

The Messenger



FROM THE PASTOR

As believers in Jesus Christ, we seek to help all people everywhere hear and understand the Gospel. In Mississippi, we cooperate with our brother and sister Baptists to take the Good News of Jesus to every part of our state. One of the ways we unite, beyond the Cooperative Program, is through the Margaret Lackey State Mission Offering.

Margaret Lackey was a Mississippi Baptist who believed every person in our state should know about Jesus. The offering that bears her name seeks to fulfill her vision.

Who are the people the offering seeks to reach? They are people who can't read. People in prison. People who have handicaps that prevent them from enjoying the ministry of most churches. They are people who live in Mississippi but are from some 70 different countries around the world. They are people who work on ships that dock in a Mississippi port. They are children who normally couldn't afford to go to a Christian summer camp. They are people affected by disasters. No local church could minister to all these needs alone. Yet, when we cooperate, we can minister to these and more.

MARGARET LACKEY OFFERING FOR MISSISSIPPI MISSIONS

Can you imagine not being able to read well enough as an adult to fill out a job application? Mississippi Baptists teach Mississippians to read often using the Bible as the first reading material. Can you imagine being hearing-impaired? Mississippi Baptists help minister to the deaf. Can you imagine being released from prison with no job skills? Mississippi Baptists are helping inmates learn job skills and faith.

First Baptist Church gives to support these ministries through the Margaret Lackey offering. We hope to give \$100 per county making our goal \$8200. Would you consider supporting this offering to help our whole state hear about Jesus?

Thanks for your prayers in this matter. I'll see you in church on Sunday.

Don



OCTOBER 1

7:30 p.m. Church wide Movie Night



Oct. 1 at 7:30 p.m.
in the FBC memory garden

Feature Film: **Overcomer**

Popcorn provided. Bring chairs
and blankets for the lawn.

OCTOBER 3

8 a.m. Worship Service
9:15 a.m. Worship Service/Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship Service/Sunday School
4 p.m. Awana: WUTS Up Night
4:30 p.m. Youth grades 10-12 at the Zinc's
5 p.m. Life U
5 p.m. DLife Groups
6 p.m. Youth grades 7-9 in the CLC

OCTOBER 5

5:30 p.m. Outreach

OCTOBER 6

6:30 a.m. Men's Explorer's Bible Study
9:30 a.m. Women's Explorer's Bible Study
12 p.m. Men's & Women's Explorer's
Bible Study
4 p.m. GriefShare
5 p.m. Fellowship Meal
6 p.m. KidZone for Preschool & Children
6 p.m. Midweek for Youth
6 p.m. Prayer Meeting
6 p.m. Women's Explorer's Bible Study
6 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
7 p.m. Band Rehearsal

OCTOBER 8

1 p.m. Outreach

OCTOBER 9

Youth Football Parking Fundraiser

OCTOBER 10

8 a.m. Worship Service
9:15 a.m. Worship Service/Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship Service/Sunday School
11:30 a.m. College Ministry Lunch
in the Christian Life Center
4 p.m. Awana: BARF/Glow Night
5 p.m. Life U
5 p.m. DLife Groups
6 p.m. Name That Tune
Dessert Fellowship
6 p.m. Youth in the CLC

OCTOBER 11

Youth Old Mountain Adventure Trip

OCTOBER 13

6:30 a.m. Men's Explorer's Bible Study
9:30 a.m. Women's Explorer's Bible Study
12 p.m. Men's & Women's Explorer's
Bible Study
4 p.m. GriefShare
5 p.m. Fellowship Meal
6 p.m. KidZone for Preschool & Children
6 p.m. Midweek for Youth
6 p.m. Prayer Meeting
6 p.m. Women's Explorer's Bible Study
6 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
7 p.m. Band Rehearsal

OCTOBER 15

6 p.m. Parents' Night Out (*Registration required*)

OCTOBER 16

7:30 a.m. Men's Ministry Workday
8 a.m. Mission Trip Security Training
9:30 a.m. Women's Pumpkin Painting

OCTOBER 17

8 a.m. Worship Service
9:15 a.m. Worship Service/Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship Service/Sunday School
4 p.m. Awana: Store Night
5 p.m. Life U
5 p.m. DLife Groups
6 p.m. Quarterly Business Meeting
6 p.m. Youth in the CLC

Our Family

OCTOBER 20

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Explorer's Bible Study
9:30 a.m. Women's Explorer's Bible Study
12 p.m. Men's & Women's Explorer's Bible Study
4 p.m. GriefShare
5 p.m. Fellowship Meal
6 p.m. KidZone for Preschool & Children
6 p.m. Midweek for Youth
6 p.m. Prayer Meeting
6 p.m. Women's Explorer's Bible Study
6 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
7 p.m. Band Rehearsal

OCTOBER 21

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

OCTOBER 23

- Youth Football Parking Fundraiser

OCTOBER 24

- 8 a.m. Worship Service
9:15 a.m. Worship Service/Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship Service/Sunday School
4 p.m. Awana: Costume Night
4:30 p.m. Youth grades 10-12 at the Zinc's
5 p.m. Life U
5 p.m. DLife Groups
6 p.m. Youth grades 7-9 in the CLC

OCTOBER 27

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Explorer's Bible Study
9:30 a.m. Women's Explorer's Bible Study
12 p.m. Men's & Women's Explorer's Bible Study
4 p.m. GriefShare
5 p.m. Fellowship Meal
6 p.m. KidZone for Preschool & Children
6 p.m. Midweek for Youth
6 p.m. Prayer Meeting
6 p.m. Women's Explorer's Bible Study
6 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
7 p.m. Band Rehearsal

OCTOBER 31

- 8 a.m. Worship Service
9:15 a.m. Worship Service/Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship Service/Sunday School
3 p.m. Kids Carnival and Trunk or Treat

Budget September 1-26, 2021

Budget	\$158,053.16
Building	\$6005.00
Designated	\$27,930.94
Total	\$191,989.10

**Margaret Lackey Offering
for Mississippi Missions
Given to date: \$4,800**

Deacons of the Week

- Sept. 26-** Brad Golmon, Thomas Herrington, Paul Hale
Oct. 2
Oct. 3-9 Bill Rose, Bobby Clanton, Lane Wilson
Oct. 10-16 Fred Johnson, Jim Rose, Nelson Little
Oct. 17-23 Larry Little, Mike Tomes, Craig Kirkendall
Oct. 24-30 Jason Woodard, Paxton Little, Derrell Doss
Oct. 31- Dave Miller, Daniel Denton,
Nov. 6 Kevin Bain

New Members in September

Lucas Yow; Donna Metheney; Davis Hellums; Caroline Turner; Fernando, Monika, Daniel, Marco, and Gabbie Pineda

Congratulations

Stephen and Katie Willhauck welcomed **Judah Howard Willhauck** on Aug. 31. Judah joins big brother Everett and big sister Gloria.

Noah and Megan Miller welcomed **Daniel Ray Miller** on Sept. 9. Daniel joins big brother Thomas.

Our Sympathy

To Mr. Stan Abel and Mr. Randall Abel after the loss of their mother, Ms. Ellen Louise Parnell.

To Mrs. Ibbey Morris after the loss of her husband, Mr. Larry Morris.

Discipleship

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Critical Needs for Sunday School Teachers

- College Ministry needs small group leaders at 9:15 a.m. on Sunday mornings.
- Couples (age 18 to 30) needs a teacher at 9:15 a.m.
- Women (age 22 to 40) needs a teacher at 9:15 a.m.
Please contact Jeff Holeman if you are interested in serving as a Sunday School teacher.

Adult Sunday School Leader Training

November 7 6-7:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

For all Adult Sunday School Workers and those interested in becoming Sunday School Workers.

SAVE THE DATE: DLIFE TRAINING

Are you interested in leading a DLife Group?

Our next DLife Leader Training will be November 28 at 4 p.m.



Sundays at 5 p.m.

- **MEN: Growing in Godliness** Room 303
Led by Don Gann and Tyler Stacy
- **WOMEN: Boundaries for Kids** Room 312
Led by Melinda Gann
- **COED Bible Book Study: Hebrews** Room 309
Led by Jim Propes

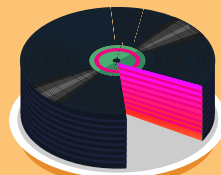
NAME THAT TUNE

Dessert Fellowship

October 10 at 6 p.m.

in the Fellowship Hall

Bring your favorite dessert and compete against the church staff in a game of Name That Tune! Invite someone to sit with you!





OUTREACH

Tuesday, October 5

5:30 p.m. Snack supper. 5:45-6:45 pm. letters, phone calls, visits.
Preschool care available.

Friday, October 8

1 pm. Coffee and dessert. 1:15-2 p.m. letters, phone calls, visits.

Fall Prayer Walking Opportunity

FBC Oxford will be prayer walking our community beginning Oct. 3.
More details announced in worship services on Oct 3 and 10.

Spring Collaborative Missionary Network Meeting

Monday, October 11 at First Baptist Church Abbeville at 6 pm.
If any FBC Oxford member would like to attend as a messenger
please call Corie Miller in the church office.

Mississippi Baptist Convention Annual Meeting

October 26-27 at First Baptist Jackson, MS
If any FBC Oxford member would like to attend as a messenger
please call Corie Miller in the church office.

Mission Team Meeting

Sunday, October 24 at 4 p.m.
The 2021/22 Mission Team is Buster Hale, Alyssa Lee,
Nelson Little, Michael Meurrier, Brodie Burns, Steve Hurdle,
Abi Rayburn, Elizabeth Simon.

FBC OXFORD PRAYER ROOM

Fellowship Hall Room 219

The Prayer Room is open Monday-Friday • 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Special times can be scheduled upon request.

To reserve a time please contact Corie Miller
cmiller@gotofirst.org or 662-234-3515.

Missions

UPCOMING MISSION TRIPS

CONTACT JEFF HOLEMAN IF INTERESTED IN ANY OF THESE OPPORTUNITIES.

Italy Refugee / Evangelism Project Rome, Italy. Dec. 6-16.

\$2200 (FBC Members pay \$1700)

Lots and lots and lots of walking. Work will include providing refugees with winter clothing, prayer walking university campuses, fellowship with CRU workers, and more!

Oaxaca College Trip Oaxaca, Mexico. Dec. 27-Jan. 7

\$1900 (FBC College Students pay \$1200)

Work will include evangelism, teaching English, discipleship studies, and more!

Oaxaca Medical Trip Oaxaca, Mexico. Feb. 17-24

\$1400 (FBC Members pay \$900)

Medical clinics in village communities. All types of medical/dental personnel needed. Barbers/Hairstylists needed. People with no medical skills are needed, also.

Eastern Europe College Trip March 12-20

\$2000 (FBC College Students pay \$1300)

We will be serving college students in Eastern Europe.

Oaxaca Women's Ministry Trip Oaxaca, Mexico. April 2-7

\$1400 (FBC Members pay \$900)

Serving women in communities in southern Mexico

Oaxaca Men's Construction Trip Oaxaca, Mexico. May 9-14

\$900 (FBC Members pay \$400)

Construction project at Oaxaca Christian School.

Brazil Mission Trip Location TBA. July 15 to 24

\$2400 (FBC Members pay \$1700)

Construction, Medical, and Children's Ministry Opportunities.

Mission Trip Security Training

Saturday, October 16 from 8 a.m.-1 p.m.

All FBC Oxford members who want to receive financial help must have this training every two years. Cost is \$45 per person (FBC Members do not pay but must make a reservation.) Please call the church office at 662-234-3515 to make your reservation.

Oaxaca Construction Team
October 17-22

OAXACA

Pray for Wes Henry, Jason Simon, Ronnie Conner, and Jeff Holeman. This team will be helping Oaxaca Christian School with a construction project. If you would like to join the team please contact Jeff Holeman.

Links Connections

FBC Oxford Ministry to
the Links Apartments

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

COMMUNITY EVENTS


Outdoor Worship Service Sunday, Oct. 3

11 a.m. on the Tennis Court. *Weather permitting.*

Trunk or Treat

Saturday, Oct. 30 at 6 p.m. beside the Office/Clubhouse

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

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

MEN'S MINISTRY NEWS

mm@gotofirst.org



SATURDAY WORKDAY: OCTOBER 16

Email mm@gotofirst.org to sign up!

Meet at the Christian Life Center at 7:30 a.m.



FBC LIBRARY Open Sundays 9-11 a.m.
and Wednesdays 5-7 p.m.

Online Catalog available at gotofirst.org/library

- Search the entire catalog
- Reserve and renew books

October is Pastor Appreciation Month

*The FBC Library team would like to thank our pastors
for their guidance, teaching, and dedication.*

WOMEN'S MINISTRY NEWS wmin@gotofirst.org

Monthly Book Club Thursday, October 21 at 6:30 p.m.
"Sense and Sensibility" by Jane Austen, available in the FBC Library.
Email wmin@gotofirst.org for more information.

Pumpkin Painting and Panel Discussion

Enjoy a fall craft, dessert, and learn about traditions and daily rhythms to keep Christ at the center of your home.

Saturday, October 16

9:30-11:00 on the church lawn and in the Fellowship Hall
Preschool and childcare available. Cost is \$10.



RSVP by October 9 at gotofirst.org/wmin

babydedication Nov. 7

Sign up by Oct. 20 with Jennifer (jwoodard@gotofirst.org)

PRESCHOOL & CHILDREN'S NEWS

Preschool & Children's Departments

PARENTS' NIGHT OUT October 15 • 6-9 p.m.

Sign up deadline: October 10!
Sign up at the Preschool Desk and at the Children's Desk.

FBC Oxford Preschool and Children's Ministries

Kids Karnival & Trunk or Treat

Sunday, October 31 • 3-5 p.m.

inflatables, games, food, door prizes, and
Trunk or Treat in the church parking lot.
No scary costumes!

CANDY DONATIONS NEEDED!

Drop off candy in the atrium, children's
Sunday school area, or the church office.



Trunk or Treat

Families can team up!

We would like to have at least 30 cars
participating. Sign up with Whitney at
662-832-3236 or wsimon@gotofirst.org
by October 24!

AWANA Sundays 4-6 p.m.
2 years-6th grade
gotofirst.org/awana



FIRST KIDZONE

Wednesdays 6-7:01 p.m.
K-6th graders in the CLC and
preschoolers in the Preschool area.



gotofirst.org/dance

Thrive is the dance ministry of First Baptist Oxford. Our primary objective is to glorify our Lord and Savior, JESUS CHRIST, by providing an encouraging atmosphere led by experienced teachers and accompanied by Christian music and worshipful performance opportunities.

3rd-12th grade meet on Tuesdays.

Ballet/Lyrical • Hip-Hop • Jazz/Contemporary



4 year olds-2nd grade meet on Mondays.

Creative Movement • Ballet Basics • Ballet/Jazz Fusion

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



We will be working church parking lots
for Ole Miss gamedays this season!

Oct. 9 Arkansas Oct. 23 LSU

Old Mountain Adventures (Winona, MS / Fall Break)

Monday, October 11 Sign up at gotofirst.org/students

Operation Christmas Child Holiday Trip (Atlanta, GA)

November 22-24 Details to come!

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