



First Baptist Church

Worship, Grow, Serve, & Share Yazoo City

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Church Family,

I want to bring to your attention a couple of opportunities that may really help you grow deeper in your walk with God. For years during my "Morning appointments with my Father," most often referred to as a Quiet Time, in addition to Bible reading, I have dug deep into God's word using a number of different discipleship resources. There are many great resources that are true to God's word, Christ-centered, and God-honoring. Each of these in-depth studies can be life changing. Any time a child of God exposes his/her heart to God's word and really wants to hear from God – God will speak. If you and I will submit to His voice, to His truth, and obey, then God will continue to transform our lives to be more according to His truth and to the character of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

One of those studies in which God moved deeply in my life is called, "Seeking Him, Experiencing the Joy of Personal Revival," by Nancy DeMoss Wolgemuth and Tim Grissom. This particular study caused me to examine "me" in the light of Scripture like never before. During each ½ hour or so study God caused me to examine closely - what has to happen in my life for personal revival to occur, what it means to approach God in humility, just how holy is God and what does it mean for me to be holy, how to have a clear conscience before God and others, what must happen in my life to live by the power of the Holy Spirit, and a number of other spiritual areas of my life.

I considered teaching this as a small group study. Instead, I think God just wants me to make this study available to you. I believe some of you are really hungering to know God in a deeper way and you really do want God's will to be lived out in your life each day. This study will help you get to that place in your walk with God. Be prepared for deep soul searching. Be prepared for a deeper understanding of Who God is and what He has accomplished for you on the cross. Be prepared – God's Spirit will lead you to take steps to walk with Jesus in purity of heart and mind as well as to walk in forgiveness, peace, and love with others.

On September 5, 2021 you will find several copies of this study guide available to you. There is no charge to you for the books (unless you just want to offer to pay). Please feel free to take one and get ready to

begin a lifelong journey of personal revival.

This is also the time of year we get Small Groups going again on Sunday nights. I will be leading a group beginning on September 12, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. The plan is to meet in the sanctuary. This will give us the space we need (across the front pews) to spread out and alleviate any Covid concerns.

We are going to study a book that has just recently been published. The name of the study is, "We Will Not Be Silenced," by Erwin Lutzer. In the foreword, David Jeremiah, pastor of Shadow Mountain Community Church, writes these words, "If I could, I would put "We Will Not Be Silenced" into the hands of every Christian in America ... This book examines every cultural issue we are facing. Nothing is left out. It addresses diversity issues, racial issues, gender issues, social justice issues, media issues, issues of free speech, and issues rooted in socialism and Marxism. Most importantly, it covers issues related to the church and how it is responding to all of this."

In Erwin Lutzer's words, "I want to inspire us to have the courage to walk toward the fire and not run away from the flames. God has brought us to this cultural moment, and our future cannot be taken for granted. As has been said, 'In a time of universal deception, telling the truth is a revolutionary act.'"

In order to have educated, productive, and fruitful discussion each person will need to read the required chapter before meeting together. If you are interested in this study, the Book/workbook sets should be available by September 5. Some will be available in the sanctuary foyer or church office. The cost of the Book/workbook will be \$20. Yes, a couple can share. There will be a sign-up sheet for the study wherever you choose to pick up your books. Please pay in the church office or you may put \$20 or a check in an envelope marked, "Bible Study," and place it in the Tithes and Offerings box. I look forward to a great time of learning and discussion with each of you!

It is a joy to serve our LORD and to serve you,

Byron

I hope all of you have had a great beginning of school! It's always great to see you all playing your sports, or cheering on your team. Nothing can compare the time you will have in middle school and high school. I encourage you to make the most of every day this year. As we all have experienced now, it can be taken away in the blink of an eye. I'm so looking forward to the impact you all will make this semester on your campuses. I have a couple challenges for you all. The first is this.. What are you doing? What are you actively doing to grow in your walk with Christ? I'm not talking about just coming to church. I'm talking about individually how are you taking steps to grow in your faith. The second challenge is.. How are you incorporating the things God is teaching you into your life? All too often we miss these two things growing individually and incorporating the lessons God has for us. I hope you can put these challenges into effect as we start a series the next 3 weeks called "Like Me." We all have a tendency to compare ourselves to others. The grades he or she is getting, the person someone is dating, the friends they have, the clothes they wear, the highlight reel on their Instagram feed—it all feels like one long list of what others have that you don't! In this series we will look at and discover that comparison not only keeps you and I from liking others, it holds us back



from being able to be content with ourselves! And the further you move away from comparison and toward contentment, the more you'll be able to love who you are just as God has created you. My prayer in this series is that we can begin to break from this culture of comparison and identity crisis to ultimately step into the unique person God is shaping you to be.

-Tiki

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



The Worship Choir is just 2 rehearsals into this year's presentation and every rehearsal is a blessing. The music is predominately familiar Christmas songs with current and fresh arrangements. Mix in a couple of new pieces and it all comes together in a wonderful presentation that will be a blessing to present. Please

consider being a part of this year's program. The program is scheduled to be presented on Sunday, December 5th at 10:50 am and 4:00 pm.

Rehearsals are Wednesday nights at 6:50.

Deacons Meeting

SUNDAY, SEPT 12TH
3:30 PM
CHOIR ROOM

August Offering

<u>August 1</u>	<u>August 8</u>	<u>August 15</u>	<u>August 22</u>
Budget Offering	Budget Offering	Budget Offering	Budget Offering
\$13,115	\$9,142	\$11,829	\$5,465
Challenge to Grow	Challenge to Grow	Challenge to Grow	Challenge to Grow
\$2,385	\$865	\$3,750	\$805

Online Giving
\$12,710

Gifts were received for the following designated funds:

Challenge to Grow (Ed Building AC) in memory of Lida Downs
Challenge to Grow (Ed Building AC) in honor of Charline Killebrew
Challenge to Grow (Ed Building AC) in honor of Gaye & Vernon Sikes
Youth Camp Scholarship in memory of Aaron "Chipper" Sibley



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.

5 Reasons to Join the Choir

Musicality—singing in a choir improves the way you hear music. Where choral singing is concerned, the whole really is the sum of its parts, and choir members soon become aware of how harmonies combine and complement each other.

Mental Health—Studies have shown that the mental health benefits of choral singing include enhanced brain function, strengthened feelings of togetherness, and the release of endorphins and oxytocin resulting in reduced stress and depression.

Confidence—It's surprising how many people are told at school they can't sing. The truth is that, unless there is hearing loss, anyone can learn to sing. Singing in a choir gives you permission to make noise as part of a group, and choir leaders report witnessing new members' confidence grow rapidly.

Belonging—Social media networks offers a semblance of community but the lack of contact with people in real time and space can intensify feelings of alienation. Being part of a group working towards a shared endeavor, can fulfil this human need for belonging and union.

Overall Health—A proper singing session is a wonderful workout for the lungs. All this lung action reduces the chance of illness and is excellent for people who suffer asthma, and emphysema.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



First Baptist offers a number of opportunities for Biblical Studies geared on specific age levels, each grade school class providing opportunities for a child to give their life to Christ. This is why it is so very important for you to take advantage of each opportunity. Pollster George Barna put it this way: The current Barna study indicates that nearly half of all Americans who accept Jesus Christ as their Savior do so before reaching the age of 13 (43%), and that two out of three born again Christians (64%) made that commitment to Christ before their 18th birthday. One out of eight born again people (13%) made their profession of faith while 18 to 21 years old. Less than one out of every four born again Christians (23%) embraced Christ after their twenty-first birthday. **Staggering and frightening.** Then he added something interesting... Among Christians who embraced Christ before their teen years, half were led to Christ by their parents, with another one in five led by some other friend or relative. Comparatively few accepted Jesus in response to a minister's personal prompting (7%) and only one out of eight cited a special event as the turning point in their journey. Among those who mentioned events, about half identified a church service. Just 1% mentioned media evangelism or other special situations as being responsible for their conversion. **You, mom and dad, have a great responsibility for your children's eternal destination. The church programs are designed to help you. Let us help!**



Where can you go to be amazed and astounded? Where can you go to see the craziest and coolest acts ever? Where can you go to learn about all the amazing ways God has gifted you? Join us, each Wednesday, as we continue Under the Big Top. Only 5 lessons left before we move to another feature. 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! Invite your friends and I look forward to seeing you!

K4C meets every Sunday night at 5 pm for children ages 5k-6th grade. Along with a Bible lesson and games, the goal is to teach children to reach out beyond themselves and think of others. There is a project each Sunday that helps in that and to that end, we are currently working on BedTime Bags. Once completed, the bags will be donated to DHS to be distributed to a child/children who are being removed from a home or "rescued". Each bag contains items that the child can call their own.



These children, often taken in the middle of the night, have nothing but the clothes/pajamas on their backs. These bags give them something to hold on to. Each Bag contains: a small (no bigger than 12") stuffed animal, a small fleece blanket (throw), a brush or comb, bar of soap (no liquid please), coloring book and crayons, a small flashlight and batteries. Would you consider donating these items for 1 bag? How about 2 or more complete bags. You may drop your items by the church office during the week, or the fellowship hall on Sunday. The children are working on personal cards right now for each bag to hopefully encourage the children who so desperately need it. Thank You!



The distribution has begun. Typically, the year begins a little slow as the parent letters are returned and vetted. As of this writing, we have right at 40 bags for the first week so I anticipate this number to double at the least. Please be faithful in giving and pay close attention to the list so that we can make sure that every item given in your generosity may be distributed to the ones who need it most. At this time, we do not have a "most needed item" like we will as time goes on. Any item on the list will be place into immediate circulation and very appreciated. 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

SUNDAY NIGHT SMALL GROUP

beginning
sept. 12th @
5pm
in the sanctuary

\$20 for book & workbook

SIGN UP FOR OUR

TEXT ALERTS!

TEXT FBCYAZOO TO 844.787.8660

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FAMILY SKI TRIP

Interest meeting:
Sunday
September 12th following service
Questions contact:
Tiki Broome 601-953-1878

September 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
			1	2	3	4
5 NO PM ACTIVITIES	6 	7	8	9	10	11
12 Family Ski Trip Interest Meeting following service Deacon Meeting 3:30	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	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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FRIDAY - CLOSED

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