

# The Messenger



## *from the Pastor*

With the coming of March, the pace of life picks up in Oxford and FBC.

March is FBC's month at The Pantry as we join with churches and many others in our community to assist with food security for people in Oxford. I hope you will help with food and monetary donations to support Oxford's main food bank.

Our 4th – 6th Graders will have their DiscipleNow March 20-21. Gary Permenter will be challenging our kids to be “Defined” by their relationship with Christ.

Also, in March we begin to turn our thoughts to Easter. Easter isn't until April 12 but our preparation to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord is important to our faith.

Also, long-awaited news... for the first time since 2011, this spring we'll be putting together another Church Pictorial Directory. More details will be given as all the logistics are clarified.

*To look back just for a moment –*

Since the first of the year many families in our church have experienced illness, hardship and loss. In the midst of this, I saw again one of the great strengths of First Baptist Church. Our church responded to many within our membership (and connected to us). I am so proud of FBC as you showed how much you care. The hugs you gave, the meals you prepared, the cards sent and phone calls made show the compassion you have for hurting people. I'm so grateful for the ministry you did.

I'm also grateful for the kick-off to ‘Who's Your One’. We will continue to pray for these “Ones.” May God move with great power in their lives.

I'm blessed to serve alongside you and look forward to a blessed spring at FBC.

*Don*



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# March

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

## MARCH 1 *Baby Dedication*

- 8:30 a.m. Worship Service
- 9:45 a.m. Bible Study classes
- 11 a.m. Worship Service
- 4 p.m. Children's Bible Drill
- 4:15 p.m. Youth Bible Drill
- 5 p.m. Children's Choir
- 5 p.m. Sunday PM for Youth
- 5 p.m. Life University Classes

## MARCH 3

- 11 a.m. Prime Time XYZ Program
- Noon Prayer Meeting

### Prime Time XYZ Program Tuesday, March 3

11 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall  
with Dr. Teresa Carithers, Director of  
the Gerontology program at Ole Miss  
*A delicious meal will be provided.*

## MARCH 4

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Explorer's Bible Study
- 5 p.m. Fellowship Meal
- 5:30 p.m. AWANA: Pajamas 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. GriefShare
- 6 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
- 7:30 p.m. Band Rehearsal

## MARCH 6

- 7:45 a.m. Youth Prayer Breakfast

## MARCH 8

*Move clocks forward an hour for Daylight Savings*

- 8:30 a.m. Worship Service
- 9:45 a.m. Bible Study classes
- 11 a.m. Worship Service
- 4 p.m. Children's Bible Drill
- 4:15 p.m. Youth Bible Drill
- 5 p.m. Children's Choir
- 5 p.m. Sunday PM for Youth
- 5 p.m. Life University Classes

## MARCH 10

- Noon Prayer Meeting



**Wednesdays at 6 p.m.**  
in the Fellowship Hall

*You are welcome to come  
any Wednesday night!*

More information at [gotofirst.org/grief](http://gotofirst.org/grief)

## MARCH 11

- 6 p.m. GriefShare

## MARCH 15

- 8:30 a.m. Worship Service
- 9:45 a.m. Bible Study classes
- 11 a.m. Worship Service
- 4 p.m. Children's Bible Drill
- 4:15 p.m. Youth Bible Drill
- 5 p.m. Children's Choir
- 5 p.m. Sunday PM for Youth
- 5 p.m. Life University Classes

## OUTREACH

Light meal at 5:30 p.m. in the  
Fellowship Hall, followed by Outreach.  
*Preschool care begins at 5:45.*

**March 16 & 23**

## MARCH 16

- 5:30 p.m. Outreach

## MARCH 17

- Noon Prayer Meeting

## MARCH 18

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

# Our Family

## MARCH 19

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

## MARCH 20

7:45 a.m. Youth Prayer Breakfast

## MARCH 20-21

Kids Disciple Now Weekend

## MARCH 22

8:30 a.m. Worship Service

9:45 a.m. Bible Study classes

11 a.m. Worship Service

4 p.m. Children's Bible Drill

4:15 p.m. Youth Bible Drill

5 p.m. Children's Choir

5 p.m. Sunday PM for Youth

5 p.m. Life University Classes

## MARCH 23

5:30 p.m. Outreach

## MARCH 24

Noon Prayer Meeting

## MARCH 25

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

5 p.m. Fellowship Meal

5:30 p.m. AWANA: Mustache 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. GriefShare

6 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

7:30 p.m. Band Rehearsal

## MARCH 27

7:45 a.m. Youth Prayer Breakfast

## MARCH 29

*Children's Choir will sing in both services.*

8:30 a.m. Worship Service

9:45 a.m. Bible Study classes

11 a.m. Worship Service

3:30 p.m. Church Bible Drill  
for Children and Youth

5 p.m. Children's Choir

5 p.m. Sunday PM for Youth

5 p.m. Life University Classes

## MARCH 31

Noon Prayer Meeting

## Sunday school attendance

February 2 - 503

February 16 - 499

February 9 - 517

February 23 - 494

## Budget February 2020

Budget	\$153,592.35
Building	\$ 2,426.00
Designated	\$35,512.02
Total	\$191,530.37

## New Members in February

Wesley and Janet Dickens, Boston Sharp

## Congratulations

**Mary Hardy Haney** was born on Feb. 5 to Hunter and Jordan Haney, proud grandparents Dr. Hal and Mrs. Carol Haney and proud great-grandmother Mrs. Bettye Butler.

## Our Sympathy

To Mr. Sam Lee after the loss of his wife, Mrs. Kathi Lee

To Miss Alyssa Lee and Mrs. Alex Peters after the loss of their mother, Mrs. Kathi Lee

To Mrs. Faye Fudge after the loss of her husband, Mr. Jack Fudge

To Mrs. April Thornton after the loss of her mother, Ms. Melissa Pounds

To Mrs. Pat Freeman after the loss of her husband, Mr. Dudley Earl Freeman Jr.

To Mr. Ken Rossetti after the loss of his mother, Mrs. Viola Rossetti

To Mrs. Trina Woodard after the loss of her mother, Mrs. Myra Wright

## Deacons of the Week

**March 1-7** Michael Meurrier, Bobby Clanton, Gary Carter

**March 8-14** Fred Johnson, Paul Hale, Nelson Little

**March 15-21** Jeff Busby, David Erhart, Michael Ferris

**March 22-28** Craig Kirkendall, Daniel Denton, Jason Simon

**March 29-  
April 4** Paxton Little, Ryan Overall, Kevin Bain

# MISSION & MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

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

## INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS

### **Mission Trip to Teresina, Brazil! June 7-15** *This trip is full!*

Pray for Brodie Burns, Cheryl Crady, Stephen Crady, Brenda Gordon, Craig Gordon, Buster Hale, Greg Hamrick, Jeff Holeman, Ella Beth Hurdle, Steve Hurdle, Farrah McAlexander, Michael Meurrier, Myla Meurrier, Abi Rayburn, Mason Shelton, Meriwether Shelton, Milly Shelton, Elizabeth Simon, Jason Simon, and Kailee Jane Steelman.

### **March 2020 Oaxaca Leadership Training. March 26-30**

Pray for FBC Oxford, Calvary Baptist Church Tupelo, Emanuel Evangelical Church Tupelo, and Live Oak Church New Orleans working together on this conference.

### **April 2020 Oaxaca Leadership Training. April 30-May 4**

Pray for Jeff Holeman, Glen Waller, and two others leading this training.

### **December 2020 Italy Mission Trip. December 10-19. Rome, Italy.**

Cost is \$2350 per person and includes airfare, lodging, most meals. Limit of 6 on this team. \$200 deposit is due June 1. Ministry includes refugee ministry and university campus outreach along with ministry to missionary families serving in Rome. Vatican Tour and sites of Rome will be a part of the trip.

## MONDAYS in MARKS *continues in March!*

Bus leaves FBC at 2:30 and returns at 6:15 p.m.



We need folks to help with homework and serve snacks.

## Help at the Food Pantry

During March, members of FBC will help at the Oxford Food Pantry. Each week, workers will be needed on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. On Tuesdays, we will stock shelves and unload supplies from trucks. On Wednesdays and Thursdays, we will help serve the clients and re-stock shelves. For more information, please call Jim Propes (236-4758 jp65monza@att.net) or Brian Smith (601-594-1165 brianhs@bellsouth.net).

## Food Collection for the Pantry

FBC will collect food items for the Oxford Food Pantry during March. Collection bins will be in the atrium Sundays and Wednesdays through March. *In 2015, we collected our record: over 2000 items! Let's do better this year!*



## SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

**Sundays at 5 p.m. at The Links Clubhouse.**  
*All are welcome to come and join the study and build relationships with those at The Links.*

## ENGLISH LEARNERS' CLASS FOR WOMEN

**Mondays at 10 a.m. at The Links Clubhouse.**

*If you know someone who would like to participate (learning or leading), contact Lynndy Hurdle at [lynndyhurdle@gmail.com](mailto:lynndyhurdle@gmail.com).*



**SAVE THE DATE**

# Bake Sale

IN SUPPORT OF STATE MISSIONS

**Sunday, April 5 in the Atrium from 8 a.m.-noon**

Pick up a ready to eat dish or something to freeze for later.  
*We will have casseroles, soups, cakes, pies, bread, and more!*

*• donations also accepted • sponsored by the Karis 1 Sunday School Class*

**Did you know?** You can listen to past sermons any time by going to [gotofirst.org/resources/sermons](http://gotofirst.org/resources/sermons) and you can listen to the 11 a.m. service Sundays on 93.7 FM.

## How to Use Text Giving

Text the word **GIVE** to First Baptist Oxford's text giving number: **662-200-4650**

If it's your first time, you'll be prompted to click a link directing you to the online giving page to complete a one-time registration. Click "SIGN IN" then click "REGISTER FOR AN ACCOUNT." Complete contact information then click "REGISTER." To text a donation after the one-time registration, you can give immediately without having to re-enter any of your information. Simply text the desired amount and the fund keyword to the text giving number. Ex: 250 church budget for \$250.00 to the Church Budget fund.

### Other Text Commands

**EDIT** - Make changes to your giving account, update contact information and/or payment information.

**KEYWORD** - See a list of active keywords. Keywords are the fund names that the church has set up.

## FBC LIBRARY

*Sundays 9:30-11 a.m. • Wednesdays 5-7 p.m.*  
[gotofirst.org/library](http://gotofirst.org/library)

Be one of the first to find out about new books in the library:  
join our mailing list by sending an e-mail request to [library@gotofirst.org](mailto:library@gotofirst.org).

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

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

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



*Going* **BEYOND**  
SIMULCAST  
with **PRISCILLA SHIRER**  
**Save the Date: Saturday, May 2**

## STUDENT MINISTRY NEWS

### Celebrating the Class of 2020!

- Please send 20 photos of yourself from different ages for the Class of 2020 Media Show before March 1!
- Our Last Monday Night Bible Study will be on Monday, April 27! We'll be grilling out and celebrating.
- Remember May 17, 2020 is YOUR BIG DAY! The Big Breakfast Banquet (8:45 am) and Graduate Celebration Worship Service (11 am) is that DAY! Invite everyone! Please reserve your space before May 1!
- Remember that Memory Tables will go up on Monday, May 11 before 4:00 pm! Start thinking now. You'll need to remove your table on Monday, May 18 before 4 pm.
- Make sure you reserve your cap and gown to be used on May 17!
- Questions? Call Jeff at 234-3515.

### The BIG 7 Trip! May 23-26. Panama City Beach, FL

- For students entering 7th grade and finishing 7th grade!
- \$175 per person plus \$100 for meals.
- \$100 deposit is due NOW!
- **Only 18 more spaces available.** Lodging is in dorms at Laguna Beach Retreat.
- The Big 7 trip includes Back the Basics Bible Study, Supervised free time at the beach and pool, an IMAX movie, and more!

### Summer 2020 Mission Trip to Nashville, TN! June 22-27

- \$225 per person for FBC Oxford Students.
- \$100 deposit is due NOW!
- **Only 16 more spaces available.** Lodging two to a room at Belmont University.
- **What will we do?** This year's mission trip is going to be a tremendous week! We will join hundreds of other students from across the USA. Our students will have a mission experience that will open their eyes to the needs of others and will help them to learn to live life each day on mission. Ministry opportunities include: children's ministry, sharing your faith, Games and Rec, International Ministry, Painting Construction Yard Work, Social Ministry, and Special Needs Ministry.
- **What about Bible Study?** Each day our students will participate in Bible Study. The theme of our study this year is DWELL. In our culture, we have so many things grabbing our attention such as our phones, devices, social media and social expectations. Along with the pressure of school and other activities, we often find ourselves overwhelmed, drained and feeling empty. Join us as we discover how to dwell with God, rest in His presence, push past distractions and focus on His peace. Spending time with the Lord changes EVERYTHING!

# PRESCHOOL & CHILDREN'S NEWS



## DEFINED

WHO GOD SAYS I AM

### KIDS DNOW WEEKEND

4th-6th grade | March 20-21  
with Gary Permenter  
and worship leader Joanna Word

\$50 registration due March 6 and includes program, Bible study leader, T-shirt, food and fun!  
For more info, contact Jeff Holeman ([wigtake@gmail.com](mailto:wigtake@gmail.com)) or Dina Addy ([diaddy@gotofirst.org](mailto:diaddy@gotofirst.org))  
or go to [www.gotofirst.org/children](http://www.gotofirst.org/children).



FBC Children's Choir presents

## MISSION: POSSIBLE

*Sharing the Gospel ... By Our Love*

**Sunday, March 29** during morning worship services

Preschool & Children's Departments

## PARENTS' NIGHT OUT

April 3 • 6-9 p.m.

For all kids

preschoolers (infants-4 years) & children (K-6th grade). **Signup begins Mar. 15**

## Preschool Eggstravaganza

Saturday, April 4 at 10 a.m. on the Preschool Playground



## HELP WANTED!

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 1-5 • 9 a.m.-noon

Contact Dina Addy, (662) 837-0797  
or [diaddy@gotofirst.org](mailto:diaddy@gotofirst.org) for more info.



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PHILIPPIANS 1:6



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