



## 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 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
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- 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           |
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### **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 pcarter@gotofirst.org.



### 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-<br>Oct. 3 | Fred Johnson, Paul Hale,<br>Nelson Little       |
|---------------------|---|
| Oct. 4-10           | Jeff Busby, David Erhart,<br>Michael Ferris     |
| Oct. 11-17          | Paxton Little, Jason Simon,<br>Kevin Bain       |
| Oct. 18-24          | Dave Miller, Derrell Doss,<br>Lanny Shackelford |
| Oct. 25-31          | Brad Golmon, Jim Rose,<br>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 Jonothan 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!

I know somebody who I needs a visit from a pastor. I is tooking for a church. I is tooking for a church. About Some body... New Metres Page

### 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



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.

## 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

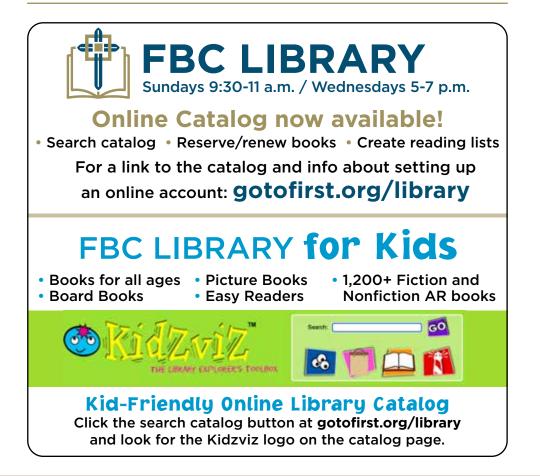
Email mm@gotofirst.org to sign up!

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.



## **STUDENT MINISTRY NEWS**







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

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

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.

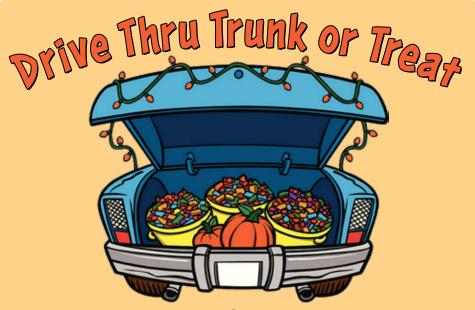
## PRESCHOOL & CHILDREN'S NEWS



### **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.





## 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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