



First Baptist Church

Worship, Grow, Serve, & Share Yazoo City

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Dear FBC Yazoo City Family of Faith,

Grace and peace to you in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord! God bless you for your devotion and perseverance in faith as we continue to journey through this interesting time of COVID-19. Trust me, this is a learning time for all of us. I've never done a "virtual" pastorate before. But most importantly, we must continue to press forward to trust, seek, obey, serve, and glorify God in our church and life, and I am have been so blessed by the FBCYC ministry team, your leadership, and your church family in the way you are "walking by faith" through this time. I want to say a special thanks to John, Jessica, Ken, Tiki, and all the worship, audio, and video team for the wonderful service they are giving each week and each Sunday in ministry. By the way, I am super excited about the "Virtual VBS" John is planning for the children. Make sure to sign up, ASAP, all the children in your family and around you in the community to be a part of this great time of spiritual growth, Bible teaching, Christian fellowship, and evangelistic outreach. Remember also to pray daily for your Pastor Search Committee as they continue their work of seeking God's will for the next Pastor at your church. We will continue to press forward in serving and glorifying God through this time of trial, and as we do, please remember and pray for these important matters:

1. For the near future, we will continue to worship God and grow in Christ together through weekly broadcasts of worship services at 11 a.m. that can be accessed through livestream on the church website (www.fbcyazoo.org), the church's Facebook page, radio on Power 107.1 FM, or Yazoo City cablevision channel 72. Our ministry team is discussing worship and ministry plans for when our state and country enters into the next phase of reopening.
2. Various Sunday School and small group teachers are doing various teaching times via Facebook Live or other online or social media platforms, including John Yates for the children, and Tiki Broome with the students. Join us with these groups as important times of spiritual growth and encouragement.
3. On Wednesday nights, I will be leading Bible study and Prayer Meeting via Facebook Live on my Facebook page at John H. Pace, Jr., which will then be made available through the church Facebook page. Simply go on Facebook and call up my Facebook page at 6 p.m. and we will be able to share this time of worship, prayer, Bible study, and fellowship together. If you have prayer requests to share, text them to me at 601-559-9352 or send them to Jessica in the church office.
4. Please continue to faithfully give your tithes and offerings to support the ministry of FBC Yazoo City, especially during these difficult and important days. You can continue to tithe and give by mailing your offering in to the church office, through online giving on the church website, through text giving, or through bank drafts. **THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT**, so please be faithful to God by tithing through FBCYC to support the ministry of His church.
5. Continue to pray for God to direct you each day to at least 3 people He wants you to reach out and minister to in our church and community, such as:
 - Check on elderly or sick church members to assist them and run needed errands for them. If you are taking items or food to people who are sick, leave the items outside, and call them on the phone to minister to them and let them know you have brought the items.
 - Encourage people who are not able to leave their homes by contacting them to talk and minister to and pray for them during this difficult time.
 - Minister to medical professionals, hospital, nursing home, and hospice staffs during these stressful times for them.
 - Help with financial or ministry assistance for workers and businesses as they may face financial struggles during this time.

6. Continue to pray without ceasing for God's healing, blessing, protection, conviction, provision, and comfort during these difficult days for our state, nation, and world.

I can't wait for us to be able, in some fashion, to start gathering together physically for worship. I will be crying out with David in Psalm 122:1, "I rejoiced with those who said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord.'" When we are able to start returning to church, it will be a new and different experience for us as well in the beginning, and please pray for your ministers and leadership as we discuss and plan for that process. As we prepare for that day, let me give you a few things to go ahead and start thinking about so we can return to church as safely as possible:

1. We will continue to broadcast services through online, livestream, television, and radio after we start meeting physically again, because there will be senior adults and those with medical conditions who will not need to immediately return to church. Some people will not return immediately out of personal concern or worries. Plus, continuing with all the new outlets for sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ is a blessing in fulfilling the Great Commission in our community and world.
2. In worship services, we encourage families who have been in quarantine together to sit together as a group, and also encourage people to spread out through the sanctuary, accommodating a six foot distance in all directions between you and the nearest other family/individual.
3. We encourage people who are not feeling well, have a fever, or have traveled in highly infected areas and states to please stay at home to worship and do not come to church for 14 days until you are adequately able to assess your health status.
4. If you are in the high-risk groups – those over 60, young children, those with weakened immune systems, those battling illness, those taking medical treatments, and those overcoming medical procedures – we encourage you to stay home to worship for your safety until the COVID-19 threat subsides in a greater way.
5. Please resist greeting or fellowshiping with handshakes and hugs, and continue to practice the 6-foot "social distancing" in church seating and personal interaction.
6. Instead of passing the offering plates during an offertory, we will station ushers with plates at the doors as people enter and leave the worship services to collect weekly offerings.
7. Wash your hands and use hand sanitizer often before, during, and after being in church.
8. We welcome people wearing protective masks and gloves in attending church. In fact, a wonderful group of ladies at FBCYC are sewing protective masks to give to those who need one. To get one of these masks, contact Missy Helton or Jessica in the church office.

Let me say lastly, and most importantly, PRAY! Pray for God to heal and restore our state, nation, and world—physically and spiritually—in this time, and that God will bring the wonderful day as this threat subsides and we can gather back together to worship, grow, and fellowship as a church family. God bless you and thank you for the blessing and privilege of serving Christ with you!

For God's Glory,
Dr. John Pace, Philippians 1:2-11



STUDENT MINISTRY

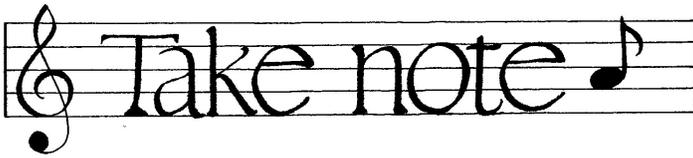
Tiki Broome



VIRTUAL GAME SHOW WINNERS! APRIL 15TH

A lot has changed in the past couple of weeks. Social Distancing, interaction with people, not getting to eat Mexican food. To say the past few weeks have been hard is a vast understatement. I miss seeing all of you and laughing together, but hopefully these regulations will ease up soon and we will all be together again. I want to encourage all of you guys to stay the course and continue to grow in the Lord during this time. How sweet it will be when we can all be back as one again! Make sure you are joining us on IG live on Wednesday nights and Zoom for Sunday School on Sunday mornings! If you haven't signed up for our text alerts, you need to do that too! Senior Recognition is coming up! And we will be releasing a special video detailing what we will be doing this summer to combat COVID19 and still be all together. THIS SUMMER IS GOING TO BE EPIC AND UNIQUE. Don't miss out! Make sure you are connected! Get ready because the best is yet to come! Love you all!

-Stay Lit!
Tiki Broome



It seems like forever that we were all together for worship. I am hoping that one of the good things that comes out of this, is that we will all have a longing to be worship together in the same place. To help prepare us for our return, I'm going to answer a few questions that I am often asked about our worship services in general. I'll do a few this month, and then some more next month:

WHAT IS WORSHIP? Worship is our response to what we value the most. Many never truly worship God because He is not valued in their lives above all other things. The key word is "response." As a result, worship becomes the driving force for all we do and who we are. Worship is not a spectator sport. Worship is a verb!

WHY CAN'T WE JUST SING HYMN/WHY CAN'T WE JUST SING CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SONGS? Many churches are identified by the style of music they use in worship. It is certainly easier to settle on one type of musical expression, but our congregation is multi-generational and seeks to reach a broad range of ages, backgrounds, and experiences. The great hymns of our faith have stood the test of time and their messages are still relevant today. By the same token, God is still inspiring musicians to write music in today's musical styles. Music isn't chosen to satisfy a particular musical taste, but great care is taken to utilize music that glorifies and edifies from all styles. One style is not more "worshipful" or "spiritual" than the other. When musical style becomes the main focus of a local church, then the church has lost its focus on Jesus.

WHY DO WE ALWAYS STAND TO SING? If Jesus Himself physically appeared in our worship center we do one of two things—we would either rise to our feet or fall on our knees. When we sing praises, we welcome His presence and acknowledge that He is among us. We are singing to Him! If you are unable to stand, it's perfectly understandable to sit down. The Lord knows our hearts and everything about us.

Singing has always been a trademark of God's people. We are just warming up here on earth for an eternity of lifting our voices in praise! I can't wait for us to be together again and to hear FBC Yazoo lift the roof with praises!

NEW CHOIR MEMBERS WANTED!

When we return, it will be a great time to join our worship choir—no experience necessary! Our choir members have been sent a packet of music and a CD to listen to while we are apart. If you'd like to join us, I'll be happy to send you a packet of music and a CD to get you up to speed for our return. Just email me at khall@mbcb.org

April Offering

April 5	April 12	April 19	April 26
Budget Offering	Budget Offering	Budget Offering	Budget Offering
\$12,072	\$8,745	\$20,245	\$8,469

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

SIGN UP FOR OUR

TEXT ALERTS!

TEXT FBCYAZOO TO 844.787.8660



Please be reminded that the church still needs capital to operate. During these times that we are not meeting, we are missing the offerings. Although the doors are closed and a plate is not being passed around, there are other options to give:

1. Mail in your checks to:
FBC YAZOO
PO Box 780
Yazoo City, MS 39194.
2. Give online at fbcyazoo.org/give.
Choose to give a one-time gift or make it recurring.
Create an account for a complete online giving history.
3. Text to Give. Text any amount to 662-516-5333. The first time, you will be prompted to enter your preferred payment method. After the initial set-up, you will only need to text your amount.
4. Lastly, if you aren't comfortable with any of these methods, you can contact Marie Manor (662) 571-1801 or Lynn Montgomery (662) 571-2923. They have offered to come pick it up for you!

Our expenses go on, whether the body meets together or not. Thank you for being faithful in your giving.



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Bro. John Yates

Proverbs 22:6; "Train up a child in the way they should go and when they are old they will not depart from it."

2 Timothy 1:7, "For God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control."

I am so thankful to know that God is in control of everything around us. In the midst of uncertainty for us, God is still God and on His throne and nothing takes Him by surprise. So, we will take one step at a time.



VBS 2020 REGISTRATION: www.fbcyazoo.org

It's registration time for the first ever Virtual VBS. This is crucial for us so please take a moment and register your children. Please, as soon as possible. Here's why... there will be a backpack for each child that will contain things like a Missions Card, Bible Study guide, a craft for each day (5 in all) and the memory makers. Each day, videos of the Bible Study, craft, music, and mission story will be posted for your participation on a password-protected site for all registrants.

These backpacks will be ready for pick up on Wednesday, May 27th. Each child receives a backpack and there will be Pre-school & Grade School Backpacks. In order to put these together without waste, we need an accurate head count. So please, take time today and lets make this VBS even more memorable than it's set to be!

This Wednesday, May 6, we complete our study on Faith Foundations. On May 13th, we begin our new series, "Free to Be Me." The fact is, 86% of kids say that they think a feeling of worthlessness is the most common factor leading to bad decisions and trouble with law enforcement and even ultimately life-changing choices. This series will help kids know that God feels they are priceless and loves them no matter what. I need your help, parents. I can only do so much toward the spiritual growth of your children. A lot depends on you. I will give you the resources to help, but you must follow through. Look for this study on the Project 226 Facebook page & on our website beginning May 13th.

FREE TO BE ME



As of this moment, Kid's Camp 2020 @ Lake Tiak-O-Khata is still on! July 19-22 is the date. I want to encourage you to swing by the church office and pickup a registration form then return with your deposit. This deposit will be refunded to you should our plans have to change.

So come on, make plans now! For those who have completed 2nd-6th grade.

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"TRUST IN THE LORD WITH ALL YOUR HEART AND LEAN NOT ON YOUR OWN UNDERSTANDING; IN ALL YOUR WAYS SUBMIT TO HIM, AND HE WILL MAKE YOUR PATHS STRAIGHT." PROVERBS 3:4-5

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2020 SENIORS!



Bess Barton



Anna Colby Counts



Ty Kilpatrick



Colby Stevens



Avery Pope

A MESSAGE FROM THE FINANCE TEAM

FBC Yazoo, like the rest of the world has had to adjust to the "new normal" of Social Distancing and the shut-down of most business institutions. Your Financial and Leadership Teams, and Deacon Council continue to work to meet the ministry and financial needs of our members and community. As most of you know, the Federal government has taken legislative action releasing various funding mechanisms to assist small businesses to protect the jobs and benefits of their employees. In addition to funding SBA loans, a Payroll Protection Loan (PPL) program was made available for the sole and specific purpose of assisting employers in meeting payroll, and thus maintaining jobs for their employees. FBC Yazoo, consulting with the Finance team, Leadership Team, and Deacon Council leadership and Trustees felt it prudent and responsible to pursue a PPL "loan" of approximately \$48,000.00 to cover a portion of Payroll expenses in anticipation of a reduction in Church receipts; subsequently, FBC Yazoo applied for and received the requested funds. This "loan" as the legislation is written, is fully "forgivable" as long as it is used to maintain current employment; and that was and is the intent of the actions taken. The Financial Team wishes to report this loan at this time, since it will not show in our Financials until the 2nd Quarterly Financial Report is completed and released. Your Leadership, Financial, Deacon Council and Trustee Leadership will continue to monitor this account, along with the ongoing financial status of the Church, in compliance with our appointed responsibilities to FBC Yazoo.

We also want to thank each of you for continuing to give to FBC Yazoo during this uncertain time. Your commitment to remain faithful is what keeps the church going. Due to COVID19 and our inability to have a quarterly business meeting, we are inserting the Quarterly Income/Expense Report for your review. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact anyone on the Financial Resources Team.

May 2020

Sunday Services
 9:45 am—Sunday School-Zoom meetings
 11:00 am—Worship Service via
 Live Stream and Facebook Live!

Wednesday Services
 6:00 pm—Tune in live on Facebook Live
 Youth tune in on Instagram Live
 John has lessons prepared for kids on our website!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Deacon of the week: 3-Mike Williams, 10-Steve Coody, 17-Phil Dixon, 24-John Donaldson, 31-Benton Hayman					1	2
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WATCH US LIVE ONLINE!
 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.



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