



First Baptist Church

Worship, Grow, Serve, & Share Yazoo City

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Church family,

I imagine we have all awakened from an oh-so-real-seeming dream, sat up, and wondered, “was that just a dream or did that really happen?” I have asked our Father many times during the past 18 months – “Do You want me to serve You as a Pastor again? Why hasn’t that door opened?” I admit that I wondered what God was doing and He and I talked about that many times. Each conversation would begin “I trust You Father, but I don’t understand!” Our patient Father would speak to me once again, “Trust Me, Byron.” “Trust in Me with all of your heart and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Me, and I will direct your paths (Proverbs 3:5-6).” To Whom else could I turn Who loves me so much, Who gave His life for me, Who paid for my sins, Who bodily rose from the grave, Who rescued me from darkness, Who has been so faithful to His word and to me and my family? “Father, I don’t understand. I choose not to lean on what I can or can’t figure out. You are my God. I choose to trust You once again!” So, when Charlotte, Bethany, and I walked into the sanctuary and you welcomed us with such love, grace, and joy as your next Pastor – much was going on in my mind and heart, “was this really happening after so long ... was this just a dream and I was about to wake up?”

How I praise our Father Who is so good and trustworthy – it is not a dream that I am now your Pastor. I praise God for such magnificent grace, and I thank each of you for an opportunity to serve you in the Name of Jesus Christ! God has shown me once again that He always knows exactly what He is doing! I look forward to getting to know and serve each of you. I look forward to growing deeper together into Jesus Christ and following Him wherever He leads us to go. Together we are on His journey for our lives. May God take us and use us to declare to Yazoo City that there is a living God Who loves them. Together may the people Yazoo City come to know the love of Jesus Christ as they see how we love one another and love them!

I would like to say a word about the other three men God has called, by His grace, to serve Jesus Christ and His children of FBC. In just a month, I have come to love and appreciate Ken, John, and Tiki. Each of them is a man of God, and each of them so clearly loves each of you. I look forward to working heart in heart with these men as we seek to know what God desires to do in and through FBC. We ask for your prayers that we stay very close to Jesus Christ, so that God’s Spirit may then make us one in heart and mind, and that His Spirit may fulfill the purposes for which He has brought us to FBC.

Thank you Pastor Search Team – it was obvious from the first email that your sole desire was for God’s will to be done. That was our sole desire as well. It was a joy making this journey with you. I look forward to our continued time together. Thank you Deacons for all that you do in service to this local body of believers. It was a joy getting to spend time with you. I am looking forward to being together with you on Sunday evenings starting in November. Those details will be coming soon.

Mark your calendars for October 18th and 21st. On October 18th we will begin having Sunday School again. We understand the continuing concerns with Covid19. Rest assured, we will take every precaution to make sure this is a safe environment for all. We also understand that some groups may not feel comfortable or safe in meeting. Hopefully, that will change sooner rather than later as the Covid19 numbers continue to decrease. On October 21st we will begin having Prayer Meeting in person once again! There is enough room in the Fellowship Hall that we can come together, share God’s word, share our hearts, and pray while still practicing caution and safety. For those who are able I look forward to greeting you in your Sunday School class on October 18th. For those who are able I look forward to lifting up our hearts and voices in prayer with you on October 21st!

It is a joy to be your Pastor,

Byron



STUDENT MINISTRY

Tiki Broome



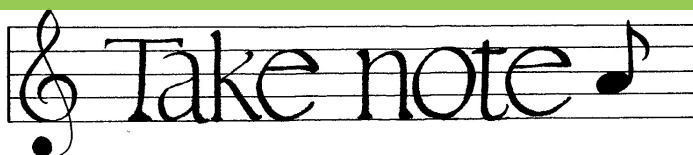
Fall is finally here! This is by far one of the best times of year! From cool weather and hunting season, you can't beat this time of year. I look forward to celebrating 1 year (WOW) of having the privilege to be you all's Youth Pastor. I can't wait for many years to come. As we look to Thanksgiving and Christmas, I can't help think about family and all the things we have to be grateful for. Jesus has blessed us even in this time of COVID and twists and turns. It seems like these days we are just trying to get back to normal.. but what if maybe normal will never be again?

Lamentations 3:22-23 talks about

22 The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases. His mercies never

come to an end; 23 they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

Makes me wonder if that should be our reminder; That everyday is new and different and maybe the normal we are so desiring... maybe, just maybe God is saying "I have something new to show you." We have an exciting season coming up of holidays and opportunities to slow down and enjoy the blessings that the Lord has given us. May we do just that.



IMPORTANT DATES

October 7 Worship Choir Restart 6:45 pm
 October 18 Sunday School Restart 9:45 am
 October 21 Prayer Meeting Restart 6:00 pm
 Christmas Choir Kickoff 6:45 pm

WORSHIP CHOIR RESTART OCTOBER 7

It's hard to believe our choir hasn't been together since the first week in March! But it's time to start back with those who are comfortable in returning. Our first rehearsal will be on Wednesday, October 7th at 6:45 pm in the Sanctuary. We will be utilizing COVID-safe practices for our rehearsals for those who are able to return at this time.

CHRISTMAS CHOIR KICK-OFF OCTOBER 21

Obviously, Christmas may not look the same this year, but we definitely want to continue our tradition of great music during the Christmas Season. Because of the short preparation time, we will be doing selections that we have done before. For those that are not comfortable with returning to choir yet, I encourage you to come to our kickoff in the Sanctuary where you will have the opportunity to spread out in the congregation as we introduce our music. We will also talk about what our Christmas presentation may look like and how we can do it with everyone's health and safety in mind. We will have rehearsal CD's and packets that you can take home to rehearse and review on your own. *As we do every year, we welcome anyone to come sing with us for Christmas with no obligation or expectation to join the choir on a regular basis.*

September Offering

<u>September 6</u>	<u>September 13</u>	<u>September 20</u>	<u>September 27</u>
Budget Offering	Budget Offering	Budget Offering	Budget Offering
\$12,931	\$11,923	\$10,201	\$6,994
Challenge to Grow	Challenge to Grow	Challenge to Grow	Challenge to Grow
\$7,682	\$2,165	\$1,260	\$1,870

Online Giving

\$13,148

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



Gifts were received for the following designated funds:

State Missions in memory of Sue Simmons

Cablevision in memory of Sue Simmons

State Missions in memory of Peggy Jackson



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."



Exciting news! K4C will kickoff Sunday night, October 18, from 5:00—6:30 pm. This a new program from FBC's Project 226 Kid's Ministry that will involve Games, Missions Emphasis', Bible Study, Snacks and much more. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall so make plans to attend this new and exciting program.

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Whether it's huge towers, strong walls or even gigantic boats, kids will learn incredible Bible stories about construction projects! So put on your hard hat and tool belt and build a life that is pleasing to God! Wednesday nights are a fun night of music, a GameShow, and Bible Lesson beginning at 5:45 pm. Please do not cheat your kids out of this great time.

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Just a reminder...Until we can all gather together once again on the 18th, do not forget Sunday School for our kids is provided on the Project 226 Facebook page each Sunday morning at 9:45. We are always through by 10:15 in plenty of time for you to get your family to the worship service by 11:00.

Hope you will join us!

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Special request. This year we are unable to host our community in the annual Fall Festival. I would like to provide a safe space for our children this year by doing a Family Festival Trunk or Treat on Saturday, October 31st. The first thing needed is the place in which to hold such an event. Are you in the county or have land there that can support multiple cars and a bonfire? Obviously if you have restrooms accessible, all the better.

If this is something you can help with, please contact the church office.

Trunk or Treat



If you have been feeling led by the Lord to become more active in the church ministries, how about the Prayer Team? In this valuable ministry, there are 3 areas from which to choose.

1. Be a part of the Prayer Team. We need 2 more members!
2. Volunteer to pray in the prayer room during the worship services.
3. Be a part of the prayer chain.

When we pray, the work of the kingdom is advanced. If you are feeling so led, please text Paulette Kilpatrick at 662-571-3853. Please include in your text, your name and what area of this ministry you would like to participate in.



Women's Bible study is led by Dana Guthrie on Wednesday nights at 6pm in the Fellowship Hall. October 7, they will be starting a new study!! *I Give Up: The Secret Joy of Surrendered Life* by Laura Story. This would be the perfect time to join in!



Join us Sunday,
October 4th at 5pm
in the Fellowship Hall
for the Ordination of
David Warren.

SUNDAY SCHOOL RESTART

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18TH 9:45 AM



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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 Deacon Ordination 5pm	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18 Sunday School Restart!	19	20	21 Prayer Meeting Restart 6pm	22	23	24
25 Claire Harper Bridal Shower @ 2!	26	27	28	29	30	31 

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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