVANCE OF THE LORD'S SUPPER	27	28	29	30		

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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