

The Messenger



from the Pastor

I'm very pleased to report that the ministry of First Baptist Church continues despite the tumult of this year. I find much to be encouraged about.

Attendance has been solid especially for such uncertain times. While we have limited the number of those who can attend services in person, our online audience has grown. Plus, we've added a third-morning worship service to accommodate those desiring to come to our facility. We've had many visitors in our services. College students have been attending in strong numbers.

Sunday School leaders have been extremely creative in teaching the Bible each week. While some classes are meeting onsite, some meet outside (literally), some Zoom meetings, some are meeting at times other than Sundays, and all have been flexible.

Ministries that meet at times other than Sundays have been very active as well. FBC daycare continues to minister to families each day. Mother's Morning Out is back in action. Wednesday has delightfully become Explorer's Bible Study day as four different Explorers groups meet at the facility (beginning at 6:00 a.m.) The GriefShare ministry meets on Wednesday nights. So does the Student Ministry. Awana meets online as does Wednesday night Prayer Meeting.

Because our giving has been strong, FBC has been able to help our church and community with food, encouragement, needs, and a faithful witness for Christ. We distributed over 300 food boxes to folks in Lafayette County. Plus, we are supporting the Margaret Lackey State Missions Offering.

I'm also pleased that so many of you have responded to "I Know Somebody Who..." ministry as we seek to connect with people in our community who need to be involved in church or need prayer.

Thank you for your faithfulness during these unusual days. FBC has shown its best side in these difficult times.

King David wrote in Psalm 25:1 "In You, Lord my God, I put my trust." Uncertain days continue. Let's follow David's example and remember that we can continue to trust in the Lord.

Don



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October

See gotofirst.org for event updates
and the latest safety guidelines.

OCTOBER 4

8:30 a.m. Senior Adult Worship Service
9:45 a.m. Worship Service/Sunday School
11 a.m. Worship Service/Sunday School
6 p.m. Sunday PM for Youth

OCTOBER 6

7 p.m. Tuesday Night Training
on Zoom: Equipping Parents

OCTOBER 7

6:30 a.m. Men's Explorer's
9:30 a.m. Women's Explorer's
12 p.m. Men's & Women's Explorer's
6 p.m. Prayer Meeting on Zoom
6 p.m. Women's Explorer's
6:30 p.m. Midweek for Youth

OCTOBER 11

8:30 a.m. Senior Adult Worship Service
9:45 a.m. Worship Service/Sunday School
11 a.m. Worship Service/Sunday School
6 p.m. Sunday PM for Youth

OCTOBER 13

7 p.m. Tuesday Night Training
on Zoom: Equipping Parents

OCTOBER 14

6:30 a.m. Men's Explorer's
9:30 a.m. Women's Explorer's
12 p.m. Men's & Women's Explorer's
6 p.m. Prayer Meeting on Zoom
6 p.m. Women's Explorer's
6:30 p.m. Midweek for Youth

OCTOBER 15

6:30 p.m. Women's Ministry Book Club

OCTOBER 17

7:30 a.m. Men's Ministry Workday

OCTOBER 18

8:30 a.m. Senior Adult Worship Service
9:45 a.m. Worship Service/Sunday School
11 a.m. Worship Service/Sunday School
6 p.m. Sunday PM for Youth

OCTOBER 20

7 p.m. Tuesday Night Training
on Zoom: Equipping Parents

OCTOBER 21

6:30 a.m. Men's Explorer's
9:30 a.m. Women's Explorer's
12 p.m. Men's & Women's Explorer's
6 p.m. Prayer Meeting on Zoom
6 p.m. Women's Explorer's
6:30 p.m. Midweek for Youth

OCTOBER 25

8:30 a.m. Senior Adult Worship Service
9:45 a.m. Worship Service/Sunday School
11 a.m. Worship Service/Sunday School
4 p.m. Drive Thru Trunk or Treat
6 p.m. Sunday PM for Youth

OCTOBER 27

7 p.m. Tuesday Night Training
on Zoom: Equipping Parents

OCTOBER 28

6:30 a.m. Men's Explorer's
9:30 a.m. Women's Explorer's
12 p.m. Men's & Women's Explorer's
6 p.m. Prayer Meeting on Zoom
6 p.m. Women's Explorer's
6:30 p.m. Midweek for Youth

OCTOBER 31

Daylight Saving Time ends: *Fall back 1 hour*

We will continue to offer online options for worship and Sunday School. Worship Service link available at gotofirst.org. Sunday School Zoom meeting numbers are sent out through church-wide email prior to each meeting. If you would like to be added to our email list to receive meeting access, send a request to pccarter@gotofirst.org.

Our Family

Budget September 1-20, 2020

Budget	\$112,183.14
Building	\$2875.00
Designated	\$18,428.33
Total	\$133,486.47



Margaret Lackey Mission Offering \$6,733.33

Deacons of the Week

- Sept. 27-** Fred Johnson, Paul Hale,
Oct. 3 Nelson Little
Oct. 4-10 Jeff Busby, David Erhart,
Michael Ferris
Oct. 11-17 Paxton Little, Jason Simon,
Kevin Bain
Oct. 18-24 Dave Miller, Derrell Doss,
Lanny Shackelford
Oct. 25-31 Brad Golmon, Jim Rose,
Lane Wilson

Congratulations

Greg and Danielle Snyder welcomed **Joanna Kay Snyder** on Sept. 10. Joanna joins proud siblings Ella, Lily, Phineas, and Jonathan.

Our Sympathy

To Alice Bethay after the loss of her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Jennifer O'Connor.

To Scotty Polston after the loss of his uncle, Mr. Steve Polston.

To Jonathan Etheridge after the loss of his grandmother, Mrs. Emily Etheridge.

To the family of Mrs. Walene O'Dell after her passing.

To Stacey Wright after the loss of her grandmother, Mrs. Elizabeth Koon.

Do you know somebody who is new to town or needs prayer?

Fill out a card in the sanctuary or our online form and let us know!



gotofirst.org/i-know-somebody-who

How may we pray for you?



MISSION & MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Questions? Contact Jeff Holeman at 662.234.3515 or wigtake@gmail.com



SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY Sundays at 7 p.m.
Outdoors by Building 31. *We are studying The Gospel Project.*

ENGLISH LEARNERS' CLASS FOR WOMEN

Tuesdays at 11 a.m. on Zoom *If you know someone who would like to participate, email lynndyfurdle@gmail.com for Zoom meeting information.*

Trunk or Treat at The Links
Saturday, October 31

BRAZIL MISSION TRIP

JUAZEIRO DO NORTE, STATE OF CEARÁ

July 15-25, 2021

Construction, Medical, and Children's ministry teams.

Cost will be a max of \$2400 per person and includes all expenses except some meals and tourist activities. First Baptist Oxford members will receive an \$800 discount.

Please contact Jeff Holeman if you would like to serve on this team.

The logo for GriefShare features the word 'GRIEF' in a serif font, followed by a stylized orange figure of a person with arms raised, and the word 'SHARE' in a serif font with a registered trademark symbol. The background is a yellow and orange gradient with a faint image of a church building.

GRIEF SHARE[®]

New Session: November 4 - January 27

Wednesdays at 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall
Contact Barbara Wright at 662-801-1874 to register.

GriefShare is a weekly seminar and support group offering help and encouragement after the death of a loved one. You are encouraged to join us on any week. Sessions are self-contained.

**Save The Date! Thanksgiving Food Box Distribution.
Tuesday, November 24!**

MEN'S MINISTRY NEWS

mm@gotofirst.org



SATURDAY WORKDAY: OCT. 17

Email mm@gotofirst.org to sign up!

Meet at the CLC at 7:30 a.m.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY NEWS

wmin@gotofirst.org

Monthly Book Club Thursday, October 15 at 6:30 p.m.

Zoom link sent out the event day. Email wmin@gotofirst.org to be added.



FBC LIBRARY

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

Online Catalog now available!

- Search catalog
- Reserve/renew books
- Create reading lists

For a link to the catalog and info about setting up
an online account: gotofirst.org/library

FBC LIBRARY for Kids

- Books for all ages
- Picture Books
- 1,200+ Fiction and Nonfiction AR books
- Board Books
- Easy Readers



Kid-Friendly Online Library Catalog

Click the search catalog button at gotofirst.org/library
and look for the Kidzviz logo on the catalog page.

STUDENT MINISTRY NEWS



11 a.m. on campus and online option available.



Sunday Nights
6-8 p.m. in the CLC



mid
week

Wednesdays 6:30 p.m.
on campus and Zoom



EQUIPPING PARENTS

- Oct. 6 Social Media for Dummies
- Oct. 13 How to Lead a Family Devotion
- Oct. 20 How to Disciple Your Children
- Oct. 27 Your questions answered! Send them to jholeman@gotofirst.org.



TUESDAY NIGHTS IN OCTOBER!
7-7:29 PM. ON ZOOM.

Save the Date! DNOW 2021.
January 15-17!



Youth Bible Drill

for 7-12 graders. It's not too late to sign up for at-home independent study. *Satisfies Super Summer requirements!* Verse cards and schedule available in the church office. Text @29f4kh to 81010 to receive reminders. Contact Lynndy Hurdle for more information at lfhurdle@bellsouth.net or 662-816-1538.

PRESCHOOL & CHILDREN'S NEWS



Children's Bible Drill
for 3-6 graders. It's not too late to
sign up for at-home independent study.
Verse cards and schedule available in the church
office. Contact Whitney for more information at 662-
832-3236 or wsimon@gotofirst.org.

**Awana™
at Home**

gotofirst.org/awana
for handbook how-tos
and weekly videos

Drive Thru Trunk or Treat



October 25 from 4-6 p.m.

We need volunteers to decorate their cars and pass out candy.
No scary decorations! **Deadline to sign up: October 15!**

Contact Whitney at 662-832-3236 or wsimon@gotofirst.org
to sign up or for more information.



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