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The Messenger



FROM THE PASTOR

Elvis Presley's first TV appearance was on September 9, 1956. That night's episode of the Ed Sullivan Show was a huge success. 60 million people, or 82.6 percent of those watching TV that night, watched Elvis. However, the reviews of the show were decidedly mixed; the young folks loved it and the older folks hated it. Around this time *Look Magazine* editor John Poppy coined the term 'generation gap'. Poppy's point was to call attention to the 'gap' between the younger generation and the older as evidenced by the response to Elvis' performance. (By the way, 'older' to Poppy was anyone over thirty).

Despite the gap between generations, I have found that in church we benefit when generations get to know each other. When old and young come together around God's word all are blessed. For this reason, on Sunday evenings beginning September 11 at 5 p.m. everyone 7th grade and up is invited to come to Table Talk. As the name implies, we'll be around tables in the Fellowship Hall, with the Scripture as our Textbook and we'll intergenerationally discuss various passages. Table Talk is an intentional effort to encourage different generations at FBC to get to know each other. I hope you'll come.

A goal of mine for FBC in the coming year is that we can become a closer family. One of the ways to do that is simply learning each other's names. Here I pause for a commercial break to remind you that FBC will begin our Church Pictorial Directory in October. Photo appointments will be available October 6-14. The Directory will go a long way in helping us learn each other's names.

1 Corinthians 12 reminds us that God has placed every person in the Body (the church) just as He wants them (v. 18). If God values each member of the church, young and old, surely, we should, too.

Table Talk is one of many ways I invite you to plug in to First Baptist Church in September.

September 11-12, FBC welcomes Dr. Paul Chitwood, President of the International Mission Board of the SBC. Dr. Chitwood will be preaching in all three services on Sunday, September 11, then at a luncheon on September 12. We celebrate 180 years of mission involvement with Dr. Chitwood's coming. I hope you'll plan to be in attendance for this historic day.

God has been so good to First Baptist Church. We gratefully acknowledge His lordship and leadership.

I'll see you in church on Sunday,

Don

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September

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

SEPTEMBER 4

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

SEPTEMBER 5

Labor Day

Church office closed.

SEPTEMBER 7

- 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: BARF/Glow 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

SEPTEMBER 11

Guest Speaker: Paul Chitwood, IMB President

- 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 Student Lunch
- 5 p.m. DLife Table Talk
- 5 p.m. Women's Joshua Study

SEPTEMBER 13

- 5:30 p.m. Outreach

SEPTEMBER 14

- 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
- 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

SEPTEMBER 15

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

SEPTEMBER 17

- 8 a.m. Men's Ministry Workday

SEPTEMBER 18

- 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 Student Lunch
- 5 p.m. DLife Table Talk
- 5 p.m. Women's Joshua Study

Sunday, September 11 during morning worship services

Guest Speaker: Dr. Paul Chitwood, International Mission Board President



Paul Chitwood was elected president of the IMB in November 2018. He previously had served as executive director of the Kentucky Baptist Convention since 2011. For 18 years prior to that, Chitwood served as the pastor of local churches of varying sizes in Kentucky. During his pastorates, he served as chairman of the International Mission Board's trustees from 2008-10, part of his tenure as an IMB trustee from 2002-10. A native of Jellico, Tenn., Chitwood is a 1992 graduate of Cumberland College and earned the Master of Divinity and Ph.D. from The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and a master's degree in nonprofit administration from the Mendoza College of Business at the University of Notre Dame. He served as a faculty member of the seminary between 2002 and 2018. He and his wife, Michelle, have four children.

Our Family

FBC Library

NEW HOURS FOR FALL!

**Open Sundays 8-11 a.m.
and Wednesdays 5-7 p.m.**

SEPTEMBER 20

6 p.m. Pregnancy Center Banquet

SEPTEMBER 21

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
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

SEPTEMBER 25

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 Student Lunch
5 p.m. DLife Table Talk
5 p.m. Women's Joshua Study

SEPTEMBER 28

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
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 August 1-21, 2022

Budget	\$119,844.15
Building	\$2,605.00
Designated	\$13,687.11
Total	\$136,136.26

Deacons of the Week

Aug. 28 - Daniel Denton, Brian Smith,

Sept. 3 Kevin Howell

Sept. 4-10 Larry Little, Mike Tomes,
Craig Kirkendall

Sept. 11-17 Jason Woodard, Martin Locke,
Derrell Doss

Sept. 18-24 Dave Miller, Keith Scruggs,
Danny Gutherie

**Sept. 25-
Oct. 1** Thomas Herrington, Jim Rose,
Larry Little

New Members in July/August

Ray, Marci, Alexander, and Victoria Garrett;
Rhett and Elizabeth Gore; Edward and Claudia
Gore; Bobby and Dena Dunnaway; Jerry and
Billie Claire Campbell; Joel and Alicia Stevens;
Erin Kilpatrick

Congratulations

To Tyler and Kelley Sparks on the birth of their
daughter, **Calla James Sparks**, on July 19.
Proud big brother is Thomas.

Our Sympathy

To Connie Owens after the loss of her mother,
Sybil Luckett.

To Buddy Mabie after the loss of his mother,
Barbara Mabie

To Brad Golmon after the loss of his mother,
Angelyn Golmon.

To Cornelia Mason after the loss of her husband,
Fulton "Sonny" Mason.

Discipleship

GET READY FOR OUR CHURCH PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

Hello Church family,

As you might have heard, First Baptist Church will be completing a pictorial directory in 2022. I am very excited to be the staff contact for this great project. We will be partnering with The Portrait Café Church Directory Services. The Portrait Café staff will be on First Baptist campus taking photos for the directory from Thursday, October 6, 2022 - Friday, October 14, 2022. Representatives from the Portrait Café will be contacting all members by phone throughout the month of September to schedule photo sessions. You may also sign up for a time slot online via a link The Portrait Café will provide closer to September. In the meantime, please make sure the church office (662-234-3515) has updated contact information (phone and email) to ensure you have the opportunity to schedule a photo session. If you have any questions, please contact me at the church office.

Corie Miller



OUTREACH

Tuesday, September 13. 5:30 pm. Snack supper followed by opportunities to make home visits, phone calls, texts, cards and letters. Childcare provided. A representative from each Sunday School class (children, youth, adult) is needed.

Prayer Meeting

Every Wednesday at 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Some great Sunday School Options at 9:15 a.m.!

Men and Women ... Under 40's with Hurdle and Scruggs in Room 309

Men and Women ... 20's with Jeff Holeman in Room 305

Women ... Maranatha Class with Susan Dawson and Donna Atwood in Room 312

Men ... TKO Class with Jim Propes in Room 204



DLife Table Talk

Sundays 5-6 p.m. beginning September 11!

For ages 7th grade and up. Table Talk is an intergenerational discipleship fellowship designed for all youth and adults.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Youth

Contact Louis Zinc: lzinc@gotofirst.org

- **Wednesday Night Student Worship** — parents needed for crowd supervision, being present (the presence of adults helps in many ways), and helping with food clean-up
- **Wednesday Night Small Groups** — We love for older generations to speak into and share with younger generations. When these conversations are centered around God's Word, we get excited. We have a brief time of small groups on Wednesday Nights following our weekly bible study. If you'd like to participate, we would love to talk with you.
- **Sunday Night Fellowship Hosts** — Would you like to host a Sunday Night Monthly Student gathering at your home? We are looking for families to host once a month gatherings for hanging out and fellowshiping. Food is a plus!
- **Trip Chaperones** — See something on the calendar that you're available for? Join us!
- **Prayer Partners** — Please contact Louis for updates on the student ministry and insight on how you can specifically pray for our and/or share letters and blessings of encouragement with our youth.

Adult Sunday School

Contact Pam Carter: pcarter@gotofirst.org

- 55+ 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.



You're invited to join...

Celebration Worship Choir

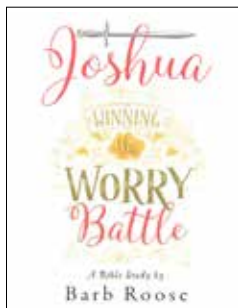
*No experience necessary.
All are welcome to come and sing.*

**CHOIR REHEARSAL
WEDNESDAYS AT 6 P.M.**

Discipleship

WOMEN'S MINISTRY NEWS wmin@gotofirst.org

Monthly Book Club Thursday, August 18 at 6:30 p.m. "Night" by Elie Wiesel. Email wmin@gotofirst.org for more information.



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 or in the
Atrium September 4!**

SAVE THE DATE

Fall Painting Party Saturday October 8

9:30-11:30 a.m. *Details to come.*

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.



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.



**Begins
Sept. 8**

Mended Hearts

for anyone who enjoys sewing
or wants to learn!

Thursdays at 7 p.m.
714 Jackson Ave. East (old bank building)

Pregnancy Center of Oxford

ANNUAL FUNDRAISING BANQUET

Dinner and Silent Auction

**Tuesday, Sept. 20 at 6 p.m.
at FBC Oxford**

GUEST SPEAKER: Pastor Curt Presley
Associate Pastor of Christ Presbyterian Church
and Pregnancy Center of Oxford Board Member



Tickets: \$20, available through Sept. 8
To purchase tickets, call the Pregnancy Center at 662-234-4414.
Advance purchase only. Tickets will NOT be sold at door

Collaborative Missionary Network Fall Meeting

September 12 at 6 p.m. at FBC Holly Springs, MS.

Missions

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

(Limit of 12) We'll be serving in Custer, South Dakota with the McGehee family. Cost is \$1000

Cost for youth is \$600 (double occupancy hotel) and includes airfare, lodging, most meals, and local transportation. If you choose to drive the cost is \$350. Those completing security training workshop receive \$250 discount. Final Payment is due September 9.

South Dakota

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

(Limit of 8) Construction project at Oaxaca Christian School and prayer walking and ministry in a village with no church. Cost is \$1100 and includes airfare, lodging, most meals, and local transportation. Those completing security training receive \$500 discount. Final Payment is due September 16. Register with Pam Carter in the church office.

Peru Medical Mission Trip. November 1-9.

(Limit of 6) Medical Clinics and Discipleship/Evangelism Workshops in several Amazon



PERU

River Communities. Cost is \$2800 per person and includes airfare, lodging, meals, insurance. Those completing security training workshop will receive \$750 discount. Final payment is due September 16. Register with Pam Carter in the church office.

Eastern Europe Mission Trip. December 12-20.

We'll be working with our partners to share the Gospel by teaching English, host Christmas parties, and small group bible studies. Cost is \$2000 per person. FBC Members who have completed security training receive a \$500 discount. \$500 deposit is due September 15.

Oaxaca College Mission/Discipleship Trip. January 4-18.

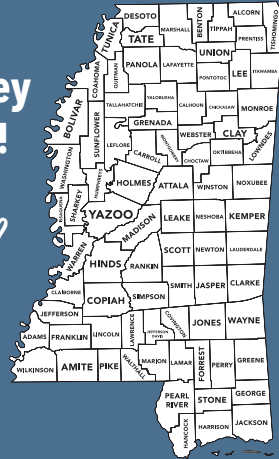
\$1800 per person. FBC College students who have completed security training receive \$500 discount. Spend two weeks in southern Mexico in discipleship training and in ministry. \$500 deposit is due September 15.

MISSISSIPPIANS ON MISSION

**During September: Margaret Lackey
Offering for Mississippi Missions!**

Can your family adopt a county for ministry?

FBC Oxford goal: \$8200
(\$100 for every county in Mississippi)



GO TELL OFFERING

We reached our goal!

FBC Goal: \$25,000 Total Given: \$30,533.15

Links Connections

**FBC Oxford Ministry to
the Links Apartments**

Ladies' Bible Group

Thursdays 10:30 a.m. in the Clubhouse

English Class for Adults

Sundays 3 p.m. in the Clubhouse

Sunday nights

**Bible Study and Kids' Super Sunday activities 4:30 p.m.
in the Clubhouse**



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

Missions

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. Contact the church office for an update on what is needed.

Oxford Food Pantry

If you would like to volunteer at the Oxford Food Pantry please call Pam Carter at (662) 234-3515.

Pregnancy Center of Oxford

Please consider volunteering at The Pregnancy Center of Oxford. You can become a client advocate, join the prayer team, assist with clothes closet, help with office tasks, and help with yard work. Call 662-234-4414 to volunteer.

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



ENGLISH

CLASSES FOR ADULTS

Mondays 10:30 AM-12 PM

714 Jackson Ave. East

Childcare is available.

Wednesdays 6-7 PM

FBC Oxford 3rd floor

Childcare is available.

For more information: lynndyfthurdle@gmail.com

PRESCHOOL & CHILDREN'S NEWS

Preschool Sunday School Sundays at 9:15 a.m. and preschool care available during 8 and 10:30 a.m. services

Children's Sunday School Sundays at 9:15 and 10:30 a.m.



for kids age 2-6th grade
Wednesdays at 5:45 p.m.



A collage of three images related to dance: the left image shows the lower legs and feet of several dancers in white shoes; the middle image shows four young girls in various dance poses; the right image shows a girl in a black leotard performing a high kick.



The logo for Thrive Dance Ministry is a circular emblem. It features a large pink cross on the left, the word "THRIVE" in pink script, "DANCE MINISTRY" in black capital letters, and "FBC Oxford" in pink script at the bottom. A pink musical note is on the right.

Schedule, fees, and registration details:
gotofirst.org/dance
Classes for 4 year olds- 12th grade



A square QR code located on the right side of the banner.



KIDZONE & CHOIR

for kids age 3-6th grade
Sundays at 5-6 p.m.
starts September 11

STUDENT NEWS @Studentsgoto1st @studentsgotofirst

Oxford High Football at Tupelo, September 30. We will take the bus, leaving from the church at 5:30 p.m.

Youth Bible Drill. Begins in September. Students memorize verses at home from September - December. For more information, email lynndyfurdle@gmail.com.





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