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The Messenger



FROM THE PASTOR

First Baptist Church is blessed to have some of the best teachers anywhere. I believe that from top to bottom in Sunday School and other teaching venues, FBC offers the highest quality teachers. Yet, most of us don't regularly get to hear these teachers, other than in our own Sunday School class.

Sunday nights in November you will have the opportunity to hear some of FBC's best teachers through a feature we're calling 'Homegrown Sundays'.

'Homegrown' will meet at 5 p.m. on Sundays in November.

November 6 – Dr. Will Dabbs – Dr. Dabbs teaches the "God Over All" coed class at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings. He and his wife Cassie are active in many ministries of FBC. Will grew up at FBC. When not teaching Sunday School, Dr. Dabbs is a Family Medicine Specialist at Urgent Care in Oxford.

November 12 – Dr. Bill Rose – Dr. Rose is co-teacher of the Pathfinders' coed class at 9:15 a.m. on Sunday mornings. He and his wife Susan are active in many ministries at FBC. Dr. Rose also serves as Deacon Chairman this year at FBC. He is a retired professor from Ole Miss and served as editor of newspapers across the U.S.

November 20 – Dr. Matt Moore – Dr. Moore has been Sunday School Director at FBC for over twenty years. Matt also teaches a Zoom Sunday School class at 9:30 a.m. every Sunday. He and his wife Paula are active in many ministries at FBC. Dr. Moore is Research Leader/Supervisor Research Ecologist for the USDA in Oxford.

I'm grateful for these men and their gifts of teaching. I hope you'll come and hear them teach on Sunday nights in November.

I'll see you in church on Sunday,

Don



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November

gotofirst.org/sunday

for schedule updates & Bible Study options

NOVEMBER 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
- 5:45 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

NOVEMBER 4

- 6 p.m. College Ministry Bonfire at the Roark's

NOVEMBER 5

Daylight Saving Time ends: Fall back 1 hour

NOVEMBER 6

- 8 a.m. Worship Service
- 9:15 a.m. Worship Service/Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. Worship Service/Sunday School
- 5 p.m. Homegrown Sunday: Cookies
- 6:30 p.m. Youth Fellowship at the Mattingly's

NOVEMBER 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
- 5:45 p.m. Awana: Goofy Hat Night
- 6 p.m. Youth OCC Shoebox Packing Party
- 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

NOVEMBER 12

- Youth Football Parking Fundraiser

NOVEMBER 13

Shoebox Dedication Sunday

- 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 Ministry Lunch in the Christian Life Center
- 2 p.m. GriefShare Surviving the Holidays
- 4:15 p.m. Brazil Trip Interest Meeting
- 5 p.m. Homegrown Sunday: Cake
- 6:15 p.m. Peru Trip Interest Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Youth Friendsgiving Holiday Feast on the 3rd floor

NOVEMBER 15-22

National OCC Shoebox Collection Week

NOVEMBER 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
- 5:45 p.m. Awana
- 6 p.m. Midweek for Youth
- 6 p.m. Annual Church Conference
- 6 p.m. Women's Explorer's Bible Study
- 6 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
- 7 p.m. Worship Team Rehearsal

Annual Church Conference

**Nov. 16 at 6 p.m.
in the Fellowship Hall**

**Special called business meeting
to present and vote on the
2023 church budget.**

NOVEMBER 17

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

Our Family

NOVEMBER 20

8 a.m. Worship Service
9:15 a.m. Worship Service/Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship Service/Sunday School
5 p.m. Homegrown Sunday:
Thanksgiving Dinner (RSVP)

NOVEMBER 23

3 p.m. Men's Ministry Turkey Cooking

NOVEMBER 24

Youth Football Parking Fundraiser

NOVEMBER 24-25 *Thanksgiving*

Church office closed.

NOVEMBER 27

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

NOVEMBER 30

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
5:45 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

Deacons of the Week

Oct. 30- Jason Woodard, Steven Russell,
Nov. 5 Derrell Doss
Nov. 6-12 Dave Miller, Keith Scruggs,
Danny Guthrie
Nov. 13-19 Thomas Herrington, Jim Rose,
Larry Little
Nov. 20-26 Fred Johnson, Martin Locke,
Bill Rose
Nov. 27- Larry Moffett, Wesley Henry,
Dec. 3 Tom Dawson

Budget October 1-23, 2022

Budget	\$138,086.90
Building	\$ 3,458.93
Designated	\$19,490.17
Total	\$161,036.00

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LOTTIE MOON
CHRISTMAS
OFFERING®

FBC Oxford Goal: \$115,000

100% of this offering goes to support
missionaries serving outside the USA.

New Members in October

Austin Hipskind, Chadwick Redditt, Shellye Smith, James and Sara and Addyson Wellborn, Cindy Wilson

Congratulations

Tyler and Whitney Day Sweeney welcomed
Robert Ralston Sweeney on August 31.

Leanne and Sam Kendricks welcomed
Alistair Hathorn Kendricks on October 3.

Our Sympathy

To Mr. Chad Mood after the loss of his
mother, Mrs. Barbara Mood.

To Mr. Jason Woodard after the loss of his
cousin, Mr. Edward Russell.

To Mrs. Lynn Bostick after the loss of her
husband, Mr. Harry Bostick.

To Dr. Melinda Gann after the loss of her
mother, Mrs. Katherine Downs.

To Mrs. Danie Robbins after the loss of her
husband, Mr. Doye Robbins Sr.

To Mrs. Ashley Glasz after the loss of her
grandfather, Mr. Doye Robbins Sr.

To Mrs. Tabitha Denton after the loss of her
grandfather, Mr. Doye Robbins Sr.

Missions

FBC OXFORD MISSION TRIPS

JANUARY 2023

4 to 17 ... Oaxaca, Mexico (College)

FEBRUARY 2023

11 to 18 ... Oaxaca, Mexico (Medical)

MARCH 2023

11 to 17 ... Lima, Peru (All adults)

30 to April 2 ... Norco, Louisiana
(All adults)

APRIL 2023

13 to 18 ... Oaxaca, Mexico
(Women's Ministry)

MAY 2023

19 to 29 ... Custer, SD (College)

29 to June 7 ... Olsztyn, Poland (All adults)

JUNE 2023

4 to July 14 ... Peru Summer Missions
(High School 11-12 / College)

4 to July 14 ... South Dakota Summer
Missions (High School 11-12 / College)

8 to July 14 ... Oaxaca Summer Missions
(High School 11-12 / College)

23 to July 2 ... Natal, Brazil
(High School, College, Adults)

JULY 2023

1 to 8 ... Oaxaca Missions Camp
(High School and Parents)

AUGUST 2023

21 to 25 ... Oaxaca, Mexico
(Men's Construction Trip)

Links Connections

FBC Oxford Ministry to
the Links Apartments

We need volunteers to hang Good Neighbor Food Drive flyers and help collect food that the residents at the Links donate to help their neighbors. Contact lynndyfthurdle@gmail.com for details.



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

Brittany Woods Kids Club

Thursday afternoons. Meet at the Baptist Student Center at 3:30 p.m. Contact Liesa Holeman at (601) 398-6110 for more info.

The Pantry of Oxford and Lafayette County

Are you interested in helping at the Oxford Pantry? Screeners are needed. You would need to give 2 1/4 hours, Wednesdays or Thursdays, 8:45 am to 11am, once a month. Screening involves greeting clients, taking names, checking names against Pantry records and sometimes helping people sign up for Pantry services. If this sounds like something you could do, please contact Conny Parham by calling or texting her at (662) 816-8383, or e-mailing at connyparham@gmail.com.

BRAZIL 2023 Mission Trip

June 23-July 2 for adults and youth.

Interest Meeting Sunday Nov. 13 at 4:15 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

We need people for construction team, medical team, and family ministry team.

LIMA, PERU Spring Break Family Mission Trip

March 11-17 for families (kids ages 10 and up!)

Interest Meeting, Sunday Nov. 13 at 6:15 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

This trip is for families to serve together to help start a sustainable, Bible-based church in a impoverished area of Lima, Peru. Ministry will include street evangelism, sports ministry, and youth and children's ministry.

Pray for the Peru/Amazon River Mission Team on Nov. 1-8.

Nelson Little, Becky Little, Greg Hamrick, Raymond Smith, and Jeff Holeman are serving on a medical mission trip along the Amazon River of Peru. Pray for this team.

Pray for the Eastern Europe Mission Team on Dec. 12-20.

Courtney Woodard, Will Higgason, Hannah Scardino, Erin Kilpatrick, Alaina Weeks, Ben Newton, Caleb Phelps, Isabel Nichols, Reiss Farris, Liesa Holeman, and Jeff Holeman will be serving in Eastern Europe. Pray for this team.

Discipleship



5 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

Join us around the tables for dessert and fellowship!

Nov. 6 ... Bring your Cookies Fellowship.
Bible Study led by Will Dabbs.

Nov. 13 ... Bring your Cake Fellowship.
Bible Study led by Bill Rose.
Worship led by college students.

Nov. 20 ... Thanksgiving Dinner (RSVP with Pam Carter, 662-234-3515 or pcarter@gotofirst.org) Tables of 8 can be reserved for Sunday School Classes to sit together. Cost: \$6 per adult, \$5 per youth, \$4 per K-6th grade, free for preschoolers and college students. (Family Max is \$18.) Bible Study led by Matt Moore.



November 13

2-4 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

Register online at
griefshare.org/holidays
or by calling Barbara Wright
662-801-1874.



WOMEN'S MINISTRY NEWS wmin@gotofirst.org

Monthly Book Club Thursday, November 17 at 6:30 p.m. "Person of Interest" by J. Warner Wallace. Email wmin@gotofirst.org for more info.



~SAVE THE DATE~

Ladies' Christmas Tea DECEMBER 10

10-11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall

Guest speaker: Charlotte Waller, author of "A Heavenly Tea"

COMING UP IN DECEMBER!

Connection Lunch

Sunday, Dec. 4 at 11:30 a.m. For all new members and those wanting more info about FBC Oxford! Get to know our church staff and the ministries of First Baptist. Please come and connect with FBC Oxford! Please RSVP with Pam Carter at 662-234-3515.

Library Open House

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4

Come by between services or before Sunday School, 8-11 a.m. The Library is downstairs next to the Old Fellowship Hall.



Senior Adult Banquet

December 6 at 6 p.m.

in the Fellowship Hall

Please RSVP with Corie Miller at 662-234-3515.

*Joy
Has
Dawned*

Celebration Worship Choir Christmas Musical

December 11

6 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Christmas Day

Sunday, December 25 • 10 a.m. Worship Only

No Sunday School. No childcare available.

MEN'S MINISTRY NEWS

mm@gotofirst.org

Men's Ministry Turkey Cooking

Wednesday, November 23 from 3-7 p.m.

Men's Ministry is asking for volunteers to deliver cooked turkeys and pack food boxes. We will deliver a box with turkey, pan of dressing and other items. For more information contact Russell Finley 662.832.3370 or come to welcome center desk on Sunday.

No Men's Ministry Workday for November

Please call the church office if you have a need that our Men's Ministry can help with.

COLLEGE NEWS

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

Bonfire at the Roark's Friday, November 4 at 6 p.m.

College Lunch Sunday, November 13 at 11:30 a.m. in the CLC

Pancake Study Break Sunday, December 4 from 8-10 p.m.
in the Fellowship Hall

STUDENT NEWS

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



We will be working church parking lots for Ole Miss gamedays.

Nov. 12 Alabama

Nov. 24 Mississippi State

Fellowship at the Mattingly's

Sunday, November 6 at 6:30 p.m. hosted by youth parents

Operation Christmas Child Packing Party

Wednesday, November 9 at 6 p.m. on the 3rd Floor

Friendsgiving Holiday Feast

Sunday, November 13 at 6:30 p.m. on the 3rd Floor

Christmas Progressive Supper

Sunday, December 4

SAVE THE DATE: DNow January 27-28 at Camp Lake Stephens

PRESCHOOL & CHILDREN'S NEWS

The Men's Ministry is cooking turkeys and putting together food boxes to deliver to those in need this Thanksgiving.

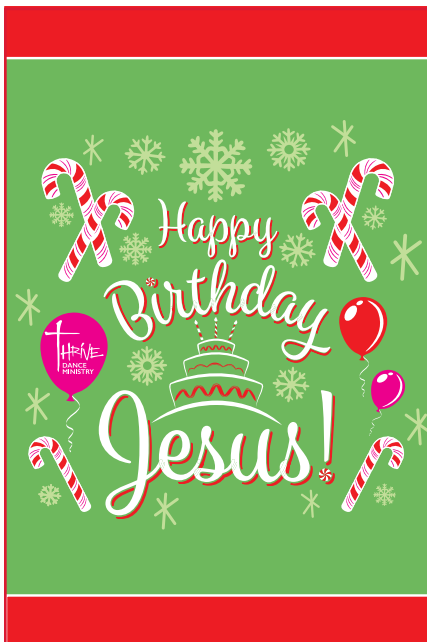
Preschool and Children's Sunday School classes can help by donating canned yams, canned green beans, and boxed macaroni and cheese.

Drop off items to the boxes in the preschool and children's areas.

The last week to bring items is Nov. 20!



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



Thrive HIP-HOP WORKSHOP

**Saturday, December 10
at First Baptist Oxford**

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

fun hip-hop choreography, dance games,
Christmas Bible story, T-shirt, and decorate
your own birthday cupcake for JESUS!



\$35/child. Register online at
gotofirst.org/dance





UPWARD BASKETBALL FOR GRADES K5-4TH

Register NOW at gotofirst.org. Registration ends Nov. 8. Evaluation nights are Nov. 7 and 8 at 6 p.m. in the CLC. All players must attend ONE Evaluation Night to be placed on a team.

If a player does NOT attend an evaluation night they will not be on a team.

Preschool Christmas Party

Sunday, December 11

during 9:15 a.m. Sunday School

We're having a Birthday Celebration for Jesus with games, story time, a keepsake craft, pictures, and a huge birthday cake for Jesus!



Children's Christmas Party

Sunday, December 11

during Sunday School

We're celebrating Jesus' birth with a Bible story, games, snacks, and crafts during both Sunday School hours: 9:15 and 10:30 a.m.

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