

# The Messenger



## from the Pastor

Turning the page of the calendar to August means that summer vacations are memories and activities of fall swing into motion. At First Baptist, August brings a ramping up of so many of our favorite things like Wednesday night meals, Life U, and getting back together regularly.

This summer we've set aside forty days to seek God's face for our lives and our church in prayer. The prayer time starts us on a journey with God as we seek His will. In August, we'll build on the time of prayer by taking an honest look at the present.

All of us have filters through which we see the present. Sometimes we see the present as better, or worse, than it truly is. We live in a world that loves to take a nugget of fact and spin it to their gain. I think it's important to honestly appraise where we are as a church and community. We'll continue the journey on August 25 at 5 p.m.

**“Prayer doesn't prepare us for the greater work, prayer is the greater work.” — OSWALD CHAMBERS**

I'm grateful for your faithful participation in praying. As Oswald Chambers reminds us, “Prayer doesn't prepare us for the greater work, prayer is the greater work.”

I'll see you in church on Sunday.

*Don*



## 40 Days of Prayer

JULY 7-AUGUST 18



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# August

Check out featured events at [www.gotofirst.org](http://www.gotofirst.org)

## AUGUST 2

6 p.m. Men's Ministry Fish Fry

### *Promotion Sunday and*

## AUGUST 4 *Preschool Recognition*

### *Ministry Fair in the Atrium*

8:30 a.m. Worship Service  
9:45 a.m. Bible Study classes  
11 a.m. Worship Service  
5:15 p.m. DNow Worship for Youth  
at FBC Abbeville



**Wear your favorite team jersey  
or T-shirt to Sunday School and  
enjoy tailgate foods in class!**

## AUGUST 6

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

### **XYZ Senior Adult Program Tuesday, August 6**

11 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall  
Program by Bro. Don Gann,  
40 Days of Prayer.

*A delicious meal will be provided.*

## AUGUST 7

6 p.m. Midweek for Youth  
6 p.m. Choir Rehearsal  
7:30 p.m. Band Rehearsal

## AUGUST 9-11

DNow for Youth

## AUGUST 11

### *Ministry Fair in the Atrium*

8:30 a.m. Worship Service  
9:45 a.m. Bible Study classes  
11 a.m. Worship Service  
5 p.m. Deacon Ordination Service

## AUGUST 13

Noon Prayer Meeting

## AUGUST 14

5 p.m. Fellowship Meal  
5:30 p.m. AWANA Registration in the CLC  
6 p.m. Midweek for Youth  
6 p.m. Choir Rehearsal  
7:30 p.m. Band Rehearsal

## AUGUST 15

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

## AUGUST 18

8:30 a.m. Worship Service  
9:45 a.m. Bible Study classes  
11 a.m. Worship Service  
5 p.m. 40 Days of Prayer Service  
followed by Quarterly Business  
Meeting

## AUGUST 20

Noon Prayer Meeting

## AUGUST 21

6:40 a.m. Men's Explorer's Bible Study  
5 p.m. Fellowship Meal  
5:30 p.m. AWANA  
6 p.m. Midweek for Youth  
6 p.m. Adult Bible Studies  
6 p.m. Women's Explorer's Bible Study  
6 p.m. Choir Rehearsal  
7:30 p.m. Band Rehearsal

## AUGUST 25

8:30 a.m. Worship Service  
9:45 a.m. Bible Study classes  
11 a.m. Worship Service  
5 p.m. Vision Day Service

# Our Family

## Sunday Nights in August

### DEACON ORDINATION

August 11 at 5 p.m.

### 40 DAYS OF PRAYER

August 18 at 5 p.m.

followed by a quarterly business meeting

### FBC VISION DAY

August 25 at 5 p.m.

## AUGUST 27

Noon Prayer Meeting

## AUGUST 28

6:40 a.m. Men's Explorer's Bible Study  
5 p.m. Fellowship Meal  
5:30 p.m. AWANA  
6 p.m. Midweek for Youth  
6 p.m. Adult Bible Studies  
6 p.m. Women's Explorer's Bible Study  
6 p.m. Choir Rehearsal  
7:30 p.m. Band Rehearsal

## New Deacons

Derrell Doss	Lane Wilson
Daniel Denton	Fred Johnson
Jim Rose	Dave Miller
Craig Kirkendall	

## Deacons of the Week

**July 28-  
Aug. 3** Bobby Clanton, Gary Carter,  
Brad Golmon

**Aug. 4-10** Paul Hale, Nelson Little,  
Lanny Shackelford

**Aug. 11-17** Jamie Hopson, Kevin Howell,  
Martin Locke

**Aug. 18-24** Matt Moore, Bill Rose,  
Steven Russell

**Aug. 25-31** Mike Tomes, Jeff Busby,  
David Erhart

## Sunday school attendance

July 7 - 435	July 21 - 481
July 14 - 418	July 28 - 449

## Budget July 2019

Budget	\$218,962.86
Building	\$1,936.00
Designated	\$65,059.00
Total	\$285,957.86

## GO TELL OFFERING

Goal: \$40,000

Given to Date: \$ 56,465

## Congratulations

Brodie, Anna, Carlyn and Brooklyn Burns welcomed **Lucy Mariana Burns** through adoption from Bogota, Colombia, on June 12.

Steve and Sandra McCluskey became first time grandparents, welcoming twins **Benjamin David Bardwell** and **Hazel Elizabeth Bardwell** on July 15.

## Our Sympathy

The Chrestman family after the loss of Ms. Mary Chrestman

Conrad Cunningham after the loss of his nephew-in-law Kris McNeely

Lib Sansing after the loss of her husband Dr. David Sansing

Ken Rossetti after the loss of his sister-in-law Brenda Rossetti

Roseanne Brownlee after the loss of her father Sammy Rice

Larry McAlexander after the loss of his mother Verna Mae McAlexander

Sandy Turner after the loss of her brother Franklin Turner

Keith Scruggs after the loss of his father Barney Wayne Scruggs

The Walker family after the loss of Mrs. Mary Rachel Smith Walker

# MISSION & MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

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

## OAXACA LEADERSHIP TRAINING

October 9-14

Cost is \$400 per person and includes all expenses. Four men are needed to teach Module 5 which includes training Bible Study and Sermon Preparation Skills. Please see Jeff immediately if you can go.

Ministry includes house to house visitation, ministry at a children's home, teaching English, and more. This trip also includes a prayer retreat and discipleship training. Total cost is \$1600 per person and includes all expenses. \$200 deposit is due September 1, 2019. \$500 is due October 1. \$900 is due November 1. Please see Jeff for more info!

FBC  
college  
Oxford



December 28-January 11

FBC Oxford Outreach Event

## Ice Cream Party at The Links Apartments

August 25 • 6:30 p.m.

Come meet and greet and make new friends.



## MEN'S MINISTRY NEWS

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# FISH FRY

Fish Fry Friday, August 2  
6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.  
Special guest Mike MacIntyre  
\$10 per plate.

*"... I will sing praise to my God as long as I live."*

Psalm 104:33



**Celebration Choir and the Worship Band** will resume rehearsals on Wednesday, August 7. The fall is a perfect time to consider joining these wonderful ministry opportunities. No music degree, or formal training in music is required to sing with the Celebration Choir, just a servant's heart and a desire to make a joyful noise. In the coming weeks, the choir will start working to prepare some new and powerful anthems for worship as well as getting a head start on the Christmas Cantata. There's no denying that singing is one of the best vehicles we have to worship the One True God and singing with a room full of believers who love Him and His music as much as you do is one of the greatest thing you'll ever experience. Please see Eric or any choir member to learn how you can become a part of our music ministries.



## **LIFE FALL 2019**

A Study of Kingdom Parables  
Financial Peace University  
Heaven  
Growing In Relationship With God  
FamilyLife's Art of Parenting

**Sundays at 5 p.m. beginning Sept. 8**  
*Class descriptions at [gotofirst.org/lifeu](http://gotofirst.org/lifeu)*

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

**Monthly Book Club** Thursday, August 15 at 6:30 p.m.

Email [wmin@gotofirst.org](mailto:wmin@gotofirst.org) for more info.

# STUDENT MINISTRY NEWS



## DNOW 2019 LEADERSHIP



**JASON COOK** is associate pastor of preaching at Fellowship Memphis. He earned his MDiv from Beeson Divinity School in Birmingham, Alabama, where he helped to build Iron City Church, a multi-ethnic ministry in one of America's most segregated cities. He earned an undergraduate degree from the University of Mississippi on a football scholarship. He is married to Courtney, and they have two children, Charlie and Cager.

**THE AUSTIN MATHIS BAND.** Well, we won't beat around the bush and not say that we started this journey merely as a joke. We knew it was going to be something that would take a long time, but I think we can say that is a pretty wise decision. That decision being, becoming a band. We can honestly say that things have started off pretty quickly. Getting dates, one after another, from churches, just to have us come and play for youth nights, Disciple Now, multiple youth retreats, and even Sunday morning services just to fill in. One thing we can say is that it is all God doing this. The sovereign Lord doing all of this for His glory. We're just ready to go on the next step of this journey.



Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things.

**COLOSSIANS 3:2**

## PRESCHOOL & CHILDREN'S NEWS

**mother's**  
**morning out**  
first baptist church

**Openings available  
for the 2019-20  
school year!**

**Email [koverall@gotofirst.org](mailto:koverall@gotofirst.org) or call (662) 801-4487  
for more information.**

### **First Baptist Weekday Education Assistant Teacher positions available**

If you are interested in working with very young infants or older babies, please come to the Weekday desk to pick up an application. Applicants must be at least 18 years of age and have completed high school or have a GED. Ask for Mrs. Linda Glaze, Weekday Director or call at 234-3517 to find out more about the positions.



**Aug. 14 Registration in the Christian  
Life Center from 5:30-7:30 p.m.**

**Aug. 21 First night of Club, 5:30 p.m.**

**baby  
dedication**

**September 15**

Sign up by September 1 with Lauren  
([lhill@gotofirst.org](mailto:lhill@gotofirst.org))

### **FBC LIBRARY & MEDIA CENTER**

Downstairs between the Old Fellowship Hall  
and the Elementary Sunday School area.

**We have over 1,500 AR books to help you  
get the school year off to a great start!**



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