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The Messenger



FROM THE PASTOR

At FBC, August 2022 brings many events designed to help us celebrate the Lord Jesus and give focus to His calling in our lives.

We continue celebrating 180 years of ministry at FBC during August. This month we highlight the church's commitment to Youth ministry. FBC has loved our students for over a century. Many of our current members have experienced this church's care for teenagers. The teen years are so filled with change and pressure.

On August 20-21, our student ministry will welcome Dr. Richard Ross to FBC. Dr. Ross is one of the most important leaders in Southern Baptist youth ministry. He will share with students, parents, workers, and the whole church. I believe God will use Richard Ross' time with us to inspire us to even greater love for God and the calling to love students and their families.

Also, this month, FBC will install new deacons. One of the joys of serving at FBC is having the privilege to serve alongside those men the church calls out as Deacons. On Sunday evening, August 7 at 6:00 p.m. FBC will be installing those seven men selected earlier this year to the Deacon Council. I hope you'll make plans to come to support these new deacons as well as celebrate and appreciate those who rotate from the Deacon Council.

Just to give you an exciting 'heads up!' FBC will be making a new Church Pictorial Directory celebrating our 180th year of ministry. Photos will be taken October 6-14. We need everyone to plan now to be a part of this important Church Directory. Look for more information in the days ahead.

August is an exciting time to live in Oxford as school gets started again. We remember in prayer our teachers, workers, and students in schools across the area. Let's continue to come alongside families as they adjust to schedules and the hectic pace of life. Plus, we welcome college students back to campus this month.

August is also a great time to get back to Sunday School and Worship.

I'll see you in church on Sunday,

Don

August

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

AUGUST 3

- 5:30 p.m. GriefShare
- 6 p.m. Prayer Meeting
- 6 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
- 7 p.m. Worship Team Rehearsal

AUGUST 7 *Promotion Sunday*

- 8 a.m. Worship Service
- 9:15 a.m. Worship Service/Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. Worship Service/Sunday School
- 6 p.m. Deacon Ordination Service

AUGUST 10

- 5 p.m. Fellowship Meal
- 5:30 p.m. GriefShare
- 5:45 p.m. Awana: Registration Party
- 6 p.m. Midweek for Youth
- 6 p.m. Prayer Meeting
- 6 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
- 7 p.m. Worship Team Rehearsal

AUGUST 13

- 8 a.m. Men's Ministry Workday



**MEN'S MINISTRY
WORKDAY AUGUST 13**
Email mm@gotofirst.org to sign up!
Meet at the CLC at 8 a.m.

AUGUST 14

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

AUGUST 17

- 5 p.m. Fellowship Meal
- 5:30 p.m. GriefShare
- 5:45 p.m. Awana: First Night of Club
- 6 p.m. Midweek for Youth
- 6 p.m. Prayer Meeting
- 6 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
- 7 p.m. Worship Team Rehearsal

AUGUST 18

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



**Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m.
beginning August 3**
FBC Fellowship Hall

GriefShare is a weekly seminar
and support group offering help
and encouragement after the
death of a loved one.

Contact Barbara Wright
at 662-801-1874 to register
or for more info.

gotofirst.org/grief

AUGUST 20

- 6:30 p.m. Abide: Student meeting
with Richard Ross

AUGUST 21

Guest Speaker: Richard Ross

- 8 a.m. Worship Service
- 9:15 a.m. Worship Service/Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. Worship Service/Sunday School
- 11:45 a.m. Restore: Luncheon with Richard
Ross for parents and students

AUGUST 24

- 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. GriefShare
- 5:45 p.m. Awana: VIP Night
- 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. Worship Team Rehearsal

Our Family

AUGUST 25

6:30 p.m. Women's Ministry
Ice Cream Social

AUGUST 27

6 p.m. College Dinner and Laser Tag

AUGUST 28

8 a.m. Worship Service
9:15 a.m. Worship Service/Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship Service/Sunday School
5 p.m. Committee/Team Training
6 p.m. Quarterly Business Meeting

AUGUST 31

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. GriefShare
5:45 p.m. Awana: WUTS Up Night
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. Worship Team Rehearsal

Budget July 1-17, 2022

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| Budget | \$115,300.00 |
| Building | \$1,040.00 |
| Designated | \$16,385.81 |
| Total | \$132,725.81 |

GO TELL OFFERING

FBC Goal: \$25,000
Given to Date: \$19,531.39

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

New Members in July

Wes, Christie and Emma Holland

Congratulations

Congratulations to Josh and Kristin Cooper on the birth of their twins, **Adeline Ray Cooper** and **Austin Charles Cooper** on June 24. Proud grandparents are Nelson and Becky Little.

Our Sympathy

To Mr. Fred Johnson after the loss of his brother, Mr. Trent Johnson.

To Martha Thornton after the loss of her brother, Mr. Gary Ramzy.

To Roseanne Brownlee after the loss of her mother, Mrs. Helen Rice.

To Waruna Weerasinghe after the loss of his father, Mr. Upali Weerasinghe.

To Jan Bounds after the loss of her husband, Mr. John Bounds.

To Connie Ashmore after the loss of her father, Mr. Robert Crane.

To Art Watts after the loss of his father, Mr. Tommy Watts.

Deacons of the Week

July 31- Jason Woodard, Steven

Aug. 6 Russell, Derrell Doss

Aug. 7-13 Tom Dawson, Daniel Denton,
Kevin Bain

Aug. 14-20 Lanny Shackelford, Larry
Little, Gary Carter

Aug. 21-27 Brad Golmon, Thomas
Herrington, Paul Hale

Aug. 28- Bill Rose, Tom Dawson,
Sept. 3 Lane Wilson

Discipleship

TRAINING EVENT FOR ALL SS WORKERS

180th Year Sunday School Celebration Cookout July 31

**for Sunday Workers and their kids. Preschool care for little ones.
Ages 6-12 in the CLC. Training for adults.**

- 4:30 p.m. Check in - Pick up materials.
- 4:45 p.m. 180 Cook Out (Men's Ministry will be cooking.)
Eat in the Fellowship Hall.
- 5:10 p.m. Kids to their places.
- 5:15 p.m. Large Group in Fellowship Hall (All workers)
- 5:45 p.m. Age Group Divisions...
 - Preschool ... led by Jennifer Woodard
 - Children ... led by Shelley Farmer, Harrisburg Baptist
 - Youth ... led by Tom Crocker, LifeWay
 - College ... led by Keith Cating, Ole Miss BSU
 - Adults ... (25 minute rotations)
 - Preparing Lessons for Life Change — Robert Allen
 - Rows to Circles — Morris Baker
 - From the Pews to the Group — Matt Moore
- 6:15 p.m. Rotate adult leaders
- 6:45 p.m. Rotate adult leaders
- 7:15 p.m. Dismiss all. Sno cones.

Committee and Team Training Workshop

Sunday, August 28. 5-7 p.m. This training is for everyone serving on a committee or team for the 2022-23 church year. Childcare is provided.



**AWANA will be returning
to Wednesday nights this Fall.**

**We need BUNCHES of volunteers! Please
register to help at gotofirst.org/awana**

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Preschool

Contact Jennifer Woodard: jwoodard@gotofirst.org

- Nursery Coordinator (paid position-approx. 20 hrs. a month)
- Preschool Welcome Desk
- 9:15 a.m. Sunday School assistant teachers and subs

Children

Contact Whitney Simon: wsimon@gotofirst.org

- Children's Welcome Desk at 9:15 during Sunday School, rotating the odd months.
- AWANA Leaders: gotofirst.org/awana

Youth

Contact Louis Zinc: lzinc@gotofirst.org

- Wednesday Night Student Worship: Parents needed for crowd supervision, food clean-up.
- Wednesday Night Small Groups: We love for older generations to speak into and share with younger generations. We have a brief time of small groups on Wednesday Nights following our weekly bible study.
- Sunday Night Fellowship Hosts: Families needed to host once a month gatherings.
- Trip Chaperones: See something on the calendar that you're available for? Join us!
- Youth Prayer Partners

Adult Sunday School

Contact Pam Carter: pcarter@gotofirst.org

- 50+ Men/Women's Class needs a co-teacher to serve with Martin Locke. Meets at 10:30 a.m.
- COED International Men/Women's Class needs two teachers. Meets at 10:30 a.m.
- Ambassador Men part-time teacher at 10:30 a.m.
- Karis 2 Women part-time teacher at 9:15 a.m.

Transportation

Contact Robert Allen: rallen@gotofirst.org

- Drivers for Sunday shuttle and special events. Large bus requires commercial license. FBC will reimburse you for commercial license expense.

Food Service

Contact Robert Allen: rallen@gotofirst.org

- Wednesday evening Fellowship meal

Missions

Contact Jeff Holeman: wigtake@gmail.com

- Coordinator for Links Apartment Ministry
- Coordinator for Brittany Woods Ministry
- Coordinator for Italy Partnership
- Coordinator for Mission House Ministry

Fall 2022

Discipleship

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Here are a few Bible Study options...

50+

New Couples Bible Study Class for 50 years old and up begins August 7 at 10:30 a.m. in room 202

Living Life
UNDER 40 COUPLES

Living Life Bible Study Class for couples 40 to 55 years old. 10:30 a.m. in room 209.

Under 40's for married couples. 9:15 a.m. in room 305.

twenties
fbc. COLLEGE MINISTRY

20 Somethings. Graduate/Law School/Career. Men and Women. 9:15 a.m. in room 309.

College Bible Study. Sundays at 9:15 a.m. upstairs in the CLC for all college students!



TABLE TALK

DLife Table Talk

Begins Sunday, September 11 at 5 p.m.

For ages 7th grade and up. More info TBA!

It's Time to Sign Up!

Authentic, Approved and Not Ashamed

1 & 2 Timothy, Titus



EXPLORER'S

BIBLE STUDY

Beginning August 24

Teaching Leaders: Beth Fitts and Joe Meurrier

In-person, online, and independent personal study classes available. Schedule and registration links at

gotofirst.org/ebs



FBC LIBRARY

Open Sundays 9-11 a.m.

Online Catalog available at gotofirst.org/library

- Search the entire catalog
- Reserve and renew books

WOMEN'S MINISTRY NEWS

wmin@gotofirst.org

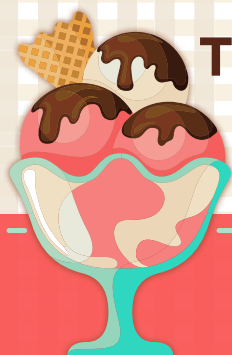
Monthly Book Club Thursday, August 18 at 6:30 p.m. "The Betrayal" by Douglas Bond. Email wmin@gotofirst.org for more information.

Ice Cream Social

Thursday, August 25

6:30-7:30 p.m.

in the Fellowship Hall



Ice cream will be provided,
bring a dessert to share.



Joshua

WINNING
the
WORRY
Battle

A Bible Study by
Barb Roose

Fall Bible Study

Joshua: Winning the Worry Battle

led by Teresa Carithers

**Six week study beginning
September 11 at 5 p.m.**

Cost of participant workbook: \$15

Register at gotofirst.org/women

Missions

Custer South Dakota Mission Trip. Oct. 3-8.

(Limit of 12) We'll be serving in Custer, South Dakota with the McGehee family. There is an option to drive or fly. Cost includes lodging, most meals, local transport, and insurance. Cost is \$650 plus airfare. If you choose to drive the cost is \$650. FBC Oxford members completing security training workshop receive \$300 discount. Youth and their parents receive a \$400 discount. \$300 deposit is due NOW. Register with Pam Carter in the church office before August 15.

South Dakota

OAXACA **Oaxaca Mission Trip.** Oct. 3-10.

(Limit of 8) Construction project at Oaxaca Christian School and prayer walking and ministry in a village with no church. Cost is \$850 plus airfare. Those completing security training receive \$500 discount. \$100 deposit is due NOW. Register with Pam Carter in the church office.

Peru Medical Mission Trip. Nov. 1-8.

(Limit of 6) Medical Clinics and Discipleship/Evangelism Workshops in several Amazon River Communities. Cost is \$2900 per person and includes airfare, lodging, meals, insurance. Machu Picchu option available from November 8 to 11. Those completing security training workshop will receive \$750 discount. \$100 deposit is due NOW. Register with Pam Carter in the church office.



PERU

Links Connections

FBC Oxford Ministry to
the Links Apartments

Kids' Super Sundays

Begins Sunday, August 14 at 4:30 p.m. in the Clubhouse
Includes a Bible story, games, snacks, and crafts!

Bible Study on Sundays - Making Disciples

Begins Sunday, August 14 at 4:30 p.m. in the Clubhouse



linksconnections • Check out volunteer opportunities at gotofirst.org/links

Mission House Update!



The Mission House is a ministry of FBC Oxford for our SBC missionaries who need a place to live while not on their field of service. Scan the QR code for a link to our Walmart gift registry for anyone desiring to help with household items for the mission house. Call Pam Carter for more information at (662) 234-3515.

Oxford Food Pantry

If you would like to volunteer at the Oxford Food Pantry please call Pam Carter at (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, call (662) 801-6706. ighministries.org



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.



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.

How may we pray for you?

Scan the QR code and let us know.



PRESCHOOL & CHILDREN'S NEWS

Promotion Sunday is August 7.



for kids age 2-6th grade

Wednesdays at 5:45 p.m.

Registration Party August 10

First Night August 17



Schedule, fees, and registration details:

gotofirst.org/dance

Classes for 4 year olds- 12th grade



Midweek: Wednesdays at 6 p.m. beginning August 10



FAMILY IMPACT WEEKEND

Dr. Richard Ross is coming to FBC Oxford to equip and challenge our students and parents.

ABIDE

Saturday, August 20 at 6:30 p.m.

Dr. Ross will be meeting and sharing with students.

RESTORE

Sunday, August 21

Dr. Ross will preach at all services and will speak at a luncheon for parents and teens at 11:45 a.m. on the third floor.

Both events are free but registration is required at

gotofirst.org/students

Deadline to register is August 7.



Dr. Richard Ross has served as professor of student ministry in the Jack D. Terry School of Educational Ministries since 2000. His entire life has focused on seeing Christ glorified in the lives of teenagers and their parents and leaders. He served as a local-church student pastor for 30 years. Overlapping part of that time was 16 years of service as the student ministry consultant at LifeWay Christian Resources.

COLLEGE NEWS

Facebook/Instagram: [@fbcoxcollege](#)

Sunday School Sundays at 9:15 a.m. in the Christian Life Center

FBC College/BSU Dinner and Laser Tag August 27 at 6 p.m.



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