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The MESSENGER

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Man Church small groups will begin the week of August 10. Our study this year will be Real Men. I strongly encourage all men of the church to get plugged into one of the following groups. Please sign up on the table outside the fellowship hall.

Sunday: 7:45 AM- Tim Fowler
Sunday: 5:00 PM- Red Moore
Monday: 6:00 AM- Roger Burton
Tuesday: 7:00 PM- Jeremy Bumgarner
Thursday: 8:00 AM- Ernie White
Thursday: 7:00 PM- Mark Jessop

Thanks to all who came to our Man Church Worship Night last Friday. We had a tremendous night of food, fellowship and worship with approximately 150 in attendance. Special thanks to all the volunteers who made this event possible. I am already looking forward to and planning for next year's event and hope you will make plans to join us.

Tim Fowler
Men's Ministry Coordinator

GLOBAL HUNGER SUNDAY AUGUST 24

Global Hunger Relief (GHR) is an initiative of the Southern Baptist Convention dedicated to combating hunger and sharing the Bread of Life. 100% of your donation goes directly to meeting hunger needs.

The rice bowls will be on the tables every Wednesday in August. You may also place your gift in the offering and label it "Global Hunger".



We are getting ready to start the "Pray for Me Campaign" again! We are planning a kick-off breakfast Sunday morning, August 17 at 8:30! We will begin using our prayer guides Monday, August 18!

Please contact the church office if you would like to have a prayer partner!

ATTENTION LADIES!

All ladies are invited to attend the lunch break Bible study on "Prayer Tools" led by Susan Moore beginning on August 4. We will meet every Monday in August at 11:30. A light snack will be provided, but feel free to bring your own lunch. With our church emphasis on prayer, this study will be very timely and beneficial. Tell others and bring your friends!

Also sign up now for "Pearls and Proverbs" on Thursday, August 21, at 6:00 in the Fellowship Hall. We will be led by Katie Oswald, Keena Kaiser and Sandra Harpole on the Seven Virtues of a Proverbs 31 woman. We will enjoy a meal together and lots of fun, fellowship and Bible study. Wear your pearls!!

Thank you for the returned questionnaires. We have listed the job opening in 6 places, and we have begun receiving resumes. Thank you for your continued prayers!

-Pastor Search Committee

GINGER'S NOTES

"Ascribe to the Lord the glory due His name; bring an offering and come into His courts. Worship the Lord in the splendor of His holiness; tremble before Him, all the earth." Psalm 96:8-9

WORSHIP CHOIR rehearsals are in full swing again! We are preparing for a Multi-Gen choir including children, youth and adults to sing on August 31. We are also beginning to work on music for a Worship Concert to be held October 5. Music for CHRISTMAS 2025 is coming soon! This is a great time to join choir or return if you haven't been singing with us for a while.

YOUTH CHOIR rehearsals will resume August 17 at 5:00. We welcome any student who would like to join us! We will be rehearsing August 17 & 24. We will also have SNAC on the 17th after choir. We will rehearse every Sunday

afternoon in September.

Mississippi Baptist All-State Youth Choir and Orchestra auditions will be held here at FBC on Saturday, September 13 from 1:30-4:00. The tour will be in June, 2026. Students interested in auditioning need to see me ASAP to prepare and get your paper work in!

HAND BELLS – watch for rehearsal times in September for Adults and Youth hand bell groups! If you are not currently playing and are interested in playing, let me know.



He keeps me singing!

Welcome New Members!



By Letter:
Toby, Kristin,
and Ava Turner

Also Pictured:
Ari, Rustin, and
Truly Turner

A **THANK YOU NOTE** has been received from Mary Ann Briggs.

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to John and Virginia Ingram, and Ryan and Hannah Weston and family in the death of Virginia's step-father, Paul Waits, June 25; and to Cecil and Shanna Ferrell and family in the death of her father, Donald Harris, July 1; also to Neal and Donna Coker in the death of his sister, Carolyn Higginbotham, July 3; and to Tim and Ginger Fowler in the death of his sister, Kay Hreha, July 4.



The Compassion of Jesus: Matthew 9:35-38

During Jesus' earthly ministry, though limited by His body, He banished illness and disease by the multitudes. This feat is hard to fathom, but it always blows my mind to think about how much He restored in His short time here. When He saw the multitudes coming to Him, He had compassion. His compassion wasn't because of their physical infirmities. In Matthew 9 it says, "He was moved to compassion because they were weary and scattered like sheep having no shepherd."

We've been scattered throughout the summer as our routines have taken a vacation and we travel to and fro. This summer has blessed me, but there has been weariness too. It was rare that my whole family was together over the summer. I don't like my sheep scattered! Our Lord feels the same. He loves that

we take the time to be with family and see His wonderful world, to pursue time to grow together as brethren in other settings, to rest. That is grace.

The multitudes had no shepherd. Out-numbered, He continued His ministry. He didn't take a break or feel defeated as we would be prone to do in our fallen flesh. He saw the great need and told His closest companions that there was much work to be done. The lost and needy are plentiful. His command was: PRAY. Lord, send more laborers for the multitudes.

As a church, we are without an earthly shepherd. But the work goes on. The Good Shepherd is all we need. He will supply.

Wednesday nights will resume for First Kids on August 6 from 5:30-7. First through 6th grade will all meet together in the Children's Worship room downstairs in the Taylor building. We will do things a little differently this semester. We will have a time of worship beginning at 5:30 and then I will be leading a large group Bible Study, beginning with Samson. Girls' and Boys' small groups will meet until 7:00. Preschoolers are in

music with Mrs. Kimberly from 5:30-6 and then have their Bible story and play time until 7.

August 3, 3s, 1st, 3rd and 5th graders will move up in Sunday School. I'm also excited that the 5th and 6th graders will be added to the Pray for Me Campaign! That breakfast is August 17 at 8:30 for all 5th and 6th graders as well as youth and adults participating. August 31 is a Fifth Sunday Family Worship with kids singing and a children's sermon. Looking forward to the re-gathering of our flock!



- August 3 - Brooke Ketchum/Vanessa, no 1st/2nd grade
- August 10 - Wesley and Taylor Frost, Jade/Joedee
- August 17 - Farrah and Madison Honea, Jade/Casey
- August 24 - Heather/Abby, Jade/Lacey Brewer
- August 31 - Casey/Katie, no 1st/2nd grade



WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEALS

August 6 Hamburger Fries Brownie	August 20 Nacho Bar Lemon Pie
August 13 Chicken Spaghetti English Peas Fried Squash Garlic Bread Yellow Cake/Choc. Icing	August 27 Green Salad Chicken Salad Pasta Salad Fruit/Garlic Bread Chocolate Chip Cookie

SUNDAY ATTENDANCE

	6/29	7/6	7/13	7/20	7/27
S.S.	206	170	184	177	176
Worship	271	269	263	278	281

BUDGET NEEDS

Average Weekly Budget Receipts for June
 \$20,478.17
 Weekly Budget Needs
 \$20,909.99

AUGUST 3
Nursery
 Teri Pierce
 Sarah Pierce
 Kimberly Allen
Ushers
 William Allen
 Will Ketchum
 Brad Cox
 Bill Lantz
 Steve Tribble
 Jonas Robinson

AUGUST 10
Nursery
 Jon Oswalt
 Katie Oswalt
Ushers
 Calvin Boyd
 Jon Oswalt
 Jason Reed
 Steve White
 Scott Ross
 Gregg Kaiser
 Wayne Ray

AUGUST 17
Nursery
 Greg Kaiser
 Keena Kaiser
 Faith Smith
Ushers
 Victor Suggs
 Roger Burton
 Heath Brand
 Jerry Ishee
 Barry Bryan
 Dave Ketchum

AUGUST 24
Nursery
 Shana Cliett
 Kaylee Cliett
 Kelli Mowry
Ushers
 John Freeman
 John Ingram
 Jamey Ballard
 Chris Chambliss
 Sherman Berry
 Ben Lawley
 Mark Jessop

AUGUST 31
Nursery
 Wesley Frost
 Taylor Frost
 Rasheda Burnett
Ushers
 Youth Boys
 (5th Sunday
 Family Worship)

TITHES & OFFERINGS

June Online Giving

\$9,902.54

June Online ECM Deposits

\$18,615.96

June 29, 2025

Undesignated \$10,077.25
 Reimbursements \$365.16
 Child Care \$4,750.00
 Total Operating \$15,192.41
 Designated \$20.00
 Total Deposit \$15,212.41

July 6, 2025

Undesignated \$18,888.25
 Reimbursements \$165.00
 Child Care \$7,210.00
 Total Operating \$26,263.25
 Designated \$54.32
 Total Deposit \$26,317.57

July 13, 2025

Undesignated \$16,178.51
 Reimbursements \$1,480.00
 Child Care \$4,281.50
 Total Operating \$21,940.01
 Designated \$93.00
 Total Deposit \$22,033.01

July 20, 2025

Undesignated \$9,387.00
 Reimbursements \$1,562.92
 Child Care \$5,760.00
 Total Operating \$16,709.92
 Designated \$141.00
 Total Deposit \$16,850.92

July 27, 2025

Undesignated \$6,380.84
 Reimbursements \$812.64
 Child Care \$4,070.21
 Total Operating \$11,263.69
 Designated \$1,115.00
 Total Deposit \$12,378.69



First Baptist Church

Russell Mord
 Interim Pastor

Ginger Fowler
 Minister of Music

Joseph Blount
 Minister of Students

Joedee Robinson
 Minister of Children
 and Family Ministry

Sarah Burton
 ECM Director

Riley Turnipseed
 Music Ministry Intern

Psalm 84:11