

# The Messenger



## from the Pastor

FBC has a noble heritage of 172 years of ministry. Each generation faces new challenges to maintain and expand effectiveness. So how do we determine the most effective ways to share the gospel of Jesus Christ and grow as committed disciples in our generation?

Likely you have opinions. In 2019 not only do most people have opinions, but we also have more opportunities to share them than ever before. As valuable as our opinions are they must be submitted to the One whose opinion is best. Where ever He leads, we must follow. Jesus invites us to go with Him, together, as His people.

**JEREMIAH 33:3 SAYS “Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know.”**

Through the rest of the year, we will seek to put our heads and hearts together as we Call to Him in prayer before we evaluate and dream. The most important thing we can do is pray.

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.” – Jeremiah 29:11-13

On Sunday, July 7, you will have an opportunity to join with others in committing to pray for First Baptist Church Oxford and God’s direction. The verses above are the words of God through the prophet Jeremiah to a people who would need to hear His direction. So do we!

I am asking all who will, to commit to praying daily for 40 Days beginning July 7. As part of the prayer emphasis, I will be sending out regular emails about prayer to those who agree to pray daily. The emphasis will conclude with a special prayer service on Sunday evening, August 18.

The most important thing we can do before we decide our plans is to ask God to give us His direction.

I’ll see you in church on Sunday.

*Don*



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## JULY 2

Noon Prayer Meeting

## JULY 4 *Independence Day*

*church office closed*

## JULY 7

### *40 Days of Prayer begins*

8:30 a.m. Worship Service

9:45 a.m. Bible Study classes

11 a.m. Worship Service

## JULY 9

Noon Prayer Meeting

## JULY 11

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

## JULY 14

8:30 a.m. Worship Service

9:45 a.m. Bible Study classes

11 a.m. Worship Service

5 p.m. Sunday School Teacher Training

## JULY 15-19

Student Ministry Super Summer

## JULY 16

Noon Prayer Meeting

## JULY 18

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

## JULY 20-27

High School Mission Trip to Oaxaca

## Ministry Fair

**Sundays in the Atrium**  
**July 28, Aug. 4, Aug. 11**

Discover places in the church that need your help. Prayerfully consider getting involved with one of our church ministries.

## JULY 21

8:30 a.m. Worship Service

9:45 a.m. Bible Study classes

11 a.m. Worship Service

## JULY 23

Noon Prayer Meeting

## JULY 28

### *Ministry Fair in the Atrium*

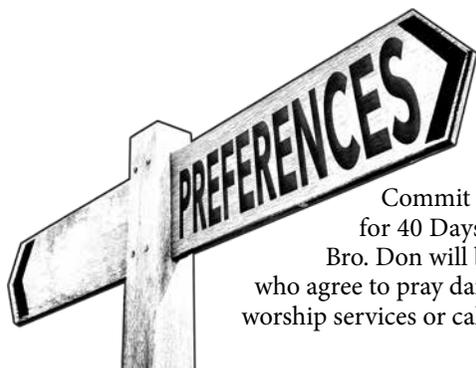
8:30 a.m. Worship Service

9:45 a.m. Bible Study classes

11 a.m. Worship Service

## JULY 30

Noon Prayer Meeting



## 40 Days of Prayer

### JULY 7-AUG. 18

Commit to praying daily for our church and God's direction for 40 Days beginning July 7. As part of the prayer emphasis, Bro. Don will be sending out regular emails about prayer to those who agree to pray daily. Sign up cards will be available during the July 7 worship services or call the church office at (662) 234-3515 for more info.

# Our Family

## Sunday school attendance

June 2 - 501                      June 16 - 410  
June 9 - 454

## Budget June 1-23, 2019

Budget	\$171,091.51
Building	\$4,730.00
Designated	\$20,864.45
Total	\$196,685.96

## Deacons of the Week

- June 30-  
July 6**      Matt Moore, Bill Rose,  
                  Steven Russell
- July 7-13**    Mike Tomes, Jeff Busby,  
                  David Erhart
- July 14-20**   Michael Ferris, Paxton Little,  
                  Michael Meurrier
- July 21-27**   Ryan Overall, Jason Simon,  
                  Kevin Bain
- July 28-  
Aug. 3**        Bobby Clanton, Gary Carter,  
                  Brad Golmon

## New Members in June

Greg and Marie Hamrick, Gray Denton

## Our Sympathy

To Mr. Conrad Cunningham and family in the loss of his mother, Mary Cunningham.

To Mrs. Nelda Taylor and family in the loss of her husband, Dr. Charles Taylor.

To Mrs. Pam McNeely and family in the loss of her father, Mr. Windell Busby.

To Mr. Jarvis Busby and family in the loss of his brother, Mr. Windell Busby.

To Ben McNeely, Kacey Edwards, and Tanner Marquis in the loss of their grandfather, Mr. Windell Busby.

To Dr. Nikki Currey in the loss of her grandmother, Edythe J. Dupras.

**GO TELL OFFERING**

**Goal: \$40,000**

**Given to Date: \$ 21,727**

## Interested in teaching Sunday School?

### SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER TRAINING SUNDAY, JULY 14

Family friendly meal at 5 p.m. At 5:30 p.m., Ken Braddy will address all the Sunday School leaders. He is the author of *Breathing Life Into Sunday School* based on his experience in local church ministry as well as his experience with LifeWay. The church will be ordering copies of the book for the reduced price of \$5, and we encourage adult class teachers to get a copy and read prior to Ken's training.

We'll break out into our groups from 5:45-7:30 p.m. Adults will remain in the Fellowship Hall with Ken, while the Preschool and Children will join Landry Holmes, manager of LifeWay Kids Ministry Publishing, on the third floor youth room.

*Preschool care will be provided starting at 5:30 p.m.*

# MISSION & MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

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

## 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.

### **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!

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

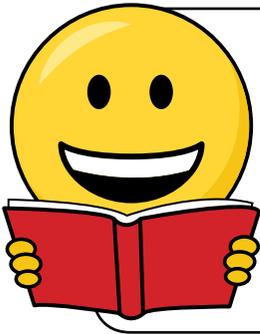
**Movie Night Thursday, July 11 at 6:30 p.m. at Melinda Gann's home**  
RSVP to [wmin@gotofirst.org](mailto:wmin@gotofirst.org).

**Monthly Book Club Thursday, July 18 at 6:30 p.m.**

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

## PRESCHOOL & CHILDREN'S NEWS

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR PRESCHOOL CARE**  
during Sunday morning services. Contact Lauren Hill at  
lhill@gotofirst.org.



**SUMMER READING CHALLENGE**  
**continues through JULY 21**

*93 children are participating!*

**FBC Library & Media Center**

**SUMMER HOURS:** Sundays 9:30-11 a.m.  
Wednesdays 9 a.m.-4 p.m (through July 17)



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.

A collage of photos showing children and adults participating in VBS activities. The photos are arranged in a grid-like fashion. In the background, there is a green map of Mozambique with the country highlighted in yellow. The text "This year's VBS offering totaled \$2196.76 for PROJECT MOZAMBIQUE with the IMB and Lifeway" is overlaid on the collage.

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## STUDENT MINISTRY NEWS



**DNOW 2019**

**AUG. 9-11**

Jason Cook - Bible teacher. Austin Mathis Band - Worship.  
\$40 per student. See Jeff Holeman for more info.



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