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## from the Pastor

One of the things I love about FBC is your generosity. More than any church I've ever been a part of, FBC is generous with time, money and love. Because you are generous, everyone comes wanting your time, love, and money. Every day we are given information about some viable ministry that needs help. Many times these ministries are outside of our main mission. So our church leadership spends a good bit of time praying about which ministries to support.

However, some ministries are worthy of our support. One such ministry is the Margaret Lackey State Missions offering. In September every year, FBC members are encouraged to support this offering. The offering is named after Margaret McRae Lackey who was employed as the first salaried woman in Mississippi Baptist Convention history. Her ministry began in 1912 as the leader of Mississippi WMU.

Our modern world sometimes thinks that we are the first to do creative and important work in ministry. Because of this we, unfortunately, miss the rich contributions of godly people who have paved the way for present ministry.



Margaret Lackey was brilliant and determined to see Mississippi Baptists lead the Southern Baptist Convention in support of missionaries and challenging Mississippians to go to the 'uttermost parts' sharing the Gospel. At the time of her retirement in 1930, the Foreign Mission Board of the SBC sent more missionaries to serve from Mississippi than any other state. When Miss Lackey died in 1948 the flags of the State Capitol in Jackson and at Jackson City Hall were flown at half-mast to honor her life of service.

The offering named after Margaret Lackey helps Mississippi Baptist reach 'the least of these' in our state. Those impacted by disaster, those who help minister to the deaf, those who minister in prisons, those who minister through literacy, as well as supporting church starts and Mississippi mission volunteers are benefitted by this offering. The offering goal for MLSMO is \$2.1 million for our state. Would you consider giving to support this important offering of Mississippi Baptists? Thanks in advance, for being so generous.

I'll see you in church on Sunday.

Don





#### **SEPTEMBER 1**

8:30 a.m. Worship Service9:45 a.m. Bible Study classes11 a.m. Worship Service

#### **SEPTEMBER 2**

Labor Day

church office closed

#### **SEPTEMBER 3**

11 a.m. XYZ Program & Luncheon

Noon Prayer Meeting

#### **XYZ Senior Adult Program**

#### **Tuesday, September 3**

11 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall Program by Captain Alan Ivy of the Oxford Police Department, Public Safety for Senior Adults. A delicious meal will be provided.

#### **SEPTEMBER 4**

6:30 a.m. Men's Explorer's Bible Study

5 p.m. Fellowship Meal5:30 p.m. AWANA: Camo Night6 p.m. Midweek for Youth6 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

#### **SEPTEMBER 8**

8:30 a.m. Worship Service9:45 a.m. Bible Study classes11 a.m. Worship Service4 p.m. Bible Drill

5 p.m. Children's Choir5 p.m. Sunday PM for Youth

5 p.m. Life U Studies

## **OUTREACH**

Light meal at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall, followed by Outreach.

Preschool care begins at 5:45.

September 9 & 16

#### **SEPTEMBER 9**

5:30 p.m. GriefShare 5:30 p.m. Outreach

#### **SEPTEMBER 10**

Noon Prayer Meeting

#### **SEPTEMBER 11**

6:30 a.m. Men's Explorer's Bible Study

5 p.m. Fellowship Meal5:30 p.m. AWANA: VIP Night6 p.m. Midweek for Youth6 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

#### **SEPTEMBER 15** Baby Dedication

8:30 a.m. Worship Service
9:45 a.m. Bible Study classes
11 a.m. Worship Service
4 p.m. Bible Drill
5 p.m. Children's Choir
5 p.m. Sunday PM for Youth

5 p.m. Life U Studies

#### **SEPTEMBER 16**

5:30 p.m. GriefShare 5:30 p.m. Outreach

#### **SEPTEMBER 17**

Noon Prayer Meeting

#### **SEPTEMBER 18**

6:30 a.m. Men's Explorer's Bible Study

5 p.m. Fellowship Meal

5:30 p.m. AWANA: WUTS Up Night

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

#### **SEPTEMBER 19**

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

# Our Family

#### **SEPTEMBER 22**

8:30 a.m. Worship Service
9:45 a.m. Bible Study classes
11 a.m. Worship Service
4 p.m. Bible Drill
5 p.m. Children's Choir
5 p.m. Sunday PM for Youth

5 p.m. Life U Studies

#### **SEPTEMBER 23**

5:30 p.m. GriefShare

#### **SEPTEMBER 24**

Noon Prayer Meeting

#### **SEPTEMBER 25**

6:30 a.m. Men's Explorer's Bible Study

5 p.m. Fellowship Meal

5:30 p.m. AWANA: BARF/Glow Night

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

#### **SEPTEMBER 28**

7:30 a.m. Men's Ministry Workday 10:30 a.m. Israel Trip Informational Meeting

## Holy Land Trip Nov. 2020 Informational Meeting

Saturday, Sept. 28

10:30 a.m. in the FBC Fellowship Hall Questions? Call or text Beth Fitts at 662-816-8159.

#### **SEPTEMBER 29**

7 a.m. Men's Breakfast
8:30 a.m. Worship Service
9:45 a.m. Bible Study classes
11 a.m. Worship Service
4 p.m. Bible Drill
5 p.m. Children's Choir
5 p.m. Sunday PM for Youth
5 p.m. Life U Studies

#### **SEPTEMBER 30**

5:30 p.m. GriefShare

#### **Sunday school attendance**

August 8 - 543 August 21 - 573 August 11 - 562 August 25 - 546

#### **Budget August 2019**

Budget	\$153,442.86
Building	\$3,465.21
Designated	\$5,865.00
Total	\$162,773.07

#### **New Members in August**

Anija Jeans, Akayla Hawkins, Carrie Boone, Darrell & Jane Pastrell, Susan Marascalco, Cassidy Porter, Brianna Chambers, C.W. Campbell, Jonathan & Nicole Moorman

**Our Sympathy** 

To Leone King after the loss of her son-in-law Eddie Rae Murphree.

To Jeri Murphree after the loss of her husband Eddie Rae Murphree.

To C.W. Campbell after the loss of his wife Sharon Campbell.

To Betty Bradford after the loss of her grandson Charles Redmond.

#### **Deacons of the Week**

Sept. 1-7	Kevin Bain, Derrell Doss, Lanny Shackelford
Sept. 8-14	Bobby Clanton, Dave Miller, Craig Kirkendall

Sept. 15-21 Paxton Little, Gary Carter,
Daniel Denton

**Sept. 22-28** David Erhart, Brad Golmon, Lane Wilson

Sept. 29- Paul Hale, Fred Johnson, Michael Meurrier

#### **New Deacon Officers**

Gary Carter, chair Jason Simon, vice chair Dave Miller, secretary



## Sundays at 5 p.m. beginning Sept. 8

## **FALL 2019**

## **A Study of Kingdom Parables**

led by Jim Propes in Room 211

Many times, Jesus Christ used parables to teach about the kingdom of heaven: What is it? What are its qualities? What characteristics do the people of the kingdom share? This study will take a different approach to considering them and will place our assumptions about the kingdom alongside what Jesus taught.

## **Financial Peace University**

led by Josh Hill and Jason Simon in Room 202

The Dave Ramsey program that uses biblical principles to help you take control of your money, plan for your future, and transform your life. *First ten to sign up can purchase the kit for \$80* (regular cost \$129) – includes workbook, access to all class resources, and FPU membership for one year with continuous updates and planning tools. Call the church office (662-234-3515) to sign up.

#### Heaven

led by Bobby Clanton in Room 312

Discover what rewards God has for believers when they pass from this life to eternity in Heaven. Discover answers to such questions as: Will we know each other there? Will we know our loved ones who have gone on before us? Bring your own questions about heaven.

## **Growing In Relationship With God**

led by Don Gann in Room 309

Develop a personal plan for spiritual growth. This study will explore standard and creative approaches to personal spiritual growth leading to deeper love for Jesus Christ.

## **Parenting**

led by Steve Roark in Room 303

A study of FamilyLife's Art of Parenting. This study gives a simple vision and creative ways to instill faith in your children. Learn to 'raise and release' children with timeless principles of God's word.



Sign up in the FBC Library, downstairs next to the Old Fellowship Hall.

# From the Music Ministry

"Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts." — Colossians 3:16

One of my earliest memories from growing up at First Baptist Church in Madison, North Carolina is standing on the pews on Sunday morning so I could hold the hymnal with my mom. What I think started as a way of keeping me still during church laid the foundations of music in my ministry. The connection made holding the hymnal with my mom singing sweetly beside me with my father beside her "speak singing" the hymn, and my older brother standing beside him drawing on the bulletin is something I always remember when I walk into that sanctuary. I appreciate you allowing me to be back home to continue holding that hymnal with my mom and listening to dad "speak sing" while I was home worshiping with them and my home church family this July.

I recently received a phone call from my friend Shannon who wanted to give me an update on my goddaughter. Mallory is full of life and is getting ready to begin her kindergarten journey. Shannon, much like my mom, has Mallory stand on the pew and hold the hymnal with her and Mallory sings with gusto. It may not be the right words at the right time, but the melody is close and she is worshiping in her way. This reminds me that music is for everyone and you do not have to have a musical education to have an ear for music.

You may have noticed that over August the order of worship has changed and there are a few more opportunities for musical worship in the service. Myself and the rest of the music ministry encourage you to sing all throughout the worship service. We only reserve the anthem for the choir, the rest is for all of us to come together and praise Christ through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. If you are like my mom who sings sweetly, my dad who "speak sings" or Mallory who just goes for it whether it is right or wrong, sing in the range and style that God gave you because he gave it to you for a reason. As I like to remind people, Psalm 100 says "Make a joyful noise" and there is no asterisk that defines joyful or noise.

Eric Johnson, Director of Music Ministries

## WOMEN'S MINISTRY NEWS wmin@gotofirst.org

Monthly Book Club Thursday, September 19 at 6:30 p.m.

Our book for September is *Choosing to See: A Journey of Struggle and Hope* by Mary Beth Chapman. Email wmin@gotofirst.org for more info.

## **MEN'S MINISTRY NEWS**

mm@gotofirst.org



## **SATURDAY WORKDAY: SEPT. 28**

Meet in the Atrium at 7:30 a.m. for breakfast and work details. Email mm@gotofirst.org to sign up!

## MISSION & MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

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

## **OAXACA MISSIONS PARTNERSHIP**

Pray for the Oaxaca Women's Ministry Team Sept. 28-Oct. 4
Liesa Holeman, Dina Addy, Cindy Reed, and Susan Rose.

Pray for the Oaxaca Pastor Training Team Oct. 10-14
Jeff Holeman, Jason Simon, Michael Meurrier, and Greg Hamrick.

Medical Trip to Oaxaca. February 8-14, 2020

Cost is \$450 per person for FBC Members. \$1250 per person for non-members. \$100 deposit is due before October 15.

## **Last Call for Rome! December 12-21**

We need two more folks (a married couple would be great!)
Cost is now \$1400 per person, includes every expense. 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.

## STUDENT MINISTRY NEWS



#### January 17-20 • Pigeon Forge, TN

Cost is \$195 plus meals. For all youth grades 7-12. \$50 deposit due Sept. 15! Students will need \$120 for meals. Space is limited to 48 students.



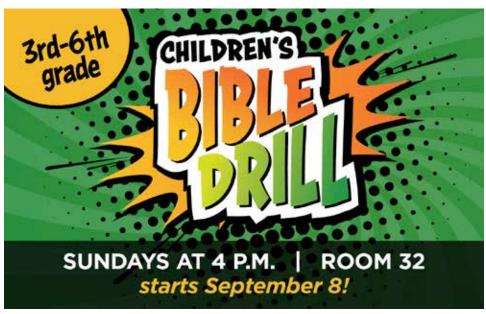
5 P.M. SUNDAYS • FBC GYM
RETURNS SEPT. 8!



6 P.M. WEDNESDAYS • 3RD FLOOR

## PRESCHOOL & CHILDREN'S NEWS









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