

The Messenger



from the Pastor

Did anything good happen in 2020? Although 2020 brought many unforeseen challenges, I think it's important to remember some good things happened. People got married. Children were born. People came to salvation through faith in Jesus Christ. People grew in their faith.

At FBC, some good things happened in 2020.

Good things happened with our FBC Staff.

- Dina Addy became the full-time Financial Administrative Assistant.
- Whitney Simon became our Director of Children's Ministry
- Jeff Holeman became our Pastor for Discipleship and Mission Strategy.
- As 2021 begins we welcome Louis, Katie, Abe, and Jude Zinc to our church. Louis will take over as Student Pastor in January.

Good things happened through our church's faithful giving. While we didn't quite meet the budget, our giving exceeded our expenses again this year. Because of your giving, FBC was able to help many struggling people. Thank you.

We also learned some lessons in 2020 that carry over into 2021.

- We were reminded that the church is a people, not a place.
- We learned that while 'in-person' is better, God blesses us 'online', too.
- We were reminded that there is great value in ministering in the community with the gospel.
- We learned that our strength is not in our meetings but the Lord.

My prayer for FBC in 2021 is that we will take to heart the words of Paul in Colossians 3:15-17.

"Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him."

We cannot know what 2021 holds for us, but we can know the One who holds us!

Happy New Year!

Don



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January

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

JANUARY 1

New Year's Day

Church office closed

JANUARY 3

9:30 a.m. Youth Sunday School - online

10:30 a.m. Sunday School - online

11 a.m. Worship Service



**EXPLORER'S
BIBLE STUDY**

All groups will meet online through Zoom during the month of January.

JANUARY 6

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

JANUARY 10

Commissioning The Links Missionaries

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

JANUARY 13

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

JANUARY 14

7 p.m. Links Interest Meeting on Zoom

JANUARY 17

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

JANUARY 18

*Martin Luther
King, Jr. Day*

Church office closed

JANUARY 20

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

JANUARY 21

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

JANUARY 23

9 a.m. Virtual VBS Training

Quarterly Business Meeting

January 24 at 4 p.m.

in the sanctuary and available by Zoom

JANUARY 24

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. Quarterly Business Meeting

4 p.m. Children's Bible Drill

6 p.m. Sunday PM for Youth

JANUARY 27

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

5:30 p.m. Youth Bible Drill

6 p.m. Prayer Meeting on Zoom

6 p.m. GriefShare

6 p.m. Women's Explorer's

6 p.m. Midweek for Youth

Our Family

JANUARY 31

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.	Sunday School Teacher Training
4 p.m.	Children's Bible Drill
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.



How may we pray for you?

Scan with your phone camera.

Budget November 2020

Budget	\$158,173.52
Building	\$2,230.00
Designated	\$17,829.94
Total	\$178,233.46

Budget December 1-27, 2020

Budget	\$225,288.69
Building	\$3,515.00
Designated	\$70,194.94
Total	\$298,998.63

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LOTTIE MOON
CHRISTMAS
OFFERING®

FBC Oxford Goal: \$100,000

Given to date: \$90,938.88

Deacons of the Week

Dec. 27-	Jeff Busby, David Erhart,
Jan. 2	Michael Ferris
Jan. 3-9	Michael Meurrier, Paxton Little, Derrell Doss
Jan. 10-16	Dave Miller, Daniel Denton, Kevin Bain
Jan. 17-23	Lanny Shackelford, Jason Simon, Gary Carter
Jan. 24-30	Brad Golmon, Jeff Busby, Paul Hale
Jan. 31-	David Erhart, Bobby Clanton,
Feb. 6	Lane Wilson

New Members in December

Matt and Stacey Wright, Mack and Gail Peters, Tyler and Whitney Sweeney

Congratulations

Wes and Tabitha Denton welcomed a baby girl, Scotlyn Rose Denton, on December 11.

Justin and Keri Jo Sapp welcomed a baby boy, Asher Allen Sapp, on December 21.

Our Sympathy

To Mr. Wayne Crockett and Mrs. Virginia Hall after the loss of their sister, Mrs. Rosemary Austin.

To Mrs. Heather Lea Hopson after the loss of her father, G. L. "Junior" Wilemon.

To Mr. Ben Hellums after the loss of his grandfather, Reverend Charles "Pop" Lyndle Davis, Sr.

To Mrs. Virginia Hall after the loss of her husband, Mr. Danny Porter Hall, Sr.

To Mr. Kurt Brummett after the loss of his mother, Mrs. Doris Virginia Green Brummett.

MISSION & MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

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



SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY Sundays at 5 p.m.
in Building 28, Apt. 7. We will resume meeting Jan. 10.
We are studying The Gospel Project.

ENGLISH LEARNERS' CLASS FOR WOMEN

Thursdays at 11:30 a.m. on Zoom *If you know someone who would like to participate, email lynndyfurdle@gmail.com for Zoom meeting information.*

COMMISSIONING STEVE AND LYNNDY HURDLE local missionaries to the Links

Sunday, January 10, during morning worship services

LINKS MINISTRY INTEREST MEETING January 14 at 7 p.m.
on Zoom. FBC members can hear what is planned for the Links Ministry and get plugged in to help. We want to encourage anyone to listen. There is no obligation by attending the meeting. *Email lynndyfurdle@gmail.com for Zoom meeting information.*

MCNEESE UNIVERSITY/LAKE CHARLES, LOUISIANA DISASTER RELIEF TRIP January 21 to 24

No cost, but reservation required. Yard work, landscaping, light construction. Contact Jeff if interested: wigtake@gmail.com

OAXACA MISSIONS PARTNERSHIP

FBC Oxford has adopted the Tlacolula Valley Zapotec people and we send teams to work in several communities among this people group in southern Mexico.

- **MEDICAL TEAM** March 20-26, 2021. \$950 per person.
 - **WOMEN'S MINISTRY** April 17-24, 2021. \$950 per person.
 - **OAXACA LEADER TRAINING** August 18-23, 2021. \$950 per person.
- FBC Oxford members/college students receive a \$500 discount.*



MISSION TRIP TO THE AMAZON RIVER (PERU)

EVANGELISM AND DISCIPLESHIP IN VILLAGES **MAY 9-19**

\$2400 includes all costs except meals to/from field.
FBC members/College students get \$800 discount.
Email Jeff at wigtake@gmail.com if you want to go.

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.

Coming in February

TOUCH OXFORD OUTREACH

Tuesdays at 5 p.m. snack supper and 5:30 p.m. prayer assignments, visits, note writing, phone calls.

Fridays at 1 p.m. coffee and dessert in the church office. Phone calls and note writing.



CONNECTING DAILY WITH THE FATHER

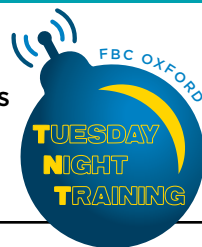
Begins Valentine's Day! A 50 day challenge to spend 15 minutes in prayer and Bible study every day until Easter Sunday!

TUESDAY NIGHT TRAINING

February: Improving Your Prayer Life. 7 p.m. Tuesdays

No Tuesday Night Training in March.

April: The Fruit of the Spirit. 7 p.m. Tuesdays



Flowers are the perfect way to...
Celebrate. Honor. Remember.

If you are interested in placing flowers in the sanctuary for Sunday morning services, call the church office at (662) 234-3515 or Lona Waller at (662) 801-5553 for available dates.



New Year, New Knowledge

Inspired by 2 Peter 1:5-8, the FBC Library encourages readers of all ages to supplement your faith with knowledge from the church library.

Search the catalog and reserve books at gotofirst.org/library. You will be contacted when books are available for pick up in the Atrium.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY NEWS wmin@gotofirst.org

Monthly Book Club Thursday, January 21 at 6:30 p.m.

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

PRESCHOOL & CHILDREN'S NEWS



gotofirst.org/awana

for handbook how-tos and weekly videos

Virtual VBS Training

January 23 from 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
in the Fellowship Hall and online.

Registration required. Contact Whitney for more info at 662-832-3236 or wsimon@gotofirst.org.



Children's Bible Drill for 3-6 graders.
Sundays at 4 p.m. in Room 32, begins Jan. 24.

Contact Whitney for more info at 662-832-3236 or wsimon@gotofirst.org.

Father & Son Weekend: Feb. 26-28

We are excited to have Bro. Don Gann speaking and Bro. Chris Cauthen leading worship for this event. This weekend is designed for young men 1st - 6th grade and their father/figure. Registration will open Jan. 15 and end on Feb. 15. To register, call 662-289-9730.




Children's Mission Camp
Save the Date: July 8-10

for kids in grades 2-6 *more info to come*

STUDENT MINISTRY NEWS

We are excited to welcome Louis Zinc, our new Student Pastor, along with his wife Katie, and sons Abraham and Jude. Pray for their family as they move to Oxford and begin leading our students.



FBC OXFORD STUDENTS
SUNDAY AM
Sundays at 11 a.m.
in person and on Zoom
returns Jan. 10!



Sundays at 6 p.m.
in the CLC
returns Jan. 10!



**mid
week**

Wednesdays at 6 p.m.
on the 3rd Floor
returns Jan. 6!



Youth Bible Drill for 7-12 graders.
Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. in Room 309,
begins Jan. 27 Contact Lynndy Hurdle for more info
at 662-816-1538 or lfurdle@bellsouth.net.

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