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The Messenger



FROM THE PASTOR

Vacation Bible School is always an exciting way to kick off the summer at FBC. “Destination Dig” is the theme for VBS this year. The theme invites our church to pack our bags and grab our gear and go on a virtual archeological expedition. Our kids will hope to discover amazing and exciting evidence that shows that biblical events weren’t just stories, but they really happened.

We pray that our kids and workers uncover the truth about Jesus in their lives. As junior archeologists, our kids will be given the opportunity to discover the truth of Jeremiah 29:13 *“You will seek me and find me when you search for me with all your heart.”* All of us would benefit by starting the summer by giving our hearts, in a fresh way, to Jesus.

As our church building is transformed into an archeological dig site June 7-11, perhaps you wonder why we make such a big deal about our children in general and VBS in particular? Here are some reasons:

- **Jesus loves children!** Mark 10 teaches us that people were bringing children to Jesus in order that He might touch them, but the disciples tried to prevent this. Mark 10:14 says:

When Jesus saw it, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the little children come to me. Don’t stop them, because the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.”

Part of the mission of FBC is to help children know that God loves them. We want our children to know that Jesus is God in flesh. He shows us God’s love by giving His life on the cross for the forgiveness of our sin.

- **The Bible is relevant to children!** The Bible is the Living Word of God. 2 Timothy 3:16 reminds of the value of the Bible. “All Scripture is inspired by God and is profitable for teaching, for rebuking, for correcting, for training in righteousness.” Let’s help these children get started on the biblical path of following Jesus.

- **FBC loves our children!** God has blessed FBC with the best children around. Let’s love them and care for them. Let’s also help their families continue in the ways of Christ.

I hope you’ll join me in supporting ‘Destination Dig’ with your prayers and involvement.

See you in church on Sunday,

Don

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JUNE 2

- 6 p.m. Prayer Meeting on Zoom
- 6 p.m. Midweek for Youth

JUNE 6

- 8 a.m. Worship Service
- 9:15 a.m. Worship Service/Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. Worship Service/Sunday School

JUNE 7-11

Vacation Bible School, daily 9 a.m.-noon

JUNE 9

- 6 p.m. Prayer Meeting on Zoom
- 6 p.m. Midweek for Youth

JUNE 11

5:30 p.m. VBS Family Night

JUNE 13

- 8 a.m. Worship Service
- 9:15 a.m. Worship Service/Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. Worship Service/Sunday School
- 6 p.m. Sunday PM for Youth

JUNE 16

6 p.m. Prayer Meeting on Zoom

JUNE 17

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

JUNE 20

Father's Day

- 8 a.m. Worship Service
- 9:15 a.m. Worship Service/Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. Worship Service/Sunday School

JUNE 22

5:30 p.m. Outreach in the Fellowship Hall

JUNE 23

6 p.m. Prayer Meeting on Zoom

JUNE 25

1 p.m. Outreach in the Choir Room

JUNE 27

- 8 a.m. Worship Service
- 9:15 a.m. Worship Service/Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. Worship Service/Sunday School
- 5 p.m. Family Fun Night at Taylor Greene

JUNE 30

6 p.m. Prayer Meeting on Zoom

New Sunday AM Schedule begins June 6

WORSHIP

8 am

(Preschool care only)

9:15 am

10:30 am

SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:15 am for all ages

10:30 am for all ages



Check out Sunday Bible Study options at gotofirst.org/sunday.

Our Family

Deacons of the Week

May 30-	Michael Meurrier, Paxton
June 5	Little, Derrell Doss
June 6-12	Dave Miller, Daniel Denton, Kevin Bain
June 13-19	Lanny Shackelford, Jason Simon, Gary Carter
June 20-26	Brad Golmon, Jeff Busby, Paul Hale
June 27-	David Erhart, Bobby Clanton,
July 3	Lane Wilson

Budget May 1-23, 2021

Budget	\$ 175,417.05
Building	\$ 2,964.00
Designated	\$ 36,894.80
Total	\$ 215,275.85

GO TELL OFFERING

GO TELL OFFERING will be collected during the months of June and July.

FBC Goal: \$18,000

Go Tell provides financial assistance to First Baptist Oxford members/college students on mission trips.



FBC Library

Open Sundays 9-11 a.m.

Online Catalog available at
gotofirst.org/library

- Search the entire catalog
- Reserve and renew books

New members in May

Mr and Mrs. Weldon and Debbie Aultman

Mr. and Mrs. Courtney and Heather Humphries along with their children Parker, Marley and Elliot

Our Sympathy

To the family of Mrs. Polly Guyton after her passing.

To Mr. Jamie Hopson and family after the loss of his mother Ms. Willinda Bruce Sellers Hopson.

Discipleship

OUTREACH

Tuesday, June 22. 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.
Friday, June 25. 1 p.m. in the Choir Room.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Preschool, Children, and Youth
Sunday School Teacher Training: July 18
5 p.m. meal. 5:30-7:30 p.m. training

Angie Boydston from the MS Baptist Convention will be leading the Preschool training. John Saxon, Family Pastor of Jubilee Baptist Church in Daphne, AL, will be leading Children's training. Dr. Gary Permenter will be leading Youth training.

Adult Bible Study Leader Training: August 15
5 p.m. meal. 5:30-7:30 p.m. training

This training is for all adult Sunday School leaders, Life U leaders, and those interested in serving. Registration begins July 1!

COMMITTEES AND TEAMS

Committee/Team Leadership Training: August 29
5-7:30 p.m. This training is for those serving on committees and teams during the 2021/22 church year. Registration begins July 1!

Life University begins September 12.

5 p.m. Life U is discipleship training for adults.
Classes for Fall 2021 include: Parenting with Purpose.
Men's Round Table. Women's Round Table.

D-LIFE BOOT CAMP

Training for a lifestyle
of discipleship.



First Baptist Oxford
Saturday, August 7

9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Cost is \$10 per person and includes training materials.

Register
online
today!



LEAD like Jesus Weekend: October 15-17

This training is for all FBC Oxford church leadership and those interested in serving in leadership roles. 2021 Training will focus on developing conflict resolution skills. Registration begins August 1!

You are invited to join us for



EXPLORER'S

B I B L E S T U D Y

God's Perfect Plan in Prophecy and the book of Revelation

Beginning August 18

Teaching Leaders: Beth Fitts and Joe Meurrier

WEDNESDAY CHURCH & ONLINE CLASSES

- 6:30 a.m. Groups for men
- 9:30 a.m. Groups for women
Children's program, ages 1 year-6th grade
- 12 p.m. Groups for men and women
- 6 p.m. Groups for women

ADDITIONAL ONLINE CLASSES

- 6:30 p.m. Mondays for women
- 9:30 a.m. Tuesdays for women

Explorer's also offers personal study option.

Call (662) 801-1517 to register.

Missions

Links Connections

FBC Oxford Ministry to
the Links Apartments

BIBLE STUDY Sundays at 5 p.m. Bldg. 28, Apt. 7

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Summer Kickoff Pool Party
Saturday, June 5 (time TBA)

Vacation Bible School
at The Links Apartments.

Helpers are needed June 14-16 from 6-7:30 p.m.



*Email lynndyfurdle@gmail.com for more information
about any of these ministry opportunities.*

 [linkconnections](https://www.facebook.com/linkconnections) • Check out volunteer opportunities at gotofirst.org/links

MARKS SPORTS CAMP! June 21-23

We'll travel to Marks, Mississippi, each day to love on some kids!

We need help with food and crowd control. Can you help?

Contact Jeff Holeman at wigtake@gmail.com or 662-234-3515.



RUNNING THE RACE
HEBREWS 12:1-2

FBC Family Fun Night!

June 27 at Taylor Greene • 5-7 p.m.

*Fun for the whole family with food
(burgers and hotdogs, watermelon and fruit),
games, and a magic show!*



**Pray for our summer missionaries
serving in Mexico during June!**

*Sage, Samantha, Jody, Rachael, Eli,
Ahanna-Grace, Hannah, Rachel, and Nissa*

**Pray for our summer missionaries
serving in Peru during June and July!**

*Gracie, Kaitlyn, Alyssa, Joanna,
and Sydney*



Pray for our Brazil Mission Team!

*Brodie Burns, Cheryl Crady, Stephen Crady,
Brenda Gordon, Craig Gordon, Greg
Hamrick, Jeff Holeman, Liesa Holeman,
Becky Keilhorn, Nelson Little, Michael
Meurrier, Angus Moorman, Abi Rayburn,
Tammy Shelton, Ethan Stubblefield*



ITALY MISSION TRIP

December 6 to 16. Rome, Italy

Cost is \$2600. Ministry includes Refugee Ministry, Prayer Walking College Campus, Missionary Care. Contact Jeff Holeman for more information. FBC Members receive discounts on mission trips.

PRESCHOOL & CHILDREN'S NEWS

 FirstBaptistOxfordPreschoolMinistry
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 FirstBaptistOxfordChildrensMinistry
Follow us on facebook

Sunday School *new schedule starts June 6!*
9:15 and 10:30 a.m. Check in downstairs from the Atrium.

AVOID THE SUMMER BACKSLIDE



Make a Splash
with Reading

The church library is making it easy for children to keep reading this summer. Visit the library Sundays during June to pick up your FREE book! One book per child.



Children's Mission Camp
JULY 8-10, 2021
open to the first 30 kids,
2nd-6th grade. Cost: \$120/child

Register at www.centralhills.org
Parents will need to create an account and use the GHR ID Code: fbcoxford
Payment should be made to FBC Oxford. *Please register by June 30.*

Central Hills Baptist Retreat, West, MS 39192



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 7-11
9 a.m.-noon

Open to all kids completing
Kindergarten-6th grade.

Volunteers and participants
can register at

gotofirst.org/vbs



Family Night

Friday, June 11

Dinner in the Fellowship Hall at 5:30 p.m.
Hamburgers and hot dogs \$1/person

Worship Rally at 6:15 p.m. in the sanctuary

**This year's Vacation Bible School Offering
will support the ministry of Agape Italia.**

Our goal is \$3000 for refugee kits.

Each kit includes a sleeping bag, nice jacket,
thermal top, thermal pants, socks, & gloves.

Give online: gotofirst.org/give

Click on **give online**. Under **Select a Fund**,
choose **VBS Offering-GIRLS** or **VBS Offering-BOYS**.
or give at the church during VBS June 7-11!

First Baptist Oxford presents

Unchangeable GOD

SUMMER DANCE CAMP

We have a few spots available in each group.

June 21-25, 2021

9-11:30 a.m. - entering 3rd-5th grade

12:30-3 p.m. - entering 6th-12th grade

Details and registration at gotofirst.org/dancecamp

STUDENT NEWS [@Studentsgoto1st](https://twitter.com/Studentsgoto1st) [@studentsgotofirst](https://www.instagram.com/studentsgotofirst)

Sunday AM new schedule starts June 6!

9:15 and 10:30 a.m. on the 3rd Floor

Big 7 Trip June 27 - 30

For those who have completed 6th and 7th grade. Pigeon Forge.

Camp Living Stones July 26 - 31

Star Mountain, Engelwood, TN. For those who have completed 6th - 12th grade. There are a few spots still available! You can register and pay online: gotofirst.org/students. Please call the church office or contact Louis at lzinc@gotofirst.org if you have any questions!

WOMEN'S MINISTRY NEWS wmin@gotofirst.org

Monthly Book Club Thursday, June 17 at 6:30 p.m.

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

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