

The Messenger

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Dr. Dennis Swanberg

renowned Christian comedian
and Baptist pastor

MEN'S DISCIPLESHIP WEEKEND

February 18-19

Feb. 18 Men's breakfast

8-10 a.m. in the fellowship hall. \$5 ticket includes breakfast, Man Code book, and Saturday night comedy.

Family Friendly Comedy Night 5-6:15 p.m.

in the sanctuary. Adult tickets for comedy routine only \$1 each. Children free. Childcare will be available for newborns - Pre-K.

Feb. 19 Pastor Swanberg will preach both morning services.

**Tickets
on sale now!**

XYZ Senior Adult Program and Lunch

Tuesday, February 7 at 11 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall

Group hymn singing followed by Ms. Candis Varnell presenting her "Mission Trip to Greece."

A delicious meal will be provided by Brookdale, and Ms. Lori Hannah will give a brief presentation about Brookdale. Invite a friend and join us.



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February

Check out featured events at www.gotofirst.org

FEBRUARY 1

9:30 a.m. Mother's Morning Out Registration
Noon Prayer Meeting
5 p.m. Fellowship Meal
5:30 p.m. AWANA
6 p.m. Rev.o.lu.tion Youth Worship
6 p.m. Adult Bible Study
6 p.m. Women's Explorers Bible Study
6 p.m. English as a Second Language
6 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
7:15 p.m. Band Rehearsal

FEBRUARY 5

8:30 a.m. Worship Service
9:45 a.m. Bible Study classes
11 a.m. Worship Service
No evening activities.

FEBRUARY 7

11 a.m. XYZ Program & Luncheon

FEBRUARY 8

Noon Prayer Meeting
5 p.m. Fellowship Meal
5:30 p.m. AWANA - Crazy Hair night
6 p.m. Rev.o.lu.tion Youth Worship
6 p.m. Adult Bible Study
6 p.m. Women's Explorers Bible Study
6 p.m. English as a Second Language
6 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
7:15 p.m. Band Rehearsal

FEBRUARY 10

6 p.m. Parents' Night Out *(Registration required)*

FEBRUARY 12

8:30 a.m. Worship Service
9:45 a.m. Bible Study classes
11 a.m. Worship Service
4 p.m. Grief Share
4 p.m. Children's Bible Drill
4:15 p.m. Youth Bible Drill
5 p.m. Children's Choir
5 p.m. Life U: Connected
6 p.m. Evening Worship

FEBRUARY 13

5:30 p.m. Outreach: Preschool and Children

FEBRUARY 15

Noon Prayer Meeting
5 p.m. Fellowship Meal
5:30 p.m. AWANA - Store night
6 p.m. Rev.o.lu.tion Youth Worship

6 p.m. Adult Bible Study
6 p.m. Women's Explorers Bible Study
6 p.m. English as a Second Language
6 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
7:15 p.m. Band Rehearsal

FEBRUARY 18

8 a.m. Men's Discipleship Breakfast
5:15 p.m. Church-wide Comedy Night

FEBRUARY 19

8:30 a.m. Worship Service
9:45 a.m. Bible Study classes
11 a.m. Worship Service
4 p.m. Grief Share
4 p.m. Children's Bible Drill
4:15 p.m. Youth Bible Drill
5 p.m. Children's Choir
5 p.m. Life U: Connected
6 p.m. Evening Worship

FEBRUARY 20

5:30 p.m. Outreach

FEBRUARY 22

Noon Prayer Meeting
5 p.m. Fellowship Meal
5:30 p.m. AWANA
6 p.m. Rev.o.lu.tion Youth Worship
6 p.m. Adult Bible Study
6 p.m. Women's Explorers Bible Study
6 p.m. English as a Second Language
6 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
7:15 p.m. Band Rehearsal

FEBRUARY 24

6 p.m. Youth bonfire at the Quarles

FEBRUARY 25

2:30 p.m. Youth Winter Jam trip

FEBRUARY 26

8:30 a.m. Worship Service
9:45 a.m. Bible Study classes
11 a.m. Worship Service
4 p.m. Grief Share
4 p.m. Children's Bible Drill
4:15 p.m. Youth Bible Drill
5 p.m. Children's Choir
5 p.m. Life U: Connected
6 p.m. Evening Worship

FEBRUARY 27

5:30 p.m. Outreach: Youth

Our Family

Sunday school attendance

Jan. 1 - 385 Jan. 15 - 514
Jan. 8 - 507 Jan. 22 - 537

Budget January 1-22, 2017

Budget	\$114,944.62
Building	\$2,494.83
Designated	\$12,867.91
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Total	\$130,307.36
Building Fund to date	\$5,832,994.85

Feb. Deacons of the Week

Jan. 28- Kevin Howell, Martin Locke,
Feb. 4 Matt Moore
Feb. 5-11 Mike Tomes, Hugh Trussell,
Will Dabbs
Feb. 12-18 Andy Field, Brian Harvey,
Mark Moore
Feb. 19-25 Mike Quarles, Dan Reed,
Chris Riley
Feb. 26- Brodie Burns, Ben Hellums,
Mar. 4 Thomas Herrington

New Members

Margarita Niewald, Lucy "Ibby" Morris

Congratulations

To Brittany & Chase Camp on the birth of a daughter, **Madyson Noel Camp**, on Jan. 7. Proud grandparents are Alice & Bobby Camp.

Our Sympathy

To Mrs. Karen Allen Landers & family in the loss of her husband, Mr. J.T. Landers.

To Mr. Larry Otts and family in the loss of his mother, Mrs. Estelle Otts.

To Mrs. Angie Klepzig and family in the loss of her husband, Mr. Terry Klepzig.

LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING



National Goal: \$155 million
First Baptist Oxford Goal: \$90,000
Given to date: \$86,056.70

More to LOVE about First

by Brooke Hutson Gibson

While some of us are still in our pajamas drinking coffee on Saturday morning, a dedicated group of men from First are making a difference. Every other month, a number of men (and some of their sons) meet at the church for a quick breakfast and then split up into teams. They volunteer a few hours serving senior adults from our church by working on yard cleanup projects and occasionally helping with some home repair needs (James 1:27). They are usually able to help at 6 or 7 homes.

"These work days not only help the senior adults of our church, but also help the men come together and get to know each other better," said Mark Moore. Thanks to all the men who serve with leaf blowers, weed eaters, and tools. You are showing Christ's love to our seniors, and giving us one more thing to love about First!



For more information about this ministry, connect with current Men's Ministry Chairman Ben Hellums.

Library & Media Center

Open Sundays 9:30-11 a.m. and Wednesdays 5-7 p.m.

NEW DVD: The Insanity of God

NEW BOOKS written by Mississippi Christian Fiction authors

MISSIONS UPDATE

Medical Mission Trip to Oaxaca: Feb. 4-10

Be in prayer for our mission team: Anna Burns, Farrah McAlexander, David McCullen, and Jeff Holeman.

Oaxaca Spring Break Trip for College Students: Mar. 11-18

Help at the Food Pantry

In March, FBC will manage and staff the Oxford Food Pantry. Helpers are needed to stock shelves and serve clients. We will work each week Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings, from 8:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Food Collection for the Pantry

FBC will collect food items for the Oxford Food Pantry during March. Collection bins will be in the atrium Sundays and Wednesdays, beginning Feb. 26, and through March.

For more info: Jim Propes 662-236-4758 or jimcha@bellsouth.net

YOUTH NEWS



Wednesdays in February at 6 p.m. in the Youth Room.

Every day we are invited into a world where we can create, customize, and even change our identity. Our Wednesday night study will expose culture's distorted messages about purity and love and reveal how God has created us for a lifestyle of personal holiness.

Authentic Love Parent/Student Night. Wednesday, February 15 at 6 pm.

For Girls/Moms Only... Dr. Missy McMinn, Ob/Gyn will be here to talk with our girls about women's health issues and the importance of sexual purity.

For Guys/Dads Only... Mo Baker from Ole Miss BSU will be here to talk with our guys.



February 24
at 6 p.m!

\$10 per person!



Saturday, February 25 at the FedEx Forum in Memphis. \$10 per person! For all students in grades 7-12. We'll leave FBC Oxford at 2:30 p.m. and return to FBC Oxford at Midnite.



June 25-30 Panama City Beach, FL.

\$175 per person. Our entire youth group will be going to the beautiful beaches of Florida for five days of bible study, worship, and some incredible fun!

\$50 NON-REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT is due March 1!

For all youth in grades 7-12!

PRESCHOOL & CHILDREN'S NEWS

Preschool & Children's Departments

PARENTS' NIGHT OUT

Feb. 10 • 6-9 p.m.

For all kids

preschoolers (infants-4 years) & children (K-6th grade)

Contact Kristen or Dina for sign up information.

PRESS ON



I press on toward the goal
for the prize of the upward
call of God in Christ Jesus.
- PHILIPPIANS 3:14

Children's Mission Camp | JULY 13-15, 2017

Open to all kids in grades 3-6. Cost: \$120

Contact Dina Addy to register, (662) 837-0797 or diaddy@gotofirst.org

\$60 Non-refundable deposit due by February 26!



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Friday, March 24 • 5:30-9:30 p.m. & Saturday, March 25 • 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

The Nests B & B, 81 County Road 231

Speaker: Marni McKenzie Music: Joanna Word

Tickets are \$35 and may be purchased at the church office
(662) 234-3515 or online at gotofirst.org

For more information or to get involved, contact Lauren Hill
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