



First Baptist Church

Worship, Grow, Serve, & Share Yazoo City

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"Home is where the heart is," so the saying goes. "Home" has been on my mind and heart a lot lately. Once again our family is uprooting from one place to the next place that God has for us. In talking with Bethany about moving for the second time in her 7-year life, we got to talking about what makes a home a "home." "Bethany, I have found that home is the place where the people you love are at. The actual place or location doesn't matter so much. What matters is being with people who care for and love you and you love and care for them. And something else that really makes a place "home" is getting to know the people in that place— those who you go to church and school with, your neighbors, as well as others in the community with whom you become friends. These are things that make a home." I would add something else to that—being at "home" for me in being where God wants me to be—wherever that may be. God has chosen for our new "home " to be with you in Yazoo.

We have just signed the "dotted line." I, at the ripe old age of 55, and Charlotte, are now homeowners. We have never had to buy a house. Three of the four churches I have served had parsonages (we rented a house in Fort Worth). Buying a house was a completely new experience. It is the kind of experience that reveals one's ignorance—I had a lot of it! If we will seek God and submit to Him, He will guide us every step of the way through the unknown. The people God brought across our paths were so kind and helpful. The previous owners are a godly man and woman with whom a friendship has already begun. Isn't God so good!

God's grace continually astounds me. It is hard to believe we are actually homeowners! God has provided a wonderful house for us. Like many new homeowner's do, we are making it our "home." For example; we have bought pink paint for Bethany's room and are looking at other ways to make things the way we would like them to be.

As I thought about the preparations we are making to enter into our new home, I thought about Jesus' words in John 14:1-3, "Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in Me [Jesus is God in the flesh!]. In My Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to

prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to Myself, that where I am you may be also." Jesus says I am going to prepare a "place" for you.

I am reading through the KJV of the Bible and it says "In My Father's house are many mansions ... I go to prepare a place for you." Since 1611, people have been thinking Jesus is preparing a mansion for them. Can I tell you something? It is not a mansion I am looking forward to. It is not the size of the "place" He is preparing. What matters to me is this—My Savior, My God has promised me, "Byron, because your trust is in Me alone for salvation, I am making a "place" for you with Me that will be for all of eternity. In other words, when my time on this earth is over, I get to be in that place with Jesus. Do you understand what that means? JESUS IS MY HOME!!! As nice as our home is and will be—primarily because people who love God and love each other will live there—the HOME Jesus is and the HOME He is providing will be far greater and more wonderful than my mind can currently comprehend.

That is the promise God gives to all who are trusting in Jesus Christ for salvation! Soon we will be going to the home God has provided for us in Yazoo City! We hope and pray it will be our home for a long time as we get to know and love each of you and invest our lives in knowing and loving this community. I will live each day knowing that it may be the day I get to be with Jesus, Who is my eternal HOME, for I will get to be where He is for all of eternity! Do you have that assurance yourself? Do you know for certain that Jesus is preparing a place, a "home," for you? If not, right now, repent of your sins, call on Jesus Christ to be your Savior, trusting that He died in your place, paying the full sin debt you owed, and then rose again from the dead, to live forever in victory over sin and death! God will make you His child and you can know one day you will be at HOME forever with Him!

I love you and it is a joy to be your pastor,

Byron



STUDENT MINISTRY

Tiki Broome

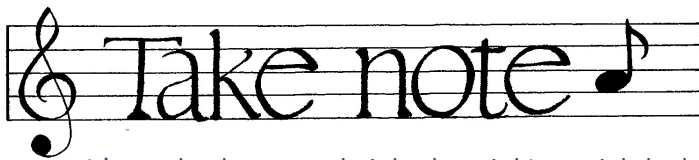
Beans, greens, potatoes, tomatoes (Look)

Beans, greens, potatoes, tomatoes (You name it!)

Guys!! It's 30 days until Thanksgiving and only 59 days until Christmas. I don't know about y'all, but I'm excited to eat some good fried turkey! This is the best time of the year; when everyone's house smells fantastic!! Just make sure you think of me when you are making pecan pie and I will gladly take a slice. We have seen exciting announcements for these next upcoming months of ministry. The main one being our Winter Retreat!! Since last year, I've been praying about what direction we would head for this retreat and God opened a door for us to join in on a Retreat with 4 other churches in Jackson. We will be going to Lake Forest Ranch in Macon, MS, Feb. 19-

21st. The cost will be \$85. We will have a preview worship service in Jackson on November 8th at 6pm (more details to come). This is also the month we will be doing our 2nd Annual Fast Food Thanksgiving on November 4th! This year will include a twist so make sure you are there! Most of all... this season I want you all to be reflecting on the goodness of God. Even in the midst of a funky year, God has still been so good to us! God all throughout scripture tests and builds faith before He moves. I feel like that is a big-picture reflection of this season; that we have been tested in so many ways this year. Whether that be health or finances or circumstances, God is building your faith and calling all of us to draw close to Him. May that be our desire every moment.. to draw closer to Him.

"24 The Lord bless you and keep you; 25 The Lord make His face shine upon you, and be gracious to you; 26 The Lord lift up His countenance upon you, And give you peace."



It's good to have our choir back again! I certainly look forward to the day all of our members can return, but I certainly understand the need for caution and staying away for many. I am definitely thankful to my members who have been able to return. We even kicked off Christmas music last week and are hoping that circumstances will allow us to present a program of Christmas worship in December. Our target date and time is Sunday, December 20th, at 5pm. If you'd like to join us just for Christmas, we'd love to have you. It's not too late. Come try us out on Wednesdays in the sanctuary!



October Offering

<u>October 4</u>	<u>October 11</u>	<u>October 18</u>	<u>October 25</u>
Budget Offering	Budget Offering	Budget Offering	Budget Offering
\$13,172	\$10,234	\$7,918	\$8,239
Challenge to Grow	Challenge to Grow	Challenge to Grow	Challenge to Grow
\$2,150	\$1,585	\$7,065	\$1,790

Online Giving thru 10/26

\$11,732

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

SIGN UP FOR OUR

TEXT ALERTS!

TEXT FBCYAZOO TO 844.787.8660

Gifts were received for the following designated funds:

Challenge to Grow in memory of Paul Adams, Sr.

Capital Improvement in memory of Paul Adams, Sr.



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."



500 boxes! Let's go FBC! Grab a box, fill it, and return to your Sunday School classroom by November 15th. Please include your \$9 processing/shipping fee. Make checks payable to First Baptist Church!

Now that things are back in full swing here on the church grounds, let's go gang! There are kids programs going on everywhere and opportunities not just for participation, but for your contribution



through service. We need someone to work alongside George Anna Griffin in our 4's and 5's Sunday School class, as well as, extended care workers to help during worship services. Some of you have signed up and the schedule is provided to help you plan and I appreciate it very much. How about the rest of you? Take some time and pray to seek God's direction in this. I assure you the blessing will be great for obeying His leadership.



This new and exciting Sunday night program for our kids kicked off on October 18th. We will meet through November 22 before breaking for the holidays and would love to have your 4yr old through 6th grader. Come join us each Sunday at 5:00pm through 6:30 in the Fellowship Hall.



Backpacks of Hope

We are currently providing weekend bags for 55 students each week!! Thank you

to those who continue to give to this program and help pack these bags each week!

We have an immediate need for the following items:

Poptarts & individual serving bowls of: Ravioli, soup, stew, and chili!



BUSINESS MEETING NOVEMBER 8TH

CHALLENGE to GROW Given to Date: \$427,185.53

TRUNK OR TREAT

S'MORES, HOTDOGS AND FUN

**Saturday, October 31st
4095 Cox Rd. Benton MS 39039**

5:30pm








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Sunday Services

9:45 am—Sunday School beginning the 18th
11:00 am—Worship Service in Sanctuary
5pm—Kids & Youth Small Group

Wednesday Services

6:00 pm—Prayer Meeting beginning the 21st
Youth—in the Activities Building
Kids—in the Education Building

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 	2	3 	4	5	6	7 Men's Fellowship Breakfast 8am
8 Business Meeting @ 12 2021 Budget Proposal	9	10	11 	12	13	14
15 Vote on 2021 Budget Last Day to turn in OCC boxes	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 Office Closed No services	26 	27	28
29 Local Benevolence offering	30	Deacon of the week: 1—Roger Jones, 8—Taz Ketchum, 15—Nick King, 22—Dan McLeod, 29—Jimmy Phillips				

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. We are also Live on Facebook each week!



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