



First Baptist Church

Worship, Grow, Serve, & Share Yazoo City

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Brothers and sisters in Christ,

Being on mission with God is an amazing opportunity God gives to every one of His children. It all starts with a “yes” to God and His word. There are many ways to say “yes” to being on mission such as:

- Asking God to put His love in your heart for all people who are not trusting in Jesus Christ – family, friends, classmates, coworkers, neighbors, every person who lives in this city and county.
- Asking God to help every person of FBC to understand his or her role as a missionary, one who is intentionally and actively on mission with God.
- Asking God to bring all of God’s people in FBC to know when the Holy Spirit is speaking to them and then obeying Him with all their hearts.
- Asking God to OPEN opportunities for you, for all of us, to engage people in Gospel conversations.
- Asking God’s Spirit to guide us all to EMBRACE opportunities to talk with people about Jesus Christ.
- Asking God to train you to be a Disciple Maker (some are in training right now).
- Asking God to provide all resources needed for missionaries in Mississippi, North America, and around this world to fulfill their calling from the LORD.
- GIVING of your resources so that Missionaries can fully follow God’s call!

A few times a year there are special offerings for those called to be Missionaries to Mississippi, North America, and the rest of the world. Beginning in September our focus turns towards a special offering for those who are on mission to the great state of Mississippi.

As a follower of Jesus Christ, Margaret Lackey was on mission wherever the LORD led her. She taught missions to young children in the local church and was very active in the Mississippi Woman’s Missionary Union. Because of her dedication to being on mission with God, the state missions offering became known as the Margaret Lackey State Missions offering in 1935.

Last year you generously gave almost \$2,200 to support state missions. This year let’s all give sacrificially in order for the lives of Mississippians to be impacted by an encounter with Jesus Christ. Our 2023 FBC goal is \$3,000! The 2023 Mississippi statewide goal is 2.25 million.

When we put all our resources together as Mississippi Baptists God does amazing things. According to the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, in the past year:

- 438 short term missionaries from 39 churches shared the Gospel in 13 states and 25 countries

- 45 associations received assistance for evangelistic ministries and mission strategies in local communities
- 135 incarcerated individuals attended seminary classes in two state prisons
- 14 women completed an Associate’s degree
- 12 men completed a Bachelor’s degree
- 502 Disaster Relief volunteers were trained
- 12 Christian Women’s and Christian Men’s Job Corps sites served men and women in Mississippi by providing discipleship classes and job skills training
- 136 individuals accepted Jesus as Savior
- 73 other decisions in obedience to Jesus Christ were made at Camp Garaywa and Central Hills Baptist Retreat
- 15 new churches were supported
- 28 culture-specific events were provided for 5 different people groups
- 500 international students were engaged in statewide Baptist Student Unions
- 1200 crew members received gift bags with the Gospel presentation in their language through the Seafarer’s Ministry at the Port of Pascagoula
- 27 literacy volunteers were trained to serve in one of 30 sites around the state

That is a lot of missions work happening. There is so much more mission work that needs to be lived out throughout the state of Mississippi, throughout Yazoo County, and on every street in Yazoo City.

According to the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, there are currently 2,175,642 people in Mississippi who are unchurched. Of those almost 2.2 million people, 1,808,136 are spiritually lost. Out of the 2,930,528 people who live in Mississippi ... 74% are not in any church on Sunday mornings and 62% do not know Jesus Christ as Savior!

People in Mississippi, the people in Yazoo County and City, need someone to tell them about Jesus Christ. Will that person be you? So many statewide Mississippi Baptist missions ministries, and those who volunteer or partner with them, need someone to give of their resources that others may go and tell people across this great state about Jesus Christ? Will that person be you?

May God find us faithful in going and in giving. Give during the worship service. Give online. Bring your gift to the church office. And then give yourself away to God ...

“**Here I am! Send me** (Isaiah 6:8).” Then obey God’s instruction. “**And then He [the LORD] said, “Go and say ...** (Isaiah 6:9).”

Intentionally and actively on mission together,

Byron

Hey everyone,

I hope the transition back to school full time has been smooth. I know this time of year can be crazy with the amount of readjusting and homework being piled on you. A couple things I want you to be on the lookout for this month first, Wednesday night Dinners will be making a grand return! So when you get out of practice of school come on straight to church and enjoy a good cheap meal. Another thing is I would love to make it to your games to see you play or cheer or whatever you may do. In order to do that I need some help from you. Have your parents or yourself send me your schedule so I can put it on my calendar. Y'all I'm so looking forward to whats to come this semester as we unpack in our Wednesday night series The book of Acts You don't want to miss out on Wednesday nights because they feed into Sunday nights as we travel deeper into Gods word. See you there!



2 years ago, when I stepped in as your Worship Pastor interim, I began to preach, to our Worship Choir, the realization of the calling to be a Worship Leader to our Savior's congregation. I have tried to instill the Biblical role we have as a choir. It was the choir or singers who always led the forces into battle. Each and every Sunday there is a spiritual battle taking place in each heart. What a high calling it is to lead His people in worship and not one taken lightly. Please take a moment as you read this article and ask the Lord what His desire is for you? Does He want you to join this group of Worship Leaders?

Worship is an integral part of Christian life. When we worship, we are connecting with God on a personal level. Depending on the song, we can praise, thank, and ask the Lord for forgiveness or provisions for our life. Worship is a time to connect with the Lord through songs.

In the short time I have been your Worship Pastor, I have sought to express to our Praise Teams and Worship Choir that we are not performers but rather worship leaders whether we are presenting an anthem or leading our congregation. A person who leads worship is someone who does more than merely stand in front of a congregation singing songs. When someone is called to lead worship, they have an obligation to help the congregation learn what it means to worship the Lord.

On the other side are the Music Performers. Music performers call themselves worship leaders when the truth is, music performers do not truly lead worship at all. They don't always attend rehearsals. They don't feel there is a need to practice because they believe the Holy Spirit will help them perform well. Instead of praying that the congregation will be elevated, they pray that they will sound great and that they will perform flawlessly. In fact, they seek edification for themselves and not for the Lord.

Music performers believe their talent is what is important. Music performers seek admiration and applause from the audience. Music performers sing the songs they want to sing, and in the key they want to sing...

Worship leaders know that although they are on stage front and center, they are not the main attraction. Worship leaders know that their primary purpose is to lead people to Jesus. Worship leaders know that they are not on stage to receive applause and praise; instead, they are there to connect with the congregation and lead them, through song, to the Lord.

The worship leader's time for worshipping is during practice, rehearsals, or whenever the leader wants to personally worship the Lord. When worship leaders are in front of the congregation, their focus should be on the congregation, leading them through worship. This is the heart's desire of your Praise Teams and Worship Choir. Wouldn't you like to be a part of such a wonderful, God-called, family?

It all comes down to the heart of each of us. Let us put all of our heart and soul into giving the Lord the one thing He seeks—our true love for Him. When we lose ourselves to the Lord in worship, He will come to us. Let us worship the Lord with all of our hearts.



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August Budget Offering				
Aug 6	Aug 13	Aug 20	Aug 27	Online Gifts
\$4,661	\$17,475	\$6,224	\$3,614	\$14,348

Gifts were received for the following designated funds:
Capital Improvements in memory of Eddie Purvis



BACKPACKS OF HOPE



Ok, FBC. Our mission has been laid before us. We have begun the school year with 47 backpacks. This will potentially be a challenge I know we are capable of fulfilling. You see, it is rare that we will stay with 47 as the initial number generally rises. Please be as faithful as possible with your donations. You are a blessing!

Also added to this is the new modified schedule that Bentonia Gibbs Elementary has begun. The children will have several week-long breaks and that will require more regular sized boxes of kids cereal that accompanies each backpack during those extended breaks.

Take a moment and pick up a regular sized box of Fruit Loops, Captain Crunch, Cinnamon Toast Crunch, or similar. Let's be the hands and feet of Jesus and feed these hungry children. Thanks again, FBC!



Parents, this year our fall semester of K4C will involve preparing for our Multigeneration Christmas presentation with the Worship Choir and Student participants. This will take some consistency in attendance to do our very best so plan now! Each Sunday, 5:00–6:30. It is going to be a beautiful service on Dec 10th!



All Sunday School Teachers!

Sunday Sept. 10th

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER MEETING

9AM

Teachers, don't miss this meeting! We'll meet in the fellowship hall!

JOIN US FOR THE DEACON ORDINATION SERVICE OF VAN FOSTER SEPTEMBER 17TH | 3:30PM

DEACON COUNCIL MEETING

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 10TH 3:00 PM

BILL MEEKS MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

SATURDAY SEPT. 30TH

GAMEDAY 8:15 TEEN OFF 9:00 LUNCHEONISH

4MAN TEAMS | 9HOLE SCRAMBLE | \$30 PER PERSON

September 2023

Sunday Activities

LifeGroups—9:40am
 Worship—10:50am
 K4C & Adult Bible Study—5pm
 Youth—5:30pm

Wednesday Activities

Men's Prayer Breakfast—6:30am
 Supper—5:15pm
 Youth, Elevate Kids, & Prayer Meeting—6pm
 Choir Rehearsal—6:50

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4 	5	6	7	8	9
10 SS Teacher Meeting @ 9am Deacon Meeting @ 3	11 	12	13	14	15	16
17 Deacon Ordination @ 3:30	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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