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# The Messenger



## FROM THE PASTOR

I'm pleased to report that the FBC Missionary House is ready for occupancy. FBC has renovated the old church office building, on the north side of Van Buren Avenue, to be used to provide ministry to and housing for missionaries on stateside assignment, completing mid-term missionary assignments, or during a medical leave from the field.

FBC supports missionaries in many ways. We support missionaries financially through Cooperative Program giving and through the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. FBC also supports missionaries by working alongside them on the field with teams from our church. Now we add the additional support of housing missionaries during their time at home from the field.

### So why would FBC provide a Missionary House?

- **To minister to missionaries with nurture and support.** Many of the places missionaries serve have few Christians. It's the reason they go: to take the Gospel of Jesus Christ to places it has not been shared. Yet, we all know the value of Christian fellowship and love. So, let's minister to these families as they come
- **To learn about mission work around the world.** Missionaries are putting into practice many things the church talks about. For us in the Deep South, it's hard to imagine places that have few or no churches. However, we can learn from these missionaries who use new ideas and strategies to take the gospel to the world.
- **To help us put faces with our support.** I hope when you give to the Lottie Moon Christmas offering this year, you'll think of the family in our mission house. They represent 4,000 other families who boldly go to the nations.

I can't conclude this article without saying 'Thank YOU' to a group of men and women in our church who took this project as their own. Almost all the work done at the Missionary House, the renovation work of knocking out walls, putting up sheetrock, installing plumbing, HVAC, electrical, painting, procuring furniture and appliances, was done by volunteers from FBC. They are servants who prefer I not share their names, but our Lord knows and blesses their service. Thank you.

I'll see you in church on Sunday,

Don

**Open House for the Missionary House  
will be Sunday, October 16 from 9-11 a.m.**

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# October

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

## **OCTOBER 2** *FBC Homecoming*

- 8 a.m. Worship Service
- 9:15 a.m. Brunch and Sunday School
- 10:45 a.m. Worship Service
- 5 p.m. Kidzone & Choir
- 5 p.m. DLife Table Talk
- 5 p.m. Women's Joshua Study



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# Homecoming

## **OCTOBER 2**

### **WORSHIP**

**8 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.**

**Brunch at 9:15 a.m.**

**Fellowship Hall, 3rd Floor, and CLC**

Bring a dish to share. We will have a Sunday School lesson at 10 a.m. in each location.

Preschool care available for worship services.  
Preschool Sunday School will meet at 9:45 a.m.

## **OCTOBER 5** *Fall Break*

- 5:30 p.m. GriefShare

## **OCTOBER 8**

- 9:30 a.m. Women's Ministry Fall Painting Party

## **OCTOBER 9**

- 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. Kidzone & Choir
- 5 p.m. DLife Table Talk
- 5 p.m. Women's Joshua Study
- 6:30 p.m. Youth Fellowship

## **OCTOBER 12**

- 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: Store Night
- 6 p.m. City Youth Worship Night
- 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

## **OCTOBER 16**

- 8 a.m. Worship Service
- 9 a.m. Missionary House Open House
- 9:15 a.m. Worship Service/Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. Worship Service/Sunday School
- 4 p.m. Youth Corn Maze
- 5 p.m. Kidzone & Choir
- 5 p.m. DLife Table Talk
- 5 p.m. Women's Joshua Study

## **OCTOBER 18**

- 5:30 p.m. Outreach

## **OCTOBER 19**

- 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

## **OCTOBER 20**

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

**FBC Oxford is creating a PICTORIAL DIRECTORY.**  
Any questions, call (662) 234-3515 or email [cmiller@gotofirst.org](mailto:cmiller@gotofirst.org).

**Schedule online at [gotofirst.org/smile](http://gotofirst.org/smile)**

# Our Family

## OCTOBER 21

- 6 p.m. Parents' Night Out  
6 p.m. Marriage Enrichment Seminar

## OCTOBER 23

- 8 a.m. Worship Service  
9:15 a.m. Worship Service/Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. Worship Service/Sunday School  
4 p.m. Mission House Open House  
5 p.m. Kidzone & Choir  
5 p.m. DLife Table Talk  
6 p.m. Quarterly Business Meeting  
6:30 p.m. Youth Fellowship

### Quarterly Business Meeting

**Oct. 23 at 6 p.m.  
in the Sanctuary**

## OCTOBER 26

- 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: Costume 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

## OCTOBER 29

- 8 a.m. Men's Ministry Workday



### MEN'S MINISTRY WORKDAY OCT. 29

Email [mm@gotofirst.org](mailto:mm@gotofirst.org) to sign up!  
Meet at the CLC at 8 a.m.

## OCTOBER 30

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

## Budget September 1-18, 2022

Budget	\$123,978.91
Building	\$ 3,140.00
Designated	\$24,687.36
Total	\$151,806.27

**Margaret Lackey Offering  
for Mississippi Missions  
Given to date: \$9,352.36**

## Deacons of the Week

- Sept. 25-** Thomas Herrington, Jim Rose,  
**Oct. 1** Larry Little  
**Oct. 2-8** Fred Johnson, Steve Russell,  
Bill Rose  
**Oct. 9-15** Larry Moffett, Wesley Henry,  
Tom Dawson  
**Oct. 16-22** Daniel Denton, Brian Smith,  
Kevin Howell  
**Oct. 23-29** Lane Wilson, Mike Tomes,  
Craig Kirkendall  
**Oct. 30-** Jason Woodard, Steven Russell,  
**Nov. 5** Derrell Doss

## New Members in September

Will Higgason, Gerald and Kathy Shepard,  
Pate Nance

## Congratulations

To Paxton and Beth Little on the birth of their son, **Louis Mitchell Little**, on Sept. 15. Proud siblings are Harrison, Paxton, and Stevie. Proud grandparents are Nelson and Becky Little.

## Our Sympathy

To Dr. Jim Chambless and family after the loss of his wife, Dr. Martha Chambless.

# Discipleship


## OUTREACH

**Tuesday, October 18.** 5:30 pm. Snack supper followed by opportunities to make home visits, phone calls, texts, cards and letters. Childcare provided.

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### **FBC Oxford Fall Marriage Enrichment Seminar** *with Tyler and Jamie Stacy*

**Friday, October 21**  
6-7:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall  
*\*\*No fee*



**\*\* Please register with Pam Carter before Oct. 14**  
[pcarter@gotofirst.org](mailto:pcarter@gotofirst.org) or 662-234-3515

### During October, FBC Library is celebrating **Our Leader Readers**



**Check out one of our favorite books today!**

**FBC LIBRARY**

Sundays 8-11 a.m. • Wednesdays 5-7 p.m.  
*FBC Library is downstairs next to the Old Fellowship Hall.*

## **FBC OXFORD MISSION TRIPS**

### **OCTOBER 2022**

3-8 ... CUSTER, SOUTH DAKOTA

3-10 ... OAXACA, MEXICO

### **NOVEMBER 2022**

1-9 ... PERU, AMAZON REGION

### **DECEMBER 2022**

12-20 ... Eastern Europe

### **JANUARY 2023**

4-18 ... OAXACA, MEXICO

21-28 ... Rome, Italy

### **FEBRUARY 2023**

11-18 ... OAXACA, MEXICO

### **MARCH 2023**

11-17 ... LIMA, PERU

### **APRIL 2023**

6-9 ... NORCO, LOUISIANA

### **MAY 2023**

19-29 ... CUSTER, SOUTH DAKOTA

29-JUNE 7 ... OLSZTYN, POLAND

### **JUNE 2023**

4-JULY 12 ... OAXACA SUMMER MISSIONS

4-JULY 12 ... PERU SUMMER MISSIONS

4-JULY 12 ... S DAKOTA SUMMER MISSIONS

23-JULY 1 ... NATAL, BRAZIL

### **JULY 2023**

1-8 ... OAXACA HIGH SCHOOL MISSION CAMP

For more info contact Jeff Holeman  
at [wigtake@gmail.com](mailto:wigtake@gmail.com)



Dedication Sunday

**Nov. 13**

National Collection Week

**Nov. 14-21**



**GO Boxes and packing  
instructions available in the Atrium!**

**More information at [gotofirst.org/occ](http://gotofirst.org/occ)**

## *Links Connections*

FBC Oxford Ministry to  
the Links Apartments

## **FALL FESTIVAL**

**Saturday, October 29 from 6-8 p.m.**

We need FBC members to donate baked goods  
for the cake walk and help with carnival games.

Email [lynndyfthurdle@gmail.com](mailto:lynndyfthurdle@gmail.com) for more information.



## **WOMEN'S MINISTRY NEWS** [wmin@gotofirst.org](mailto:wmin@gotofirst.org)

**Monthly Book Club** Thursday, October 20 at 6:30 p.m. "The Water Keeper" by Charles Martin. Email [wmin@gotofirst.org](mailto:wmin@gotofirst.org) for more information.

### *Fall Painting Party*

*Led by Debbie Myers*

**Saturday, October 8**

**9:30-11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall**

Breakfast provided. Registration fee: \$10

Childcare available. *Sign up children by Sept. 23!*

**Register by Oct. 6 at [gotofirst.org/women](http://gotofirst.org/women)**



~SAVE THE DATE~

*Ladies' Christmas Tea*

**DECEMBER 10**

10:30 a.m.-noon in the Fellowship Hall

*Tickets will go on sale in November.*



## **COLLEGE NEWS**

Facebook/Instagram: [@fbcoxcollege](https://www.facebook.com/fbcoxcollege)

**Bake Sale for the Pregnancy Center** Oct. 16 in the Atrium

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

**Oct. 9:** Youth Fellowship at the Waller's, 6:30-8 p.m.

**Oct. 12:** City Youth Worship Night  
@ Calvary Baptist, 6-7:30 p.m.

**Oct. 16:** Corn Maze. Bus departs at 4 p.m.

**Oct. 23:** Youth Fellowship at the Herrington's,  
6:30-8 p.m.





Happy  
Birthday  
Jesus!

**ThriveHIP-HOP  
WORKSHOP**

**Saturday, December 10**

9-11am: PK-3rd grade  
11:30-1:30 pm: 4th-12th grade



\$35/child. Register online at  
[gotofirst.org/dance](http://gotofirst.org/dance)



## PRESCHOOL & CHILDREN'S NEWS

FBC Members

# PARENTS' NIGHT OUT

October 21 • 6-9 p.m.

*Sign up at the Preschool  
and Children's area. Only 15 spots available  
for Preschoolers (Babies-4's) and 20 spots for children (K-6th grade).*



**KIDS  
KARNIVAL  
AND  
TRUNK OR TREAT**

**Oct. 30  
4-6 p.m.**

**inflatables, games,  
food, door prizes,  
and candy!**

**Candy donations needed!**  
Drop off candy in the atrium, children's Sunday  
school area, or the church office.

**Families can team up for Trunk for Treat!**  
Sign up with Whitney at 662-832-3236  
or [wsimon@gotofirst.org](mailto:wsimon@gotofirst.org) by October 23!





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