

The Messenger

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from the Pastor

The first week of June has been reserved for Vacation Bible School at FBC for many years. VBS often provides a ripple effect for the summer of ministry at FBC.

Hebrews 4:12 says that “the word of God is living and active...” As our kids study and learn God’s Word in creative and fun ways, the Holy Spirit brings them to an encounter with Jesus. Some encounter Jesus in a saving way. Some who are already Christians encounter Jesus in a call to deeper discipleship. Some will invite friends to come to VBS and those friends will learn about Jesus. Like a pebble dropped in a pond, the ripples spread outward as God’s Word comes alive by His Spirit.

The ripple doesn’t stop with the first week of June. It could be that a child will attend VBS at FBC and, from information collected; our outreach team will discover that the child and their family have no church affiliation. The team will connect with the family and hopefully, over time, develop a relationship that leads the family to church. The ripple continues as they hear the “living and active” word of God. We pray they will encounter Jesus in a saving way or in a call to deeper discipleship. Then God moves in their heart and they invite a friend ... well, you see the potential ripple that one child, encountering Jesus can possibly have. Except it isn’t really a random ripple effect, it’s the work of God.

Activities this summer at FBC are geared prayerfully to have the same kind of usefulness in the work of God.

Let’s all pray that God will work His ‘ripple effect’ through VBS and all the ministries of FBC this summer.

I’ll see you in church on Sunday.

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JOIN US
IN THE
WILD
VBS JUNE 3-7



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JUNE 2

8:30 a.m. Worship Service
9:45 a.m. Bible Study classes
11 a.m. Worship Service

JUNE 3-7

Vacation Bible School, daily 9 a.m.-noon

JUNE 4

Noon Prayer Meeting

JUNE 7

5 p.m. Vacation Bible School Family Night

JUNE 8

8 a.m. FBC Golf Scramble
(pre-registration required)

JUNE 8-16

Brazil Mission Trip

JUNE 9

Summer Reading Challenge Kickoff in the Library

8:30 a.m. Worship Service
9:45 a.m. Bible Study classes
11 a.m. Worship Service

XYZ Senior Adult Program Tuesday, June 11

11 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall
Program by Sherry Pratt, author of
Faith and Fear
A delicious meal will be provided.

JUNE 11

11 a.m. XYZ Program & Luncheon
Noon Prayer Meeting

JUNE 12

6 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
7:30 p.m. Band Rehearsal

JUNE 16

Father's Day

8:30 a.m. Worship Service
9:45 a.m. Bible Study classes
11 a.m. Worship Service

JUNE 17

6 p.m. Mega Outreach Night

JUNE 18

Noon Prayer Meeting

JUNE 19

6 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
7:30 p.m. Band Rehearsal

JUNE 20

6:30 p.m. Women's Ministry Book Club
(Email wmin@gotofirst.org for details)

JUNE 20-28

America's Missionary Kids Retreat

JUNE 23

8:30 a.m. Worship Service
9:45 a.m. Bible Study classes
11 a.m. Worship Service

JUNE 25

Noon Prayer Meeting

JUNE 25-JULY 4

Student Peru Mission Trip

JUNE 26

2:30 p.m. Emoji Fun Day in the Library
6 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
7:30 p.m. Band Rehearsal

MEGA OUTREACH NIGHT

Monday, June 17 at 6 pm. in the Fellowship Hall

We need your help to call, visit, and pray. We'll be following up with our guests at Vacation Bible School. Come join us!

Our Family

JUNE 27-29

Children's Mission Camp

JUNE 30

8:30 a.m. Worship Service
9:45 a.m. Bible Study classes
11 a.m. Worship Service

JUNE 30-JULY 5

Student Ministry Beach Camp

Sunday school attendance

May 5 - 496 May 19-443
May 12-464

Budget May 1-19, 2019

Budget	\$125,510.82
Building	\$2,396.00
Designated	\$28,688.00
Total	\$156,594.82



GO TELL OFFERING

GO TELL OFFERING will be collected during the months of June and July. Goal: \$40,000. This offering helps send FBC Oxford members and college students on mission trips.

New Members in May

Donald "Donnie" and Nikki Thomas,
John Davis

Congratulations

Allysen and Johnathon Smith welcomed a baby boy, **Jacob Marshall Smith**, born May 18. Proud grandmother is Abi Rayburn.

Our Sympathy

To Mr. Bill Dye and family in the loss of his stepmother, Mrs. Mazie Cooper Dye

To Mrs. Betty Butler and family in the loss of their grandson, Brandon Preuitt.

To Renee Havens, Bonnie Baker and Byron Ellzey and families in the loss of their mother, Mrs. Katherine Davis.

To Mrs. Margie Abel and family of the loss of her father, Mr. Leroy Heffner.

To Mrs. Christian Williams and family of the loss of her husband Kevin Michael Williams.

Deacons of the Week

May 26- Michael Ferris, Paxton Little,
June 1 Michael Meurrier

June 2-8 Ryan Overall, Jason Simon,
Kevin Bain

June 9-15 Bobby Clanton, Gary Carter,
Brad Golmon

June 16-22 Paul Hale, Nelson Little,
Lanny Shackelford

June 23-29 Jamie Hopson, Kevin Howell,
Martin Locke

**June 30-
July 6** Matt Moore, Bill Rose,
Steven Russell

MISSION & MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Questions? Contact Jeff Holeman at 662.234.3515 or wigtake@gmail.com

Reclaimed Project

FBC OXFORD PARTNERSHIP

July 9-12
Marks, MS

First Baptist Oxford has partnered with this ministry in Marks, MS. No cost. Meals provided. We need a team of 6 adults each day to help with light construction and cleaning. We will leave from FBC Oxford at 8 a.m. each day and return at 6 p.m.

Sign up during June at the Missions Table in the Atrium.

3RD ANNUAL

FBC GOLF SCRAMBLE

Saturday, June 8

8 a.m. - shotgun start • Ole Miss Golf Course

Four-Person Golf Scramble. Cost of \$200 per team includes round of golf, cart, and range balls for each golfer. Prayerfully consider sponsoring a hole for an additional \$100.

All proceeds go to Children Are People School.

Call the church office for more info: 662-234-3515

Thank you so much for your generous donations to the

Lafayette County Foster Care Closet



WOMEN'S MINISTRY NEWS

wmin@gotofirst.org

Monthly Book Club

Thursday, June 20 at 6:30 p.m. Email wmin@gotofirst.org for more info.

INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS

FBC Oxford College Students serving this summer:

Morgan Blythe (Middle East), Nicholas Dukes (Southeast Asia),
Lillie Herring (Southeast Asia), Michaela Williams (Eastern Europe),
Ansley Myers (Camp Crestridge), and there's more! Pray for them!

Oaxaca Summer Missionaries. We have 6 college students serving in Oaxaca this summer. Pray for Rachel Reed, Avery Ruth, Walt Maddox, Conley Wilkinson, Cody Cullen and John Harvey. Pray for their translators JD de los Santos and David de los Santos.

Pray for our Brazil Church Planting & Ministry Team. June 8-16.

Santa Branca, Brazil. Pray for Jeff Holeman, Haylee Holeman, Jason Simon, Elizabeth Simon. Michael Meurrier, Myla Meurrier, Rachel Allen, Henry Allen, Billy Lamb, Jonothan Ethridge, Susan Dempsey, Marsha Kisner, Roseanne Brownlee, Abi Rayburn, Tammy Shelton, Craig Gordon, Brenda Gordon, Buster Hale, Ronnie Conner, Walter Harper, Steve Crady, Cheryl Crady.

Retreat for America's Missionary Kids. June 20-28. Panama.

Pray for Jeff Holeman, Liesa Holeman, Hilarie Bain, and Cole Kelly as they lead a retreat for high school aged children of IMB missionaries.

Student Team to Peru. June 25-July 4. Pray for Jack Schultz, Daniel Johnson, Garrett Reed, and Mark McManus as they lead a Student Conference in Gallito, Peru. We need sponsors for the Peruvian Students! \$25 will cover the cost for a student in Peru to attend the conference.

Leadership Training in Oaxaca. September 25-30.

Cost is \$400 for FBC Oxford members and includes every expense. We will continue our training of over 40 church leaders in southern Mexico. Our training topic will be Biblical Hermeneutics (Principles of Biblical Interpretation). Payment is due before August 1. Limit of 5 on this trip.

Outreach to Refugees and Students in Rome, Italy.

December 12-21. Cost is \$700 plus airfare (approximately \$1900). A team of 6 are needed to support the work of our Campus Crusade partners in Rome. Ministry will include clothing distribution to refugees, university campus prayer walks, evangelism on university campuses, and caring for missionary families in Rome. You'll also see the most popular sites in Rome.

College Trip to Oaxaca. Dec 28-January 11. Cost is \$1450 per person. This is a mission/discipleship training trip for college students. Limit of 10 on this trip. \$100 deposit is due NOW to reserve a space.

Medical Trip to Oaxaca. February 8-14, 2020. Save the dates!

STUDENT MINISTRY NEWS



Summer Book Club for Girls

Led by Alyssa Lee
Sign up in Sunday School on June 2!



**Come Help with VBS!
June 3-7!**

It's not too late to volunteer!
Please sign up in the Atrium!

6-9 p.m. June 5 and 19
Locations to be announced!



Beach Camp 2019!

June 30-July 5 in Panama City Beach, FL.

This camp is for all youth entering grades 7 to college. Cost is \$225 and scholarships are available for students who attend FBC Oxford. We have several students who need a sponsor for Beach Camp. If you would like to sponsor a student please contribute \$225 or any amount. Contact Pam Carter in the church office for more information, 662-234-3515.

High School Mission Trip
July 20-27 in Oaxaca, Mexico.
Next training meeting June 2!

OAXACA
MISSIONS PARTNERSHIP

DiscipleNow 2019! August 9-11. Save the dates!

PRESCHOOL & CHILDREN'S NEWS

Summer Care Program for PreK-2nd grade

FBC Weekday Education has a few more spots available! If you are interested in a quality program for your elementary child that will be available daily from 7:15 - 5:30 each day during the summer, please contact Linda Glaze at the Weekday desk.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 3-7 • 9 a.m.-noon

Open to all kids completing K-6th grade

Contact Dina Addy, (662) 837-0797

or diaddy@gotofirst.org for more info

FAMILY NIGHT JUNE 7

**5 p.m. Mississippi
Wildlife Program
in the CLC**
*with Debora Waz
from the Museum
of Natural Science*



**5:40 p.m. Dinner
in the Fellowship Hall**

**6:15 p.m. Worship Rally
in the Sanctuary**
*featuring special performances
by each VBS class!*

Kids and volunteers, sign up at gotofirst.org/vbs



SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

Emojis at the Library

JUNE 9-JULY 21

Open to all kids Pre-Kindergarten-6th grade

Sign up and receive a cool emoji tote bag!

Prizes awarded for reading 5, 10, and 15+ books.

Sign up today in the FBC Library & Media Center.

Save the date for **Emoji Fun Day**

JUNE 26 from 2-3:30 p.m. in the Old Fellowship Hall

'Emoji Movie,' snacks, and emoji fun!





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