

The Messenger

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Dear First Baptist Oxford faith family,

Although words never quite do the job, we wanted to write and express our deep appreciation to you for allowing us to be in Oxford during our time of Stateside Assignment. We are so thankful for the opportunity to serve as Missionaries In Residence and for the wonderful home that you provided for us over these past ten months. We always brag about FBC Oxford wherever we go and you all go the extra mile to support us. We are so proud to call FBC Oxford our 'Sending Church.'

We return to our other home in Oaxaca, Mexico in just a few weeks. Our last Sunday with you will be on May 22, 2016. Although we are so ready to get back to the work in southern Mexico, we will miss you terribly. Oxford is home and FBC Oxford is our family. We are already counting down to Christmas when we'll be able to be home again. You all are so important to our family.



We certainly have the expectation that you will continue to 'hold the rope' for us. Your prayers are the work of missions. We depend on them every hour of every day. Your giving to the Cooperative Program and the Lottie Moon Christmas offering keep us on the field. And, your visits to southern Mexico, well, mean more than you could ever know.

We love to hear from you. Our USA phone number is 601-914-6705. That's a direct call to wherever we are and is a local Mississippi number. And our email is wigtake@gmail.com. Please let us hear from you when you can. We'll certainly continue to pray for FBC Oxford to be used to the ends of the earth.

In Christ,

Jeff, Liesa, Haylee, and Jackson



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May

Check out featured events at www.gotofirst.org

MAY 1

8:30 a.m. Worship Service
9:45 a.m. Bible Study classes
11 a.m. Worship Service
5 p.m. Children's Choir

MAY 3

11 a.m. XYZ Program & Luncheon

MAY 4

Noon Prayer Meeting
5 p.m. Fellowship Meal
5:30 p.m. AWANA
6 p.m. Adult Bible Study
6 p.m. English as a Second Language
6 p.m. Rev.o.lu.tion Youth Worship
6 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
6:30 p.m. Band Rehearsal

MAY 5

11 a.m. National Day of Prayer Luncheon
12:15 p.m. National Day of Prayer Program
at the Courthouse

MAY 8 *Mothers' Day*

8:30 a.m. Worship Service
9:45 a.m. Bible Study classes
11 a.m. Worship Service
5 p.m. Children's Choir
9 p.m. College Pancake Study Break

MAY 11

Noon Prayer Meeting
5 p.m. Fellowship Meal
5:30 p.m. AWANA Party Night
6 p.m. Adult Bible Study
6 p.m. English as a Second Language
6 p.m. Rev.o.lu.tion Youth Worship
6 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
6:30 p.m. Band Rehearsal

MAY 12

6 p.m. Graduate Banquet
in the Fellowship Hall

MAY 13

6 p.m. Children's Choir presents
Legends at Camp Garner Creek

MAY 15 *Graduate Recognition Day*

8:30 a.m. Worship Service
9:45 a.m. Bible Study classes
11 a.m. Worship Service
6 p.m. Children's Choir presents
Legends at Camp Garner Creek

MAY 17

9:30 a.m. Inmon Circle in the Conference Room

MAY 18

Noon Prayer Meeting
5 p.m. Fellowship Meal
5:30 p.m. AWANA Awards Ceremony
6 p.m. Adult Bible Study
6 p.m. English as a Second Language
6 p.m. Youth Crawfish Boil
6 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
6:30 p.m. Band Rehearsal

MAY 19

5:30 p.m. Grief Share in the old church office
building

MAY 22

8:30 a.m. Worship Service
9:45 a.m. Bible Study classes
11 a.m. Worship Service

MAY 25

Noon Prayer Meeting
No evening activities

MAY 29

8:30 a.m. Worship Service
9:45 a.m. Bible Study classes
11 a.m. Worship Service

MAY 30 *Memorial Day*

Church office closed.

XYZ Senior Adult Program and Lunch

Tuesday, May 3 at 11 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall

Singing hymns led by Tom Barrett. Program by our own Tom Dawson, retired U.S. Attorney, "Highlights of a Career in Federal Criminal Justice." He was lead prosecutor in the Scruggs' cases and co-author of Kings of Tort. *A delicious meal will be provided. Invite a friend and join us.*

Our Family

Sunday school attendance

April 3 - 585	April 17 - 625
April 10 - 644	April 24 - 569

Budget for April 2016

Budget	\$163,098.60
Building	\$5,566.83
Designated	\$23,680.91
Total	\$192,346.34
Building Fund to date	\$5,783,350.40

A Journey through Grief

Grief is a journey and people grieve differently in their own time and in their own methods. Journey with a group that is traveling a similar path and embrace the journey through reading and group interaction. You will find that you are not alone and that God is the God of all comfort. *For more information contact Dr. Glenn Waller at 662-701-7226.*

**Thursdays beginning May 19
from 5:30-7:30 p.m. in the old Church
Office Building across Van Buren Ave.**



Library & Media Center

Open Sundays 9:30-11 a.m.
and Wednesdays 5-7 p.m.

NEW BOOKS:

Brush of Wings by Karen Kingsbury
Lifegiving Home by Sally and Sarah
Clarkson



ANNIE ARMSTRONG EASTER OFFERING

Given to date: \$18,971

May Deacons of the Week

- May 1-7** Dan Reed, Mark Moore,
Brodie Burns
- May 8-14** Thomas Herrington,
Todd Johnson, Walter Locke
- May 15-21** Rick Mize, Breese Quinn,
Jim Vinson
- May 22-28** Glenn Wilson, Hank Addy,
Bobby Clanton
- May 29-
June 4** Derrell Doss, Jeff Evans,
Brad Golmon

New Members

Dennis Fondren; Al & Kaitlin Wilkinson;
Mel, Lewanda, Emily & Allie Morse

Congratulations

To Kristi and Justin Reeder on the birth of
a son, **Luke Anderson Reeder.**

Our Sympathy

To Mrs. Barbara Lago and family in the loss
of her stepmother, Mrs. Arla Kent.

To Mr. Peter Pan and family in the loss of
his mother in China.

To Mrs. Martha Faye Farris & family in the
loss of her nephew, Robbie Nicholas.

To Ms. Anne Mitchell and family in the
loss of her niece, Mrs. Sue Rogers.

Mrs. Shannon Erhart and family in the loss
of her mother, Mrs. Jane Lee Hoxie.

To Mrs. Sue Mustin and family in the loss
of her husband, Mr. Bill Mustin, Sr.

To Mr. Bill Mustin, Jr. and family in the loss
of his father, Mr. Bill Mustin, Sr.

To Miss Auguste Reid Mustin and family in
the loss of her grandfather, Mr. Bill Mustin,
Sr.

To Mrs. Rita Vasilyev and family in the loss
of her sister, Mrs. Lila Goolsby.

Bulletin Board



NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

THURSDAY, MAY 5

Lunch at FBC 11 a.m. - noon

Program on the south lawn of the Courthouse
on the Square from 12:15 - 1 p.m.

In case of rain, prayer service will be held in the Fellowship Hall.

FBC Prayer Watch Hours at the Courthouse on the Square
May 4 from 10-11 p.m. and May 5 from 7-8 a.m.

*If these times are not convenient, members can go at any time
during the 24 hour period from 6 p.m. Wednesday to 6 p.m. Thursday.*

2016 MISSION OPPORTUNITIES



JULY 23-27. Conduct Vacation Bible Day Camp for Live Oak Church in New Orleans, LA. We will need to provide ALL leadership, planning, supplies. Open to any FBC Member with Mission Trip Application approved by FBC Oxford Missions Committee. Cost: \$75 per person plus your food.

Deadline: \$75 per person is due before May 23

OAXACA MEXICO MEDICAL TRIP

OCTOBER 22-29. Medical Ministry/Evangelism in villages among the Tlacolula Valley Zapotec people group. Open to any FBC Member with Mission Trip Application approved by the FBC Oxford Missions Committee. Space is limited to 12 people. Cost: Approximately \$500 per person plus airfare.

Deadline: \$200 per person deposit is due July 1.

Trip to Syrian Refugee Camps • Thesaloniki, Greece

August 13-23. We currently work 5 days a week at the camp from 1-9 p.m. Our job at the camp so far has been to assist the Greek Army in the daily operations of the camp. This includes helping with everyday distributions, getting people settled in their tents, giving out truthful information among other things. Cost: \$750 plus airfare. Applications are available in the church office.

Mission Trip Applications for Greece are due on June 1.

PRESCHOOL & CHILDREN'S NEWS

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FBC Children's Choir presents



Friday, May 13 at 6 p.m.
Sunday, May 15 at 6 p.m.

Vacation Bible School

June 6-10

9 a.m.-noon



Open to all kids currently in K-6th grades

Awana™

Wednesdays 5:30-7:30 p.m.

May 11 Party Night

May 18 Awards Ceremony

FBC is hosting the baby bassinet in May to benefit Sav-a-Life.



Needs include diapers sizes 1, 2, 3, wipes, onesies, bottles, bottle brushes, diaper bags, clothes, pacifiers, thermometers, sippy cups, powder, lotion, body wash, diaper cream, baby socks, infant fever medication, bibs, baby nail clippers, brush and comb sets.

Bassinet will be in the atrium.

YOUTH NEWS

Graduate Banquet May 12 at 6 p.m.
Call the church office for reservations

**Graduate Recognition Day
May 15** in the 11 a.m. service

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Crawfish Boil May 18 at 6:30 p.m. at the
Reed's Camp. Buses will leave FBC at 6 p.m.

Big 7 Trip June 2-4 Atlanta, GA.
Questions? See Cindy or Jack.

COLLEGE NEWS

Late Night Pancake Study Break May 8 at 9 p.m. FBC Fellowship Hall

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