



First Baptist Church

Worship, Grow, Serve, & Share Yazoo City

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Church family,

To all those who worked so hard in planning, preparing for, and participating in the Easter Block Party, THANK YOU!

Let me share with you my observation during the Block Party and some thoughts now that it is complete. I observed...

- Adults and children being welcomed and registered by smiling face from Word of Faith and FBC!
- A booth set up for any child or adult who wanted to know more about being in a relationship with God through Jesus Christ!
- Children lined up for cotton candy and volunteers covered in cotton candy fog! Between bites were big grins as they enjoyed the "sweet treat!"
- Hamburgers and hotdogs being grilled and the wonderful aroma filling people's nostrils through the block and beyond!
- Children having their faces painted in many colors and designs!
- Kids engaged in crafts while other got up the guts to ride the mechanical bull!
- Waves of kids who picked up thousands of eggs filled with candy during the Easter Egg hunts!
- Bag upon bag filled with delicious Kettle Corn!
- Hayrides filled with laughing children—having won the latest door prize!
- Volunteers, black and white, serving the LORD together side by side!
- Volunteers, white and black, setting up tables and chairs and tents before the block party and taking it all down in the rain at the end!

As we were taking trailer load of tables and chairs back to the Fellowship Hall I asked a church member, "So, what did you think about today?" The response, "it depends on what the goal was." The goal was simple...

- Every person who registered would receive a gift bag with a Gospel tract. Here is a good question. How many people actually took the time to read the Gospel Message handed to them? Fifty percent? Twenty-five percent? I don't know. If only one child or adult

repented of their sins and entrusted his/her life to Jesus Christ as Savior and LORD—that would be worth all the time and effort!

- To partner with and build a relationship with another local Church, Word of Faith, who is literally across the street! Ask any of those who were part of the planning team and who worked side by side with our brothers and sisters from Word of Faith—this was well worth all the time and effort!
- To demonstrate to the community God's love being poured out on them by God's people—who may look different and be different in some ways but who are united as ONE now and forever in Jesus Christ!

To me, the mission was accomplished. Did everything go perfect? No. Is there room to improve? Always. Was it a lot of effort? Yes. Was it worth it? Absolutely.

Someone might say, "BUT IT RAINED! Y'ALL GOT WET!" When the rain came, the thought came to mind, "... for [God] causes His sun to rise on *the* evil and *the* good, and sends rain on *the* righteous and *the* unrighteous." - Matthew 5:45 Yep, sometimes it rains even when God's people are seeking to be on mission with Him for His glory! Always remember... when the rain comes and you didn't want it to come, or even prayed it wouldn't come, or when the electricity is gone and we are having our Resurrection Sunday celebration, or you get troubling and scary news, or...

God always keeps His word to His people!

- "And we know that for those who love God, all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose." - Romans 8:28
- "The LORD gave, and the LORD has taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD." - Job 1:21

Rain or shine, good or bad, smooth or rough, God is always on His throne! Let's praise Him as much in the storm as we do when the skies of life are sunny and clear! We are in His hands! Therefore, no matter what... Blessed be the Name of the LORD!

In His joy,

Byron

It's finally that time of year!! Graduation and then Summer! I hope you are looking forward to the jam-packed summer we have in store. Before we get into that, I would like to say a special thank you to all who volunteered, set up, tore down, prayed etc. for the Easter Block Party. The event turned out better than I could have imagined. The heart of this event was to engage the community and begin to partner with Word of Faith right next door to us. I am amazed to see how God showed up and showed out I would encourage you to pray through how you can help in our next missions event. Now to graduation... We look forward to celebrating our seniors on May 22nd in our morning service. A verse I've been praying over our seniors is, "Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. I can do all things through him who strengthens me." Philippians 4:11-14

Many of us know the last part of this verse by heart, but it's the first part I pray the most. That you would learn to find contentment in Christ and His will for your life. We look forward to celebrating you on May 22nd. I pray that this church has been influential in the narrative of your life up to this point. May you never forget that we love you and are always here for you!

-Tiki Broome, Pastor of Students & Communications

UPCOMING EVENTS

5/22/2022 Senior Recognition

TBD Summer Bash

6/6-6/10 Vacation Bible School

6/13-6/17 Camp

Congratulations class of 2022

Trust in the lord with all your heart and lean not on our own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your path straight.
Proverbs 3:5-6



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Crosby Mohamed, Greyson Winstead, Parrish Harris, Rashaad Bass, Tyler Wommack, and Matt Chano



*"Why should I feel discouraged? Why should the shadows come?
Why should my heart feel lonely? And long for heaven and home?
When Jesus is my portion, A constant friend is He
His eye is on the sparrow And I know he watches over me
His eye is on the sparrow And I know he watches me!"*

His Eye is On the Sparrow Published 1905

Songwriter(s) Civilla D. Martin

Composer(s) Charles H. Gabriel

Music...music can move your heart...music can transport you to another place through emotion or memory. How many times in your life have you heard a song and almost instantaneously transported you to another place, another time. Sweet memories often times are included when you hear your favorite hymn or worship song. It's beautiful.

Just as in our life history of songs, both secular and spiritual, the emotion of worship music can become the lead response. And for this, we must be very careful. "I love that hymn," I love that worship son." But let me ask you a question...food for

thought as it were. Since when did God, the Creator of the Universe, the Almighty God, and giver of Eternal Life, decide to do His deepest work in the shallowest part of our emotions? If we aren't careful, we can base our experience of worship with how we feel emotionally during the service. Be on guard.

While sitting in the Emergency Room with Patty this past week, my mind racing, I found myself alternating between praying for God's intervention and healing, and singing songs of worship and praise to remind myself of His promises. Promises of His love, promises he will always be with me, promises that His plans are always perfect and His ways are not my ways. In humming "His Eye is on the Sparrow," I recalled **Matthew 6:26; "Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?"** I was assured of His presence and perfect plan regardless of the direction things went. I am very thankful that after a relatively close call, Patty is doing well and in the slow process of recovery and I praise Him. And I sing...old and new...praise music to Him.

I understand the emotional part music plays and I do not discount it, but I do not strive for that "goal." The "goal," for lack of a better word when putting together a worship service, is to prepare the hearts of His people to receive His Word.

Pray for your staff. Pray for God to work through His servants that all may see less of us and more of Him. Then pray for yourself...that you may receive what it is God is trying to teach you.

Blessing!

John Yates

April Offering

<u>April 3</u>	<u>April 10</u>	<u>April 17</u>	<u>April 24</u>
Budget Offering	Budget Offering	Budget Offering	Budget Offering
\$16,022	\$6,713	\$9,648	\$8,725
Challenge to Grow	Challenge to Grow	Challenge to Grow	Challenge to Grow
\$1,180	\$685	\$430	\$965

Online Giving

\$11,539

Gifts were received for the following designated funds:

Annie Armstrong in honor of Tiki Broome
Capital Improvements in memory of Louise Dixon
Music Ministry in memory of Louise Dixon
Capital Improvements in memory of Blake Coghlan
Capital Improvements in memory of Bill Meeks



Spring is officially here!! God has proven that in the beauty all around us! Last month, the children's choir did a beautiful job with the mini-Easter musical. They practiced so hard, and you could tell it. Parents, thank you for allowing your children to be here on Sunday and Wednesday nights to learn about God and to further their relationship with Him. If we don't teach our children to follow Christ, the world will teach them not to. We have some pretty amazing people who invest in them. We can always use your help behind the scenes and in the classroom setting.

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VBS IS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER!!! June 6-10th.

Registration will be live soon, but we desperately need more teachers and helpers to come forth as soon as possible. It takes a lot of planning on our part to pull off something like VBS. Matthew 9:37-38 reads, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest" That's YOU! We need YOU!

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A lot of people think you must go to a different country to do ministry work. We have so many opportunities to serve and do right here in Yazoo City. One awesome way to help is by feeding children! That's huge! We are always needing donations for the Backpack Ministry!! We have a list of items needed. I would love to keep our shelves stocked and ready for each week. Matthew 25:35 reads, "For I was hungry and you gave me meat: I was thirsty, and you gave me drink: I was a stranger, and you took me in." With each bag of food, we also have the opportunity to plant a seed with the bit of scripture on each card that we place in the bags week after week. We need your help to continue this

ministry! Get involved! And get fired up over our children!

May God Bless you as He has me and my family here at FBCYazoo,

Ms. Linda



Join us in welcoming our Summer Youth Intern!!



We will have our Baby Dedication Service Sunday, May 8th! If you are interested in participating, please let Jessica know ASAP. 870.370.1941



Hey! My name is Emma Grace Stanteen. I am currently finishing my freshman year of college at the University of Mary Hardin Baylor. I am pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree in Education with a Special Needs and Honors Concentration. While in Belton for college, I attend First Baptist Church Belton and am plugged into the special needs ministry. My family lives in Clinton, MS where I grew up and attended First Baptist Church Clinton. I have a very outgoing and energetic personality. Some things I enjoy include crafting, spending time with friends, and thrifting! I am beyond excited to be spending the summer with you all and growing in our relationships with Christ! See you soon!

Emma Grace will begin Monday, May 9th!

The Baptist Children's Village is 100% donor funded! Your gifts make the difference in the life of 200+ children & families here in Mississippi. Please be prepared to give towards this incredible ministry when we take up the offering on Mother's Day!



VBS 2022

VOLUNTEER TRAINING!

MONDAY, MAY 2ND

5:30pm

If you signed up to help with VBS, please join us for dinner & training! We also need more volunteers!!! Please see Linda if you're willing to help!



2022 ANNUAL

Mother's Day

OFFERING



may 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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8  Baby Dedication	9	10	11	12	13	14
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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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