



First Baptist Church

Worship, Grow, Serve, & Share Yazoo City

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My brothers and sisters in the LORD,

It is very challenging to work around so many things that “take us away” from discipleship opportunities. At least one of those things is necessary to have “order” within the church body. Here at FBC Yazoo we have scheduled Business meetings once a quarter. A Business meeting can be a very good thing. We need to have accountability of what has been given and how it is being used. Business meetings are also great opportunities to hear from various “teams” who are seeking to be used by God for His purposes and for His glory and lead others to do the same! Business meetings can also be great times of praise to our amazing God for many different reasons! I encourage you to ask God, “should I attend Business meetings?” I look forward to seeing you at the next one in April.

I will put a “bug” in your ear – we are planning to have a BBQ fellowship after church on April 24th with a brief business meeting following. Someone might say, “I thought Business meetings were normally at night.” That is true. We have three motivations for making it a part of a wonderful BBQ lunch:

- The whole church body loves to fellowship with one another!
- It is an opportunity to enjoy some good BBQ!
- We needed another Sunday night for our next Small Group Study.

The study that we are about to embark on is one that I hope and pray you will want to be a part of. Whatever your reasons may have been for not being part of Small Group Discipleship studies, I want to encourage you to toss them out - in particular for this study!

I shared in the last newsletter article that I began a journey through the Himalaya Mountains with a group of men including David Platt. David was so deeply impacted in his

walk with God that he wrote a Bible Study, “Something Needs to Change: A Call to Make Your Life Count in a World of Urgent Need.” Here is a sampling of some thought-provoking questions we will wrestle with on our own and together:

- Do you feel an urgency to share the Gospel with others?
- How are you responding to Jesus right now?
- What urgent physical needs exist in our community? What can we do as a group to begin meeting those needs?
- If you’re being honest, who are the people and what are the places you would seek to avoid while meeting needs?
- How does the reality of impending judgment increase the urgency to take the Gospel to the ends of the earth?
- What changes in our lives when we meet physical needs for the purpose of meeting a deeper spiritual need?
- What are we missing about Jesus if the way we live never changes?
- What does your life look like when you truly understand what it means to be forgiven?
- Who’s a person in your community to whom you could tangibly show the love of God through unselfish love?
- What does prayer look like in your life? When and where do you make time to pray in an intentional, unhurried way?

I know many of us have been crying out to God to take us deeper into our love for God, one another, and those in our lives and this community. This is a discipleship study that I believe has the potential to move us in those directions! I hope to see you on Sunday, March 13th, at 5:00 p.m. I believe this study will be time well invested!

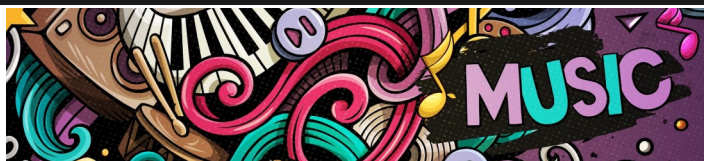
In His Amazing Love,

Byron

Hey Students!

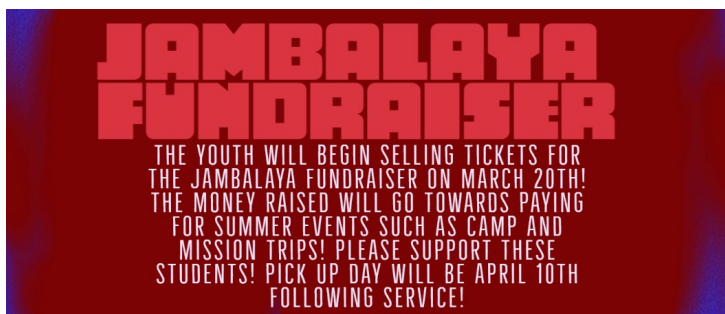
I'm writing with a week to go before DNOW! I pray that DNOW is impactful and life-changing for you. We will look at the life of Timothy in scripture and how his example is one we can STRIVE to be like. Students, our lives are much bigger than the basics of what the world puts out there: graduate, get a degree, get a good job, get married, etc. Our lives are meant for something far greater! For all of us who carry around the title of Christian, we are called to do more than just live good lives and go to church. I read a quote the other day that said "The Bible is a pool a kid could play in, but deep enough for an elephant to drown in." This challenged me, I can see how some of us play with our relationship with Christ like a kid would play in a kiddie pool. But the true desire and focus of our lives is to be so in love with Christ and his word that we drown in his love for us. I pray that you are leaning into God's love for you every day.

We do have some important stuff coming up! March 20th and March 23rd (Sunday and Wednesday) we will be distributing tickets for our Jambalaya Fundraiser. Plates will be ready for pickup after church on April 10th @12:00. It is your responsibility to relay pick up time to all those whom you sell tickets too. REMEMBER: a portion of every ticket you sell will go towards your cost for Mission Trip or Camp this summer!! We have a jam-packed summer ahead of us! I pray that you will take the time to be a part!



Kid's choir is now a regular part of our program and meets in the fellowship hall every Sunday evening at 5:00 pm. Please make sure your kids participate in this fun opportunity.

We will learn some music theory but mostly learn various songs to be presented later in a worship service.



February Offering

<u>February 6</u>	<u>February 13</u>	<u>February 20</u>	<u>February 27</u>
Budget Offering	Budget Offering	Budget Offering	Budget Offering
\$16,859	\$9,100	\$9,841	\$7,469
Challenge to Grow	Challenge to Grow	Challenge to Grow	Challenge to Grow
\$1,410	\$1,660	\$9,035	\$970
<u>Online Giving</u>			
\$11,298			

SINGERS/PRAISERS WANTED

Praisers? Is there such a word? Well, technically my Publisher program tells me no with that red squiggly line that indicates an error. Here's the truth...many people feel like, "I only sing in the shower or car and only in the car if there are no passengers." I get it but here's the thing...limiting your praise to the Lord is not what He desires. A choir made up of what you may consider "average" singers, makes that joyful noise God tells us to do.

In one of many confrontations with "the religious" of His day, Jesus said this in Luke 19. "When Jesus was starting down the Mount of Olives, his large crowd of disciples were happy and praised God because of all the miracles they had seen. They shouted, "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory to God." Some Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, make your disciples stop shouting!" But Jesus answered, "If they keep quiet, these stones will start shouting."

I humbly ask that you search your heart and do not let any "rocks" out praise you. Come join this family of like-minded, like-hearted, individuals who choose to lead God's people in the worship and praise He so richly deserves.

Wednesday night, 6:50.

Gifts were received for the following designated funds:

Capital Improvements in memory of Bill Meeks
TV Ministry in memory of Bill Meeks
Local Benevolence in memory of Bill Meeks
Capital Improvements in memory of Ken Sudduth
Music Ministry in memory of Bill Meeks
TV Ministry in memory of Sue Simmons



We are so excited to announce the addition to our staff of Linda Walker as part-time Children's Ministry Coordinator. She recognizes that "race" for your child's heart and is fully ready to do what's necessary to win that race. She needs you to agree alongside her to do whatever you can to get your kids involved...to expose them to sound Biblical teaching that is available to you through Project 226 Kids Ministry. Please join us in welcoming her!

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With all the construction, we have a beautiful area in which to teach your children. All of our teachers/workers have gone through training to assure your kids are as safe as possible. The last big step is the new glass security doors and check-in station. We ask that you help us with this change. If you are an adult without children, please use other restrooms and hallways to get to your upstairs Sunday School Classrooms.



Each Sunday, you will be met by one or more of our Children's Ministry Team, checked in with our iPad check-in system and then your grade school child can head to their meeting area. For you preschool parents, you can get them checked in then take them to their classroom.

We are excited to be able to offer this extra measure of safety for all our children and ask for your patience as this final transition takes place.

WE ARE
EXCITED
TO WELCOME

**LINDA
WALKER**

AS OUR
CHILDREN'S
MINISTRY
COORDINATOR!

**ANNIE
ARMSTRONG**
EASTER OFFERING
FOR NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONS

**Week of Prayer for
North American Missions**
March 6-13, 2022

Your prayers have an eternal impact

**IS YOUR HEART
OPEN TO WHERE
GOD WANTS TO
LEAD YOU?**

While on a trip to the Himalayas, David Platt saw such staggering physical and spiritual needs that it changed the course of his life. Now he's inviting us on a similar journey. It begins with the beauty of breathtaking heights, but quickly winds down into heartbreaking depths. As we travel with David through these mountain villages and the Gospel of Luke, we will encounter some difficult questions, but it's the answers that may challenge us the most.

**SOMETHING
NEEDS
TO
CHANGE**
A Call to Walk from the Comfort
of a World of the Great World
DAVID PLATT

**Sunday, March 13th, we will begin a new
Sunday night study! Join us in this video-
based, life-changing study with Byron in
the Sanctuary beginning @ 5pm.**



March 2022

Sunday Activities

Sunday School—9:40am
 Worship—10:50am
 Evening Activities—5pm

Wednesday Activities

Backpacks of Hope packing—5:30
 Elevate Kids—5:45
 Youth & Adult Bible Study/Prayer Meeting—6:00
 Choir Rehearsal—6:50

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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6	7 	8	9 WEEK OF PRAYER FOR NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONS	10	11	12
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20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

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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