



First Baptist Church

Worship, Grow, Serve, & Share Yazoo City

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Dear Church Family,

It doesn't matter which direction you look in the world, our nation, our state, our local government, families, or at our lives as individuals. There is a lot of chaos all around us. Confusion exists in many different areas of life that did not exist in recent history. Rights that we have held dear are trampled upon. Common sense seems too often to be "gone missing." Decisions are being made in every facet of society by the government leaders at all levels, by families across America, and by individuals that are pushing us further down the road of dysfunction and worse.

We in the church must not turn a blind eye to ourselves. Can a nation be in chaos in confusion because God's people are not being the salt, light, and presence of holiness in our spheres of influence? Can there be a connection between a nation crumbling and a crumbling Church? Can there be a connection between a crumbling Church and crumbling families? Can there be a connection between a crumbling families and crumbling individuals within that family starting with dad and mom? If you think carefully through the question then your answer will be "yes."

On Sunday nights we are still in the first chapters of "We Will Not Be Silenced" by Erwin Lutzer. We are discussing the chaos, the confusion, the anger, the decisions of those in power that constantly dumbfound us and possible reasons why our nation is crumbling before our eyes. We are also taking a hard look at why the Church has seemed so silent and is impotent in confronting society and culture that is turning away from truth at every corner.

Bad decisions by lost people are expected. Their hearts are not being steeped in truth. Bad decisions by God's people can be avoided. Could it be that a large part of the problem is the disconnect of believer's hearts from consistent feasting on the Absolute Truth of God, better known as God's Word, the Bible? Disconnect? Join me for a breakfast memory and we can better understand what I mean by this disconnect.

I wanted some oatmeal for breakfast. I have made oatmeal numerous times since I first learned to boil water and drop oats in a bowl. I grabbed the container of "steel cut" oats that Charlotte had put in the cabinet. In my ignorance I thought this kind of oats was just like the normal oats. When I poured my oatmeal into the bowl I noticed that these oats looked more like grape nuts than oatmeal. I went ahead

and added some water and a little salt. I put the bowl of oats into the microwave and cooked them for the normal two minutes and gave them a good stir. Something was different. Instead of their normal soft looking appearance – they just looked like wet grapenuts!

I went ahead and added some brown sugar and a nice lake of butter. Normally the oatmeal just dissolves in the mouth with minimal chewing required. The steel cut oats did not dissolve and it took a great deal of chewing to get the pieces to break apart! I started to realize how a horse must feel when it eats oats. I chewed and chewed and chewed some more! It took me 15 minutes to eat 2/3 of the bowl of oats! I was out of breakfast time so I had to throw the rest out. This is ridiculous! I will have to tell Charlotte these Steel Cut oats are for the birds! Come to think of it I would hate to seeing chewing and choking birds! Perhaps this kind of oats is meant for horses not people! How does Charlotte eat this stuff?

That night I told Charlotte about my experience. She looked at me as if I had lost my mind! "Byron, didn't you read the directions?" The directions clearly say, "cook for 30 minutes!" Oops. My frustration, the endless chewing, the confusion, and the waste could all have been avoided if I had only taken the time to read the directions!

Don't assume you know the right steps to take in life. Don't assume you know what is right and what is wrong in every situation. Don't assume that what you think is right is right. Don't run through life making roughshod decisions. Don't assume because you "feel" God is like this or that, that He actually is. Don't assume because you "feel" this is the right decision that it really is. Don't assume that you know what God's instructions are for righteous and holy living.

By God's grace He has made you to live in a time where you have His heart, His instructions for living life, at your fingertips if only you will take the time to read and dig into Absolute Truth called His word, the Bible. Make an appointment with God for every day of your life. Read and dig into His word, pray over what you have learned, and go forth in obedience to His instructions. You will avoid the long unnecessary chews of life, living in confusion and chaos and sin, and as God's child you will be the holiness and righteousness of God in your spheres of influence, salt to stop the rot, and light that will dispel the darkness! It is always wise to read and follow the instructions!

Byron

Looking forward to another great month as we approach October! I'm excited for the opportunities we will have this month to serve and to pause and hear from God. This month we have a Serve Day! We will be going out to a local laundry mat and paying for as many peoples' laundry as we can! This will be 2-fold; we will not only be blessing people, but practicing having Gospel-centered conversations with others. I hope that you will make it a priority to be at that event. Secondly, we will have our camping trip to Tishamingo State Park! We will hike, camp, and enjoy the great outdoors. This is fun opportunity to get quiet, enjoy time with the youth group and spend time with the Lord. Overall.. this year has been so much fun!! I can't wait to see how we continue to grow in our walks as we journey alongside each other to be all God has created us to be. Be on the lookout for registration for all of the upcoming events.



UPCOMING EVENTS

~~August 18~~
Back-to-School Bash

~~September 4~~
Youth Serve Day

October 16
Youth Serve Day

October 29-30
Camping Trip @ Tishamingo State Park

October 31
Church-wide Trunk or Treat

Join the Choir!
lift your voice to the Lord!

Psalm 149:1 Shout praises to the LORD! Sing him a new song of praise when his loyal people meet.

This small group of dedicated voices would love to have you join us. Hey, try us out one Wednesday night and see what you think...no obligation. Along with our Christmas Worship presentation, we are working on new and fresh fall anthems that I am sure you will love. I promise you will not leave the rehearsal the same as you arrived. 6:50 every Wednesday night!

All for His glory!

John

September Offering

<u>September 5</u>	<u>September 12</u>	<u>September 19</u>	<u>September 26</u>
Budget Offering \$9,158	Budget Offering \$12,651	Budget Offering \$8,834	Budget Offering \$28,385
Challenge to Grow \$1,215	Challenge to Grow \$1,835	Challenge to Grow \$780	Challenge to Grow \$700
<u>Online Giving</u> \$12,383			

TRUNK OR TREAT

**Sunday
October 31st
5:30pm**

**4095 Cox Rd.
Benton, MS
39039**

Gifts were received for the following designated funds:

- State Missions in memory of Rita Middleton
- Baptist Children's Village in memory of Hazel Johnston
- Baptist Children's Village in memory of Bobby Bentley
- Women's Ministry in memory of Hazel Johnston
- Capital Improvements in memory of Hazel Johnston



Trunk or Treat



It's here! Last year's event received many positive comments and we would love for you to participate. The more cars we have the more fun for everyone. A bonfire, hotdogs, and smores will be included. Sign up now and let us know you are willing to decorate your car and be a part of this wonderful family event. Everything begins at 5:30. If you are providing a car come early enough to decorate. Please contact John or the church office if you are willing to provide a decorated trunk for us. David and Sandy Warren have graciously offered their place once again. 4095 Cox Road, Benton, MS. Plan now to attend and invite others!

Welcome aboard the Steadfast, a deep-sea rescue submarine. Join Captain Sandbar and his loyal first mate, Major Reefrash as they journey to the deepest parts of the ocean. Their mission: to rescue a stranded garbage submarine, the Scumscrubber. Join the mission and see how God wants us to live by studying passages from the book of James.

Our Wednesday Elevate program begins at 5:45 each Wednesday evening.

We will begin each evening with our Bible Trivia GameShow so you don't want to miss that!



Don't forget us! We still need your help to feed these hungry kids. Immediate needs are single serving Mac N Cheese, Ramen noodles (square packs and no shrimp), Fruit Gummy snacks and Cookies (assort snack packs, no peanut butter) Thank You!

Instant Oatmeal, Cereal Bars, Pop-tarts, Single-serve containers of Ravioli, Mac-n-Cheese, & soup, Vienna Sausages, Ramen Noodles, Jerky Sticks, Crackers, Cookies, Granola Bars, and Fruit Snacks (no fruit cups). Please remember: NO PEANUT BUTTER



HOW TO PACK A BOX!



1 GRAB A BOX!

These preprinted boxes will be available to pick up in the Sanctuary foyer beginning Oct. 10!

2 GET YOUR LABEL

These are in the pamphlet inside



of your provided boxes or you may find them online to print at home. Whichever you choose, use



the label to indicate on your shoebox whether it was packed for

a boy or girl and which age category: 2-4, 5-9, or 10-14.

YOU'RE INVITED!

55 years +

SENIOR ADULTS FUN EVENING!

Friday, November 5, 5pm

in FBC Fellowship Hall. Catfish dinner and entertainment by BTJ TRIO. There will be a \$5.00 charge. Advance tickets will go on sale October 3 through October 31st. BTJ Trio builds their distinctive sound on the classic combination of fiddle, bass and acoustic guitar. Their vocal harmonies and instrumental arrangements cover the music spectrum from Bill Monroe to the Everly Brothers to the Old Crow Medicine Show.

TICKETS ARE \$5 | SEE TIM & MARIE MANOR OR JESSICA IN THE OFFICE TO PURCHASE

EAT

FELLOWSHIP & HAVE FUN!



3 FILL WITH GIFTS

Select a medium to large "wow" item such as a soccer ball with pump or stuffed animal, then fill with other fun toys, hygiene items, and school supplies. Don't forget to also include a personal note and photo—sometimes these are the child's favorite things to receive!



4 PRAY

Most importantly, "pray without ceasing" (1 Thess. 5:17) for the child who will receive your shoebox gift. Pray also for their family to be receptive to the Gospel.

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RETURN YOUR BOX WITH \$9



Return your box no later than **November 14th!** A donation of \$9 per box is critical to cover shipping and other project costs.

October 2021

Sunday Activities

Sunday School—9:40am
 Worship—10:50am
 Adult Small group, k4c, youth bible study—5pm

Wednesday Activities

Backpacks of Hope packing—5:45
 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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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 Trunk or Treat 5:30pm 31	25	26	27	28	29	30

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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