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From West Point to the World

I wanted to share an encouraging update about something God is doing through the ministry of our church family that many may not realize. In January, we launched The 1855 Podcast, and the goal was simple. We wanted to extend the teaching ministry of First Baptist Church beyond Sunday mornings. We hoped it would help members stay connected while traveling or away, allow families to revisit messages together, and provide an easy way for people to share biblical teaching with others. What has happened over the last few months has exceeded my expectations.

To date, The 1855 Podcast has reached more than 1,600 all-time downloads across 20 states and 26 countries, and that growth has happened without advertising. As I look through the numbers, what stands out is not simply how many people are listening, but where they are listening from. Along with listeners across the United States, sermons from our church family are being heard in Vietnam, Japan, Germany, India, Pakistan, Iraq, Syria, Bangladesh, and many other parts of the world. Some of these are places where Christian witness can be difficult and where access to biblical teaching may be more limited than what many of us experience.

That reality serves as a reminder that the gospel has always traveled farther than we can see. God has always used ordinary faithfulness to accomplish purposes beyond what His people could imagine. We may never know this side of heaven how God is using every sermon, every shared message, or every download. Yet every number represents a person made in the image of God and an opportunity for someone to hear the truth of His Word.

Will you join me in praying for each person who has listened? Though they may not have a face or a name to us, they are fully known by their Creator. Let us pray that God would use His Word to encourage believers, draw unbelievers to faith in Christ, strengthen churches, and continue accomplishing His purposes in places we may never see this side of heaven.

— Bro. John

JUNE 7-10, 2026

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Is there a God who cares?

Answers VBS
EMERALD CROSSING
An Irish Adventure Through Psalm 23

Sunday evening
Monday - Wednesday 8:30-12
Wednesday family night

k4-6th grade

Please scan the QR code and complete the form to register your children for VBS.

bit.ly/FBCWP-VBS2026

2026 WORSHIP CONCERT TOUR



We have nine youth who are part of the Mississippi Baptist All-State Youth Choir and Orchestra. Here are the dates and times for some of the closer concerts:

Thursday, June 18 - 6 p.m.
Belden Baptist Church
4121 McCullough Boulevard
Belden, MS

Friday, June 19 - 6 p.m.
New Salem Baptist Church
7086 Wolfe Road
Columbus, MS

Saturday, June 20 - 1 p.m.
First Baptist Church
210 North Huntington Street
Kosciusko, MS



Covered Dish Luncheon
Thursday, June 4 at 11:30
Program: Michele Tucker
Meat and rolls will be provided.



May Trip to Lake Tiak-O'Khata



FAMILY MINISTRY SUMMER!

This summer, we are going to have Wednesday night family nights where we can come together as families and have fun, make memories, fellowship together, and minister to one another. I'm looking forward to spending time with your families during these times.

We will accommodate as needed; it's not my intention to exclude children if parents have other responsibilities during that time or simply need a respite. Details will be shared later, but here is the (tentative) schedule of events:

Church-Wide Wedding Showers (1:00 - 2:00 p.m.)

Addison Faucett
& Brett Briggs
Sunday, June 14

Emma Claire Daniel
& Manning Huffman
Sunday, June 28



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SUMMER 2026

UPCOMING FAMILY EVENTS SCHEDULE

Month	Date	Day	Time	Event
JUNE	17	WED	5:30-7	OUTDOOR GAMES GAGA BALL, 9 SQUARE, & MORE...
	24	WED	5-8	MCKEE PARK, STARKVILLE
JULY	08	WED	TIME TBD	BALLPARK AND PIZZA NIGHT
	22	WED	5:30 -7	INDOOR GAMES BRING A GAME AND LET'S PLAY!
	29	WED	5-7	CHURCHWIDE BACK TO SCHOOL BASH COOKOUT & WATERSLIDES

*June 3: regular schedule *June 10: VBS family night
*July 1: no activities *July 15: no activities (CentriKid)

June 7 - Children will sing VBS songs in morning worship to kick off EMERALD CROSSING!
DON'T FORGET to register your children for VBS: bit.ly/FBCWP-VBS2026



June 7 - Farrah/Madison
June 14 - Joedee/Shanna
June 21 - Brooke/Kelly
June 28 - Michelle/Phyliss

FBCWP MEN'S MINISTRY BBQ & WORSHIP NIGHT
with Rick Burgess
SATURDAY, JULY 18, 2026
4:45 MEAL
6:00 WORSHIP

From the Rick & Bubba show

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
560 East Broad St.
West Point, MS 39773
662-494-4213
fbcwestpointms.com

MEAL & WORSHIP
BBQ meal served at 4:45
Worship from FBC Men's Praise Team and Message from Rick Burgess at 6:00

RSVP
662-494-4213
or scan QR code
CONTACT
Tim Fowler
662-295-5706

Sign up sheet is outside the fellowship hall.

First Students

Let us hold on to the confession of our hope without wavering, since He who promised is faithful.
Hebrews 10:24

Church family,

Summer is officially upon us! This means we have quite a few things to look forward to in student ministry. We will not be back in the youth room for our normal Wednesday night worship until the fall, so for the summer, we will either be at camps, at a home, or at a park. Be on the lookout for more details about upcoming Wednesday night locations as we will move around from week to week. As we start the summer, we'll be headed to Generate Camp June 1-5. Please be in prayer for all of our students and chaperones as we head back to East Texas Baptist University in Marshall, TX. We are looking forward to



a great trip, and we are expecting God to move in a mighty way.

Right after we return from camp, we'll be ready to take on VBS. We have several students that will serve in different capacities during VBS, and it's always a privilege to see them serving throughout that week. The week after VBS begins the Mississippi Baptist All-State Youth Choir and Orchestra. We have a great group of girls that will be participating in the choir this year. We will have a couple of opportunities to go and hear the choir perform close to home. You can find all the dates and locations on the Mississippi Baptist Website.

June will be full of events and camps, but we won't slow down in July either. July 7-11 will be the dates for Super Summer. This is a leadership camp that we will have several students participate in once again. Be in prayer for the students and leaders that will travel to Clinton for this camp coming up in July. To finish out

the summer, we will be heading back to Ocoee, TN for our Back to School Retreat! This trip will be free for all upcoming 7th graders and will be July 23-25. Be on the lookout for the sign up link to go out soon.



As we enter into these summer months, continue to pray for our students as they travel to camps, retreats, and family vacations. Pray for all of the chaperones that will be joining the students on these various trips as well. We look forward to a full and fun summer!

In Christ,
Joseph Blount

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to Nancy Cox in the death of her sister Betty Ann Brewer, May 21.

Any groups (deacons, women's ministry, men's ministry, missions, small groups, committees, choirs, ensembles, children, youth, and adults) who are planning events or meetings in July must email or call Kelli with dates, times, and details by June 22. (fbcwpkelli@gmail.com)



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3 Meal - 5:00 p.m. Children's Activities - 5:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal & Prayer Meeting - 6:00 p.m.	4 Forever Young Luncheon 11:30	5	6
GENERATE YOUTH CAMP						
7 VBS - 4:30pm-8:00pm	8	9 -----VBS - 8:30 am - noon-----	10 VBS FAMILY NIGHT 5:30 p.m.	11	12	13
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL						
14 Wedding Shower for Brett Briggs & Addison Faucett 1:00-2:00	15 Lifeline Screening	16 Joy Seitz WMU 10:00 a.m.	17 Meal - 5:00 p.m. Children's Activities - 5:30 p.m. Youth Worship, Choir Rehearsal, & Prayer Meeting - 6:00 p.m.	18 All-State Youth Choir Concert - Belden B.C. - 6 p.m.	19 All-State Youth Choir Concert - New Salem B.C. Columbus - 6 p.m.	20 All-State Youth Choir Concert - FBC Kosciusko - 1 p.m.
21 FATHER'S DAY	22	23	24 Meal - 5:00 p.m. Children's Activities - 5:00 p.m. Youth Worship, Choir Rehearsal, & Prayer Meeting - 6:00 p.m.	25	26	27
28 Wedding Shower for Manning Huffman & Emma Claire Daniel 1:00-2:00 Deacons' Meeting 4:00 p.m.	29	30				



WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEALS

June 3

Ham
Lima Beans
Fried Okra
Scalloped Potatoes
Roll / Dessert

June 10

VBS Family Night

June 17

Hamburger
Fries
Dessert

June 24

Spaghetti
Salad
Garlic Bread
Dessert

SUNDAY ATTENDANCE

	5/3	5/10	5/17	5/24
Sunday School	211	180	209	185
Morning Worship	375	387	331	276

BUDGET NEEDS

Average Weekly Budget Receipts for April
\$27,826.08
Weekly Budget Needs
\$21,853.42

JUNE 7 Nursery
Matt Ray
Ceilie Ray
Brooke Ladner
Ushers
William Allen
Will Ketchum
Brad Cox
Bill Lantz
Steve Tribble
Jonas Robinson

JUNE 14 Nursery
Regina Towery
Kaitlyn Raines
Kelli Mowry
Ushers
Calvin Boyd
Jon Oswald
Jason Reed
Steve White
Scott Ross
Gregg Kaiser
Wayne Ray

JUNE 21 Nursery
Wesley Frost
Taylor Frost
Rasheda Burnett
Ushers
Victor Suggs
Roger Burton
Heath Brand
Jerry Ishee
Barry Bryan
Dave Ketchum

JUNE 28 Nursery
Brad Price
Perry Price
Katie Oswald
Ushers
John Freeman
John Ingram
Jamey Ballard
Sherman Berry
Ben Lawley
Mark Jessop

TITHES & OFFERINGS

April Online Giving

\$13,586.61

April Online ECM Deposits

\$24,172.58

May 3, 2026

Undesignated \$15,061.00
Reimbursements \$966.00
Child Care \$5,577.50
Total Operating \$21,604.50
Designated \$1,572.00
Total Deposit \$23,176.50

May 10, 2026

Undesignated \$11,212.62
Reimbursements \$1,697.41
Child Care \$1,920.00
Total Operating \$14,830.03
Designated \$499.00
Total Deposit \$15,329.03

May 17, 2026

Undesignated \$11,049.69
Child Care \$9,459.75
Total Operating \$20,509.44
Designated \$496.00
Total Deposit \$21,005.44

May 24, 2026

Undesignated \$60,263.00
Reimbursements \$1,409.28
Child Care \$5,772.50
Total Operating \$67,444.78
Designated \$6,717.54
Total Deposit \$74,162.32



First Baptist Church

John Oliver
Pastor

Ian Richardson
Interim Minister of Music

Joseph Blount
Minister of Students

Joedee Robinson
Minister of Children
and Family Ministry

Sarah Burton
ECM Director

Bella Vick
Music Ministry Intern

Randi Ferryman
Student Ministry Assistant