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The Messenger



FROM THE PASTOR

Some habits are hard to break, and some habits are hard to start. Since the beginning of the pandemic, First Baptist Church has sought to navigate a balancing act between keeping our ministries safe for participants and still active and effective. Thank you for your constant prayers and support as our church has been flexible. The truth is, God has blessed First Baptist Church during this time. We've baptized many people, we've added people to our fellowship, we've had guests visit us regularly, and our church has been generous in tithes and offerings. I

praise the Lord for your faithfulness.

Yet the work of reaching our community with the Gospel of Jesus Christ never ends. We are always privileged by God to share the love, grace, and forgiveness of God with others.

At FBC, we've used a series of questions to remind us of some basic habits we develop in reaching our community. For this article, I'm calling them: Four questions for February (and beyond).

- 1. Who's Your One?** I know, we've asked this question before, but I think it's still a valuable question. Who is the one, or who are the several people, you are praying for about their relationship with Jesus Christ? Many people in our community need to hear of God's salvation through Jesus. Will you pray for one or several?
- 2. Who are Your Five?** This is a question about your discipleship. Will you get involved in a small group based around The Bible that challenges you to grow as a disciple of Jesus? Starting the habit of being a disciple is important and meaningful.
- 3. How can I pray for you?** This is a question you can ask almost anyone especially unchurched people. I've never asked someone if I could pray for them or with them and had someone say 'no'. You'd be surprised how quickly the walls come down when you ask someone if you can pray with them. It shows you care.
- 4. Will you sit with me?** When was the last time you invited someone to come to church with you? Lifeway research shows that 80% of people who are asked to come to church by someone they know come. Many people just need a little encouragement and the knowledge that they won't be alone if they come to church.

As we celebrate 180 years of ministry in 2022, we remember that God has put us here in this season to continue to be a beacon of hope in our community.

I'll see you in church on Sunday,

Don

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February

gotofirst.org/sunday
for schedule updates & Bible Study options

FEBRUARY 2

- 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
- 5 p.m. Fellowship Meal
- 5:30 p.m. Youth Bible Drill
- 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

FEBRUARY 6

- 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
- 4 p.m. DLife groups
- 5 p.m. Life U
- 6 p.m. Youth Open Gym

FEBRUARY 8

- 5:30 p.m. Outreach

FEBRUARY 9

- 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
- 5 p.m. Fellowship Meal
- 5:30 p.m. Youth Bible Drill
- 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

FEBRUARY 11

- 1 p.m. Outreach
- 6 p.m. Parents' Night Out
(Pre-registration required)

FEBRUARY 12

- 5:30 p.m. Senior Adult Valentine's Banquet

FEBRUARY 13

- 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 Lunch in the CLC

- 4 p.m. Awana: Crazy Hair Night
- 4 p.m. DLife groups
- 5 p.m. Life U

SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY
FEBRUARY 13
Mission for the MS Baptist Disaster Relief

Homemade soup sold by the quart
Pick up in the kitchen by the Atrium entrance on your way home after each service:
9:00 • 10:15 • 11:30
\$10 a quart
Donations are also welcome.
Sponsored by Karis 1 Class

FEBRUARY 16

- 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
- 5 p.m. Fellowship Meal
- 5:15 p.m. GriefShare
- 5:30 p.m. Youth Bible Drill
- 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

GRIEF SHARE

Wednesdays at 5:15 p.m.
beginning February 16
in the Fellowship Hall.
Contact Barbara Wright
at 662-801-1874 for more info.

Our Family

FEBRUARY 17

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

FEBRUARY 20

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
4 p.m. DLife groups
5 p.m. Life U

FEBRUARY 23

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
5 p.m. Fellowship Meal
5:15 p.m. GriefShare
5:30 p.m. Youth Bible Drill
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

FEBRUARY 24

7 p.m. Women's Ministry
Keep Yourself Safe Seminar

FEBRUARY 26

8 a.m. Men's Ministry Workday



MEN'S MINISTRY WORKDAY FEB. 26

Email mm@gotofirst.org to sign up!
Meet at the CLC at 8 a.m.

FEBRUARY 27

8 a.m. Worship Service
9:15 a.m. Worship Service/Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship Service/Sunday School
1 p.m. Youth Paintball
4 p.m. Awana: Store Night
4 p.m. DLife groups
5 p.m. Life U

Budget Jan. 1-23, 2022

Budget	\$90,723.31
Building	\$900.00
Designated	\$13,226.35
Total	\$104,849.66

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CHRISTMAS
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FBC Oxford Goal: \$105,000
Given to Date: \$148,540.64

Deacons of the Week

Jan. 30- Jason Woodard, Steven
Feb. 5 Russell, Derrell Doss
Feb. 6-12 Dave Miller, Daniel Denton,
Kevin Bain
Feb. 13-19 Lanny Shackelford, Larry
Little, Gary Carter
Feb. 20-26 Brad Golmon, Thomas
Herrington, Paul Hale
Feb. 27- Bill Rose, Bobby Clanton,
Mar. 5 Lane Wilson

New Member in January

Ruth Frazier

Our Sympathy

To Mrs. Robin Lovelady Cotto after the loss of her father, Mr. Frank Lovelady Sr.

To Mr. Billie Gene Johnson after the loss of his wife, Mrs. Betty Jean Denton Johnson.

Love to Read?

Check out the
FBC Library

Sundays
8-11 a.m.



Downstairs
next to the Old
Fellowship Hall



Discipleship



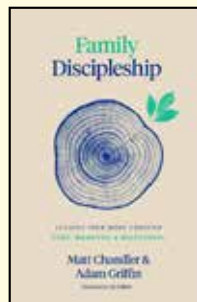
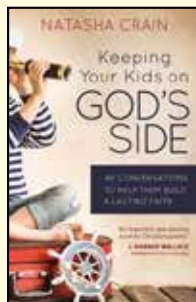
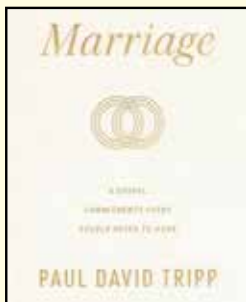
Sundays at 5 p.m.

LIFE UNIVERSITY

Feb 6, 13, 20, 27, March 6

- Old Testament Roots of New Testament Belief, led by Jim Propes
- Six Gospel Commitments Every Couple Needs to Make, led by various presenters
- Keeping Your Kids on God's Side, Apologetics for Parents and Grandparents

Life U books
available for
sale in the
church office
or online:



WOMEN'S MINISTRY NEWS wmin@gotofirst.org

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

February book: "Every Good Gift" by Urcelia Teixeira

Email wmin@gotofirst.org for more information.

KEEP YOURSELF SAFE

WOMEN'S PERSONAL SAFETY AND AWARENESS SEMINAR

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24 7 p.m. in the FBC Fellowship Hall
Free event. Pre-registration required. Details and sign up at gotofirst.org/wmin
or in the Atrium February 6 and 13.

Missions

UPCOMING MISSION TRIP

Brazil Mission Trip to Rio Pardo de Minas. July 15-24

Construction, Medical, and Children's Ministry. \$2500 per person.
(FBC Members pay \$1500) **\$250 deposit due before Feb. 4.**

Links Connections


FBC Oxford Ministry to
the Links Apartments

Outdoor Worship Service Sunday, February 6
2 p.m. on the Tennis Court. *Rain location Bldg. 28, Apt. 7*

Financial Success for the New Year
Mondays at 7 p.m. beginning Jan. 31. Bldg. 28, Apt. 7

Dinner and Bible Study
Sunday, February 20 at 5 p.m. Bldg. 28, Apt. 7

*Email lynndyfthurdle@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

THURSDAYS in MARKS

Leave church at 2 p.m. and return at 6 p.m.

Helping with tutoring, homework, and recreation with kids.

Help at the Food Pantry

FBC will manage the Oxford Food Pantry during March.

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings, 8:30-11:30 a.m.

6-8 workers on Tuesdays, 10-12 workers on Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Please wear masks. For information, contact Jim Propes (236-4758, jp65monza@att.net), Brian Smith (601-594-1165, brianhs@bellsouth.net).

Food Collection for the Food Pantry

Collection bins will be in the Atrium Sundays and Wednesdays,
February 27 through March. In 2015, we collected our record:
over 2000 items! Let's do better this year!




Senior Adult Valentine's Banquet

February 12 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

Dinner and entertainment. Free event for senior adults of all ages.

Make your reservation now by calling the church office
at (662) 234-3515. RSVP no later than February 5!



PRESCHOOL & CHILDREN'S NEWS

Preschool & Children's Departments

PARENTS' NIGHT OUT
February 11 • 6-9 p.m.

Deadline to register is February 6.

Sign up preschoolers in preschool area and children in children's area.

babydedication **March 6**

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

Authentic

FBC OXFORD KIDS DNOW 2022

Friday, March 25 • 6-10:30 p.m.

for 3rd-6th grade, in the youth area on the 3rd floor.

We will have food, games, and small groups. Bring friends!

Register now at gotofirst.org/kdnw

Early bird: \$15 until February 27. \$25 after this date.

REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

Children's Mission Camp



JUNE 27-29

Open to the first 25 kids
2nd-6th grade
Cost: \$120/child

Register at gotofirst.org/children

Register by April 3. \$60 Deposit due at registration.

Central Hills Baptist Retreat, West, MS 39192

SAVE THE DATE FOR THRIVE SUMMER CAMP



The Broadway leads to destruction, but the Narrowway to life

JUNE 20-24

Musical Theater camp
with dance, drama,
voice and Bible study

More information available at gotofirst.org/dance.

STUDENT NEWS

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



**mid
week**

Wednesdays 6 p.m.

Feb. 2 James 1:5-8
Feb. 9 James 1:9-11
Feb. 16 James 1:12
Feb. 23 James 1:13-15



**February 27
1 p.m.**



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