



First Baptist Church

Worship, Grow, Serve, & Share Yazoo City

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Wonderful Church Family,

When I was a little boy there were times that I would wake up screaming from a terrible nightmare. My mom or dad would rush to my bedroom to see what had happened. The dreams were so real. I was so scared.

From both of our children we have heard those words, "I can't sleep. I'm scared." At times the fear is so great that only a change in sleeping arrangements will calm down the fears. We can tell Bethany that God is watching over her. We pray for her. In her state of mind, what she really needs is someone with some "skin on" to be close to her. There is nothing like a mom or dad being near.

It doesn't have to be a nightmare, or not knowing who is outside your window, or being frightened of the dark, to make a person "get scared." There is much in life that can make us scared:

Scared of snakes, spiders, barking dogs, heights ...
Scared of earthquakes, tornadoes, or the dreaded hurricane ...
Scared of getting Covid ...
Scared of getting cancer or some other terminal disease ...
Scared of having a heart attack or stroke ...
Scared you may not ever be "well again" ...
Scared of death ...
Scared of an operation you must have ...
Scared of those who are or "seem" to be your enemies ...
Scared you will not have money to pay the bills ...
Scared you will be left alone in this world ...
Scared of broken relationships ...
Scared of making the wrong choices in life ...
Scared of saying the wrong thing or being too afraid to say anything ...
Scared of being misunderstood ...
Scared things will not turn out how you hoped they would ...

We all get scared of things. We live in a world in which a lot of scary things are happening each day. There are things perhaps happening in your life right now that are frightening you. It's okay. God knows we get scared sometimes.

God's people got scared. The LORD said to them, "Do not be afraid or discouraged." Deuteronomy 1:21; "So I said to you: Don't be terrified or afraid of them! The LORD your God Who goes before you will fight for you ..." Deuteronomy 1:29-30a

Isaac got scared. The LORD said to him, "I am the God of Abraham your father. Fear not, for I am with you and will bless you." - Genesis 26:24

Joshua was overwhelmed unto fear. The LORD said to him, "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go." - Joshua 1:9

The disciples got scared. "Why are you afraid, O you of little faith?"

- Matthew 8:26

Paul and others with him got scared. "For even when we came into Macedonia, our bodies had no rest, but we were afflicted at every turn--fighting without and fear within." - 2 Corinthians 7:5

Paul got scared. "Do not be afraid, Paul; you must stand before Caesar." - Acts 27:24

Getting scared is part of journeying through this life, even for those who trust in the LORD. Be encouraged my brothers and sisters whom I love.

The LORD tells us through Isaiah, "But now thus says the LORD, He who created you, O Jacob, He who formed you, O Israel: 'Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are Mine.'" - Isaiah 43:1

The LORD tells us through Jeremiah, "The man who trusts in the LORD, whose confidence indeed is the LORD, is blessed. He will be like a tree planted by water: it sends its' roots out toward a stream, it doesn't fear when heat comes, and its foliage remains green. It will not worry in a year of drought or cease producing fruit." - Jeremiah 17:7-8

The LORD tells us through the Apostle John, "There is no fear in love; instead, perfect love drives out fear, because fear involves punishment. So the one who fears has not reached perfection in love." - 1 John 4:18

When you get scared run into the arms of your God, your Father, Who loves you with an everlasting love. Great things happen in the heart of God's child when he/she brings his/her fears to the Father!

David did. He then cried out, "The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?" - Psalm 27:1; "When I am afraid, I put my trust in You. In God, whose word I praise, in God I trust; I shall not be afraid. What can flesh do to me?" - Psalm 56:3-4

The Psalmist did. Then he cried out, "I will say to the LORD, 'My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust ... You will not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day ...'" - Psalm 91:2, 5

The Apostle Paul did. God helped him realize, "What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us?" - Romans 8:31

For thousands of years God's people have been running to God with their fears. Something amazing happens when you do this. God helps you to understand - even when life is dark and scary He is with you. He is for you. Trust in the LORD with all your heart and you will find these words to be so true, "even the darkness is not dark to You." - Psalm 139:12

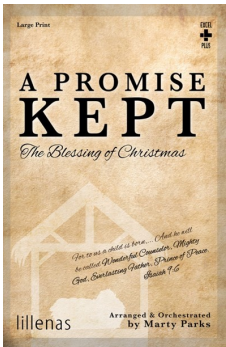
In His love,

Byron

Hey everyone,
Football Season is back and in full swing! And man... it's been a crazy season the past 3 weeks. Since school has started, we've really been going a million miles an hour! Big congrats to a lot of you students who have been competing and excelling on the ball fields; from football to softball and cheer, y'all are so talented! I'm looking forward to October for two of the following reasons. First, cooler weather!!! It's finally getting cold enough for hoodie season which y'all know is my favorite season! We will hopefully have some cool First Yazoo Students swag available this month. The second thing I'm looking forward to is retreating with you guys! I will have some dates soon for our Guys Camping Trip and The Girls Retreat. These will be geared toward the topic of "Who you are and who God made you to be." It's going to be great times of worship and rest, so make every effort to make it to these! Lastly, I want to share something that I'm praying over you all. I pray that you all are finding every opportunity to grow in and love God more and more! As the holiday season quickly approaches I pray that you are grounded in the truth of what this time of year represents.

Love you all, Tiki

PARENT MEETING
OCTOBER 16TH



It's not too late to come join us as your worship choir works up this beautiful piece for the Christmas season. Each Wednesday we run Sunday's worship service music, work on a few anthems for various Sunday services then spend some time on this presentation.

Please consider being a part. I can only promise you will be blessed doing so. Wednesday at 6:50.

the BENEVOLENCE offering

We will collect our 5th Sunday Local Benevolence Offering Sunday, October 30th!

September Offering

<u>Sept 4</u>	<u>Sept 11</u>	<u>Sept 18</u>	<u>Sept 25</u>
Budget Offering	Budget Offering	Budget Offering	Budget Offering
\$9,696	\$10,047	\$8,454	\$7,096
Challenge to Grow	Challenge to Grow	Challenge to Grow	Challenge to Grow
\$85	\$350	\$200	\$6,260
<u>Online Giving</u>			
\$9,398			

FAMILY ministry

Keep your eyes open, families, as things are becoming available for both spiritual growth and fellowship. We have many who have chosen to take part in the Wednesday night study, The Life of a Jesus Follower. This study meets in the upstairs office building across the hall from Tiki's Young Adult Sunday School classroom at 6pm each Wednesday.

THE LIFE OF A JESUS FOLLOWER
VANCE PITMAN

Another family opportunity is our Trunk or Treat event! This will be held out in Benton at the Warren Farm on Monday, October 31st @ 6pm. Sign up today to volunteer your vehicle. This even has grown over the last 3 years and I'm sure will continue to be an FBC favorite!

BBQ Lunch & BUSINESS MEETING

Sunday, October 16th
following Worship

Gifts were received for the following designated funds:

Youth Ministry in memory of Kristy Davis
Capital Improvements in memory of Jo Lee
Music Ministry in memory of Vernon Sikes



Hey mom and dad, it's getting down to crunch time with the kids Christmas musical. We will be having to make a decision soon as to whether we do this presentation in it's entirety or just a portion on Sunday morning. The reason? It's the lack of weekly attendance. Memorization will be necessary and obviously attendance will aid in that. So, do what you need to do to see your child here each Sunday at 5pm in the Kids Worship Area.



Big thanks to Billy Redd for building our new benches for the Kids Worship Area! They look awesome! And the kids love them! 



Beginning Wednesday night, October 12th, Kit Winswept is at it again! This time, Kit and new side-kick, Angus Fetchenpepper, are searching for the lost treasure of the pirate Blue Boots. We will join their search and discover how to apply the real treasure, the Bible, to our life along the way.

Of course, what is our Wednesday ELEVATE program without the fiercely competitive and massively fun GameShow!? Parents, this has proven a super fun way to increase Bible knowledge and scripture. Join us each Wednesday @ 5:45 in the Kids Worship Area.

Trunk or Treat time!! This has quickly become a family favorite for FBC and friends. We will be in the same location this year on Monday, October 31st beginning at 6pm. Come join in on the fun. While you're at it... volunteer to transform your trunk into something fabulous! We need you and the more cars we have, the better. Call the church office or see John for more details.

David and Sandy Warren have graciously offered their place once again. So, put this on your calendar and plan to attend!!



Wednesday Night Suppers have started back and are going strong! We are enjoying the delicious food and the awesome fellowship with our church family!! Thanks to each team that has helped kickstart this. If you haven't made it to supper yet, please do!! You are missing out! We eat each Wednesday at 5:15pm in the Fellowship Hall. Plates are \$5 each. You can pay at the door or pay online ahead of time. We do ask that you reserve your spots! You can do this by simply filling in the tear-off on the back of the bulletin OR by letting Jessica know that you plan to be there! The headcount will be turned in at NOON on the Monday prior to eating! If you have any questions, please let us know!





October 2022

Sunday Activities

Sunday School—9:40am
Worship—10:50am
PM Activities—5pm

Wednesday Activities

Men's Prayer Breakfast—6:30am
Bible Studies & Prayer Meeting— 6:00
Choir Rehearsal—6:50

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Deacon of the week: 2—Mike Davis, 9—David Eden, 16—Roy Harris, 23—George Jennings, 30—David Johnson						1
2	3	4	5 Ladies Bible Study starts!	6	7	8 Bill Meek's Memorial Golf Tournament
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16 BBQ Lunch & Business Meeting	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25 TRUNK OR TREAT	26	27	28	29
30	31					

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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