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# The Messenger



## FROM THE PASTOR

May 1, 2022, begins the celebration of 180 years (1842-2022) of ministry for First Baptist Church. Periodically throughout the remainder of the year, FBC will celebrate and remember God's faithful leadership. We will also give renewed focus to God's continued call inviting FBC to follow Him.

In 1842, John Tyler was President of the United States. Perhaps best known for the campaign slogan "Tippecanoe and Tyler, too," Tyler became the first US Vice-President to ascend to the presidency after the death of President William Henry Harrison (nicknamed Tippecanoe).

Tyler served only one term as President (1841-1845) and did not seek re-election.

In Mississippi, Tilghman Tucker became Governor in 1842. Tucker was the first Governor to live in the Governor's Mansion in Jackson. His administration was rocked by scandal as the State Treasurer embezzled \$44,000 and escaped to Canada.

In Oxford, a town only five years old in 1842, a group of Christians, desiring a Baptist church, met and organized. May 8, 1842, the group of six, led by the Pastor, Hosea Holcomb, signed the Minute sheet establishing the Baptist Church in Oxford. The location of the meeting was likely the Butler Inn, then at the corner of North Lamar and the square. B.W Butler and his wife owned the Inn and were two of the church's charter members.

The rest, as they say, is history.

So many great people have been part of FBC Oxford through the years. One of those is Dr. Gene Neal. Gene served as Minister of Activities from 1982 to 1985 and has pastored First Baptist Church, Quitman, Mississippi since 2000. Gene will be preaching in our morning worship services on May 1.

We will remember much of our history this year. We will enjoy stories and photos from the past. We will appreciate those who have gone before us. We will make a new Church Pictorial Directory. Most of all, we will commit to following our Leader, the same Head of the Church now as in 1842, our Lord Jesus Christ.

What a special time to be at First Baptist Church!

*Don*



1842-2022



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# May

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

## **MAY 1** *College Graduate Recognition* *180th Anniversary Kickoff*

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  
4 p.m. DLife groups  
6 p.m. Youth open gym

## **MAY 2**

8 p.m. College Pancake Study Break

## **MAY 4**

5 p.m. Fellowship Meal  
5:15 p.m. GriefShare  
6 p.m. KidZone for Preschool & Children  
6 p.m. Midweek for Youth  
6 p.m. Prayer Meeting  
6 p.m. Choir Rehearsal  
7 p.m. Worship Team Rehearsal

## **MAY 5** *National Day of Prayer*

11 a.m. Fellowship Luncheon  
12:15 p.m. Outdoor Prayer Gathering on the  
South lawn of the Courthouse

## **MAY 8** *Mother's Day*

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

## **MAY 10**

5:30 p.m. Outreach

## **MAY 11**

5 p.m. Fellowship Meal  
5:15 p.m. GriefShare  
6 p.m. KidZone for Preschool & Children  
6 p.m. Midweek for Youth  
6 p.m. Prayer Meeting  
6 p.m. Choir Rehearsal  
7 p.m. Worship Team Rehearsal

## **MAY 12**

6:30 p.m. Class of 2022 Family Dinner

## *High School Graduate* *Recognition*

## **MAY 15**

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: Party Night  
4 p.m. Youth Crawfish Boil  
4 p.m. DLife groups

## **MAY 18**

5 p.m. Fellowship Meal  
5:15 p.m. GriefShare  
6 p.m. KidZone for Preschool & Children  
6 p.m. Midweek for Youth  
6 p.m. Prayer Meeting  
6 p.m. Choir Rehearsal  
7 p.m. Worship Team Rehearsal

## **MAY 19**

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

## *6th Grade Milestone* *Recognition*

## **MAY 22**

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: Award Ceremony  
4 p.m. DLife groups  
4 p.m. Youth open gym

## **MAY 25**

6 p.m. Choir Rehearsal  
7 p.m. Worship Team Rehearsal

## **MAY 29**

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

## **MAY 30** *Memorial Day*

*church office closed*

7 a.m. Youth Camp Living Stones Trip

# Our Family

## Budget April 1-17, 2022

Budget	\$116,962.17
Building	\$1,770.00
Designated	\$37,945.56
Total	\$156,677.73

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**FBC Oxford Goal: \$30,000**

**Given to Date: \$25,703.53**

## FBC Library

*First Baptist memorabilia  
from Bettye Butler will be  
on display this month.*

**Open Sundays 8-11 a.m.  
downstairs next to the  
Old Fellowship Hall**

## Deacons of the Week

<b>May 1-7</b>	Larry Little, Mike Tomes, Craig Kirkendall
<b>May 8-14</b>	Jason Woodard, Steven Russell, Derrell Doss
<b>May 15-21</b>	Dave Miller, Daniel Denton, Kevin Bain
<b>May 22-28</b>	Lanny Shackelford, Larry Little, Gary Carter
<b>May 29- June 4</b>	Brad Golmon, Thomas Herrington, Paul Hale

## New Member in April

Daniel Reynolds, Catherine Anne Hill

## Congratulations

David and Annie Moore Locke welcomed **Joel Isaiah Locke** on March 26. Proud grandparents are Robert and Franci Moore and Walter and Kim Locke.

## Our Sympathy

To the family of Mrs. Jane Breeding after her passing.

# NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

## Thursday, May 5

- 10 a.m. Burns Belfry Museum, 710 E. Jackson Ave.  
Service led by Regents School of Oxford 2nd grade
- 11 a.m.-noon First Baptist Church Fellowship Lunch
- 12:15-1 p.m. Lafayette County Courthouse  
South Lawn Outdoor Prayer Gathering  
Rain location: First Baptist Church

**NATIONAL  
DAY OF  
PRAYER**



*Everyone is welcome to  
attend any/all events.*



# Discipleship

**SAVE THE DATE!**

## **Sunday School Worker Training**

**Sunday, July 31!** 5-7 p.m. Training for all age groups.

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## **OUTREACH Tuesday May 10**

Come be a part of inviting people to church through writing cards/letters, phone calls, and home visits. 5:30-7 p.m.

Snack supper provided. Childcare provided.

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## **SUNDAY SCHOOL**

***Come join our NEW Sunday School classes at 9:15 a.m.!***



**20 Somethings.** Graduate/Law School/Career. Men and Women. Led by Jeff Holeman. Room 309.

**Under 40's.** Married couples. Led by Steve Hurdle and Keith Scruggs. Room 305.

**UNDER 40**  
COUPLES

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**EXPLORER'S**  
BIBLE STUDY

**Pastoral Epistles:**  
**1 & 2 Timothy, Titus**

***Beginning August 24.*** Study options, schedule, and registration at [gotofirst.org/ebs](http://gotofirst.org/ebs)

Making  
**ROOM**

More college students and families needed to use the parking shuttle. Will you make a commitment to park at the Ford Center and ride the FBC Oxford shuttle bus?

*Use the QR code to register your commitment.*



## **WOMEN'S MINISTRY NEWS**

[wmin@gotofirst.org](mailto:wmin@gotofirst.org)

**Monthly Book Club** Thursday, May 19 at 6:30 p.m. "Death on the Nile" by Agatha Christie. Email [wmin@gotofirst.org](mailto:wmin@gotofirst.org) for more information.

## **FBC OXFORD PRAYER ROOM**

### **Fellowship Hall Room 219**

There are many FREE prayer resources available in the prayer room. Please take what you can use. 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](mailto:cmiller@gotofirst.org) or 662-234-3515.

### **International Guest House**

The International Guest House Ministry is an opportunity to minister to international students who live in the Oxford area.

If you would like to be involved in the International Guest House Ministry please call (662) 801-6706.

## *Links Connections*

FBC Oxford Ministry to  
the Links Apartments

### **Summer Hip-Hop**

A free dance lesson plus a Bible story, a craft, and snacks.  
Friday, May 13 at 6 p.m. on the Tennis Court.

### **Let's Paint - Acrylic Painting Class**

Tuesday, May 17 at 6 p.m. Bldg. 28, Apt. 7

### **Bible Study**

Sunday, May 8 and May 22 at 5 p.m. Bldg. 28, Apt. 7

*Email [lynndyfthurdle@gmail.com](mailto:lynndyfthurdle@gmail.com) for more information  
about any of these ministry opportunities.*



linksconnections • Check out volunteer opportunities at [gotofirst.org/links](http://gotofirst.org/links)

## **GO TELL OFFERING**

**FBC Goal: \$25,000**

The Go Tell Offering provides financial assistance for FBC Members and college students to participate in Mission Trips.

# Missions

## UPCOMING MISSION TRIPS

**Central Asia Mission Trip.** Pray for Sage McNamara as he serves in Central Asia May 20-June 7.

**Brazil Mission Trip. July 15-24.** Please

pray for Brodie Burns, Teresa Carithers, Andie Cleveland, Russell Currey, Denise Ditto, Steve Ditto, Brenda Gordon, Craig Gordon, Buster Hale, Greg Hamrick, Jeff Holeman, Liesa Holeman, Georgia Kergosien, Adam Marshall, Michael Meurrier, Abi Rayburn, Clara Sanchez, Samantha Tedford, and Rachael Todd.



**OAXACA 2022 Oaxaca Summer Missions.** Pray for these college students serving in Oaxaca during June and July: Emily McNeer, Hailey Hettich, Jasey Duncan, Sarah Grace Brownlee, Kaitlyn Traylor.

**2022 Oaxaca High School Mission Trip. July 2-9.** Pray for these adults and students going to Oaxaca in July: Alyssa Lee, Anna Burns, Steve Hurdle, Jeff Holeman, Liesa Holeman, Brooks Sipes, Daniel Pineda, and Ella Beth Hurdle.

**Oaxaca Marriage Conference. August 11-16.** We will be leading a Marriage Conference at a local Oaxaca church and prayer walking in a local village. Please see Jeff if interested.

## SAVE THE DATE!

**South Dakota Mission Trip. Oct. 2-7.**

Custer, South Dakota. We'll be working with our partners Ryan and Natalie McGehee. More details to come!

# South Dakota



# PERU

**Amazon River (PERU) Medical Mission Trip. Nov. 1-10.** Contact Jeff Holeman if you are interested.

## PRESCHOOL & CHILDREN'S NEWS

Summer Reading Challenge

### FISHING for God's Word

**May 29-June 26**

**Pre-K-6th grade**

**Sign up downstairs  
in the FBC Library**



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**9 a.m.-noon**

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in Kindergarten-6th grade.

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## STUDENT NEWS

**May 12** Class of 2022 Family Dinner  
6:30p.m. on the 3rd floor

**May 15** Crawfish Boil, 4-6 p.m.

**May 30-June 4** Camp Living Stones





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