

The Messenger



from the Pastor

Having never lived during a crisis year quite like 2020, I have done my best to learn what I can and not waste this experience. Here are some things I'm learning...

1. Staying connected is hard, but it's worth the effort.

In a time of social distancing and avoiding crowds it's hard to stay connected to each other but the times we can connect are more special.

2. Kids change more in seven months than adults do. As many of our children have been back at Sunday School and worship services, I'm shocked by how much they have grown up in the past few months. I'm so proud of their growth and am reminded of how quickly they grow up.

3. Unplugging from devices really can be good for our souls. While technology is a blessing, taking a break from technology can be a life-saver. Give it a try.

4. Though we can't control our circumstances, we can control our attitude. God is greater than our circumstances. Psalm 118:24 "This is the day that the Lord has made let us rejoice and be glad in it." The last phrase "and be glad" is about our attitude. We have a choice of our attitude each day.

5. God is faithful. - Psalm 90: 1-2

*Lord, you have been our dwelling place
throughout all generations.*

*Before the mountains were born
or you brought forth the whole world,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.*

I hope we will all consider with gratitude what God is teaching us during this strange year.

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November

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

NOVEMBER 1

- 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

NOVEMBER 4

- 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. GriefShare
- 6 p.m. Women's Explorer's
- 6 p.m. Midweek for Youth

NOVEMBER 8

- 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

NOVEMBER 11

- 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. GriefShare
- 6 p.m. Women's Explorer's
- 6 p.m. Midweek for Youth

NOVEMBER 15

Shoebox Dedication Sunday

- 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. Business Meeting
- 6 p.m. Sunday PM for Youth

Business Meeting

to present and vote on the
2021 church budget

Nov. 15 at 4 p.m.

in the sanctuary and available by Zoom

NOVEMBER 18

- 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. GriefShare
- 6 p.m. Women's Explorer's
- 6 p.m. Midweek for Youth

NOVEMBER 19

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

NOVEMBER 22

- 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

NOVEMBER 24

- 8 a.m. Thanksgiving Food Box
Distribution

NOVEMBER 25

- 6 p.m. GriefShare

NOVEMBER 26-27 *Thanksgiving*

Church office closed

NOVEMBER 29

- 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

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.

Our Family

Budget October 1-18, 2020

Budget	\$115,096.35
Building	\$5,275.00
Designated	\$4,630.00
Total	\$125,001.35

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LOTTIE MOON
CHRISTMAS
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FBC Oxford Goal: \$100,000

Deacons of the Week

Nov. 1-7	Paul Hale, Bobby Clanton, Gary Carter
Nov. 8-14	Fred Johnson, Paul Hale, Nelson Little
Nov. 15-21	Jeff Busby, David Erhart, Michael Ferris
Nov. 22-28	Paxton Little, Jason Simon, Kevin Bain
Nov. 29- Dec. 5	Dave Miller, Derrell Doss, Lanny Shackelford

Congratulations

Dudley and Martha Carter welcomed Crews **Michael Carter** on Oct. 15. Crews joins siblings Jane and Henry. Proud grandparents are Tim and Pam Carter.

Our Sympathy

To Mrs. Gaye Flynt after the loss of her husband Mr. Roger Flynt.

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

How may we pray for you?



Scan with your phone camera.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



3 Ways to Pack a Shoebox:

1. Pick up a GO Box and packing instructions in Atrium. Bring your box to Dedication Sunday on November 15.
2. Make a donation and FBC volunteers will pack your box(es) for you. You can write a check to FBC (note Operation Christmas Child) or choose Operation Christmas Child Fund through online giving.
3. Build a Shoebox online at gotofirst.org/occ

NATIONAL COLLECTION WEEK NOV. 16-23

SHOEBOX DEDICATION SUNDAY: NOVEMBER 15

MISSION & MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

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




**Thanksgiving
Food Box Distribution**
Tuesday, November 24
8 a.m. - 1 p.m.
25 volunteers needed



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.



SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY Sundays at 5 p.m.
in the Clubhouse. *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.*

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.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY NEWS wmin@gotofirst.org

Monthly Book Club Thursday, November 19 at 6:30 p.m.

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

Fall into a good book at the FBC Library

Open Sundays 9:30-11 a.m.

Downstairs next to the Old Fellowship Hall

gotofirst.org/library

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

STUDENT MINISTRY NEWS



FBC OXFORD STUDENTS
SUNDAY AM
11 a.m. Sundays



FBC OXFORD STUDENTS
SUNDAY PM
6 p.m. Sundays



mid
week
6 p.m. Wednesdays



11th/12th grade
FRIENDSGIVING
Monday, Nov. 16 at 6 p.m.
at Alyssa's house
200 Bradford Cove

SAVE THE DATE!
DNow 2021 • Jan 15-17!

No overnight in homes this year.
Robbie Crawford, teacher
901 Church Worship, worship band



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. Contact Lynndy Hurdle for more info at lfhurdle@bellsouth.net or 662-816-1538.

PRESCHOOL & CHILDREN'S NEWS

 [FirstBaptistOxfordPreschoolMinistry](#)
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FBC Preschool Ministry is collecting money to help pay postage costs for shoeboxes collected at FBC Oxford.

Bring your donation to the Preschool Desk by November 15 or donate at gotofirst.org/give. Click give online and select Operation Christmas Child Fund.

Preschool and Children's Sunday School

Sundays at 11 a.m. Check in downstairs from the Atrium
Check out Gospel Project resources at gotofirst.org/children

**Awana[™]
at Home**

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

babydedication Dec. 6
Sign up with Jennifer (jwoodard@gotofirst.org)



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.



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