

The Messenger

from the Pastor

Happy New Year!

My prayer is that First Baptist Church will have a blessed 2018.

Melinda and I are honored and excited to be part of this great church. We appreciate all the kindness and love you've shown us. We could not have been treated better.

Psalm 46:1-2 in the Amplified version says:

"God is our refuge and strength [mighty and impenetrable], A very present and well-proved help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change and though the mountains be shaken and slip into the heart of the seas."

While none of us can know the future, we can walk through this new year confident that God will be with us every step of the way.

I'm privileged to be a part of FBC's journey in 2018.

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January

Check out featured events at www.gotofirst.org

JANUARY 1

New Year's Day

Church office closed

JANUARY 7

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

JANUARY 9

Noon Prayer Meeting

JANUARY 10

5 p.m. Fellowship Meal
5:30 p.m. AWANA
6 p.m. Rev.o.lu.tion Worship for Youth
6 p.m. Adult Bible Study
6 p.m. Explorers Bible Study
6 p.m. ESL Class
6:30 p.m. Choir and Band Rehearsal

JANUARY 14

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. Missions Extra with Dessert

JANUARY 15 *Martin Luther King Jr. Day*

Church office closed

JANUARY 16

Noon Prayer Meeting

JANUARY 17

5 p.m. Fellowship Meal
5:30 p.m. AWANA: Can Can Night
6 p.m. Rev.o.lu.tion Worship for Youth
6 p.m. Adult Bible Study
6 p.m. Explorers Bible Study
6 p.m. ESL Class
6:30 p.m. Choir and Band Rehearsal

JANUARY 21

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. Life U classes begin

JANUARY 23

Noon Prayer Meeting

JANUARY 24

5 p.m. Fellowship Meal
5:30 p.m. AWANA: WUTS Up Night
6 p.m. Rev.o.lu.tion Worship for Youth
6 p.m. Adult Bible Study
6 p.m. Explorers Bible Study
6 p.m. ESL Class
6:30 p.m. Choir and Band Rehearsal

JANUARY 28

8:30 a.m. Worship Service
9:45 a.m. Bible Study classes
11 a.m. Worship Service
12:30 p.m. Sunday School Teacher
Appreciation Luncheon
4 p.m. Bible Drill
5 p.m. Life U classes
6 p.m. Quarterly Business Meeting

JANUARY 30

Noon Prayer Meeting

JANUARY 31

5 p.m. Fellowship Meal
5:30 p.m. AWANA: BARF/Glow Night
6 p.m. Rev.o.lu.tion Worship for Youth
6 p.m. Adult Bible Study
6 p.m. Explorers Bible Study
6 p.m. ESL Class
6:30 p.m. Choir and Band Rehearsal

Library & Media Center

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

Too cold to go outside? Curl up with a good book from the library!

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National Goal: \$160 million

FBC Oxford Goal: \$90,000

Given to date: \$ 67,653.25



SPRING 2018

Classes begin Jan. 21

Men's Class: 7 Men and the Secret of Their Greatness: A Study in Character
Facilitators: Matt Moore and Jeff Jones

* Book: *7 Men and the Secret of Their Greatness*, by Eric Metaxas

Women's Class: 7 Women and the Secret of Their Greatness: A Study in Character

Facilitators: Gaye Flynt and Brooke Gibson

* Book: *7 Women and the Secret of Their Greatness*, by Eric Metaxas

Couple's Class: Kingdom Marriage: God's Designed Purpose and Pleasure for Couples

Facilitators: Steven and Pene Russell

* Book: *Kingdom Marriage and/or Kingdom Marriage Participant's Guide* by Tony Evans

Group Class: Mission 101: Understanding Our Place in the Great Commission

Facilitator: Jeff Holeman

Book: *Bible*

Theology Class: Doctrine of God: Who He Is, What He Does, & How We Know Him

Facilitator: Timothy Gibson

Book: *Bible*

*Order book and/or a participant's guide on your own prior to the study.

Sunday school attendance

December 3 - 579

December 24 - no SS

December 10 - 539

December 31 - 399

December 17 - 421

Budget December 2017

Budget	\$220,147.81
Building	\$10,453.83
Designated	\$69,191.49
Total	\$299,793.13

December Deacons of the Week

Dec. 31- Mike Tomes, Jeff Busby,

Jan. 6 David Erhart

Jan. 7-13 Michael Ferris, Paxton Little, Michael Meurrier

Jan. 14-20 Ryan Overall, Jason Simon, Brodie Burns

Jan. 21-27 Ben Hellums, Walter Locke, Thomas Herrington

Jan. 28- Rick Mize, Breese Quinn,
Feb. 3 Jim Vinson

New Members in Dec. 2017

Pat Woods, Paula & David Dickson, Elizabeth Townley

Congratulations

To Ginger and Kendall Gregory on the birth of a daughter, **Goldie Jean Gregory**, on Nov. 20. Proud big brother is Tripp.

Our Sympathy

To Mrs. Tonya Jones and family in the loss of her father, Mr. Ira (Sonny) Foster.

To Mr. Harold James and family in the loss of his wife, Mrs. Pat James; to Kathy Sneed & family in the loss of her mother, Mrs. Pat James; and to Mary K. Hemphill in the loss of her sister, Mrs. Pat James.

To the family of Mrs. Lura Tatum in the loss of their mother.

To the family of Mrs. Helen Aderholdt in the loss of their aunt.

MISSION & MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

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

MISSIONS *Xtra*

Sunday, January 14 at 5 p.m.

Pete Frank from Gospelink will be here to talk about their ministry to pastors in other countries.

Coffee and hot chocolate provided. Bring a dessert to share. A love offering will be received for the Franks' ministry.



LOVE PACKS

For January, we will be collecting **pop top cans of chicken noodle and vegetable soups**. Donation box in the Atrium.

MEN'S MINISTRY

mm@gotofirst.org



MEN ON MISSION CONFERENCE

February 10 at FBC Oxford

Guest Speaker: Steve Sonderman
Founder of No Regrets Men's Ministries

Tickets \$10 advance/\$15 at the door

For more info: gotofirst.org/mm



WOMEN'S MINISTRY

wmin@gotofirst.org

Monthly Book Club

Thursday, January 25 at 6 p.m. January book: *The Red Tent* by Anita Diamant. Email amandabrandon@icloud.com for more info.

Paint Party Saturday, February 3 at 10 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Email wmin@gotofirst.org. **\$15. Must RSVP so we have enough supplies!!**

Ladies' Retreat

Saturday, March 24 from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Guest Speaker: Suzanne W. Matthews, author of *Unlocking Belief: Answering Questions Jesus Asks, and Crossings: Life Lessons From The Book of Joshua*.

PRESCHOOL & CHILDREN'S NEWS



**Early enrollment for
2018-19 school year is
Jan. 28-Feb. 6**

Enrollment form available at www.gotofirst.org/mmo
Call the church office for more information.

YOUTH NEWS

All Student Ministry Activities outside of Lafayette County require a 2018 Medical Form in order to participate. This includes all guests.



THE BIG 7 TRIP. June 11-13. For youth entering and finishing 7th grade. We'll be returning to St. Louis for Six Flags, Cardinal Baseball, and more. Cost is \$110 per student (Add \$75 if you did not help park cars). Cost is \$55 per parent. Payment is due on March 1.

BEACH CAMP 2018. June 24-29. Panama City Beach, FL. For all youth finishing 6th to 12th grade. Cost is \$175 (Add \$125 if you did not help park cars). Payment is due on March 1.



MISSION TRIP TO OAXACA, MEXICO. July 2-10.

For grades 9 to 12. Those under age 16 must have parent with them. Cost is \$450 per person and includes all. (Add \$450 if you did not help park cars.) Trip will include teaching English and a Sports Camp. \$100 deposit is due on January 5. Balance is due on March 31.



Weekday Education is looking for an assistant teacher for the infant room. Applicants need to be at least 18 years of age and have a high school degree or GED. Call 234-3517 and ask for Ms. Linda Glaze, Weekday Director. Applications can be picked up at the front desk on the first floor.

Sunday School Teacher Appreciation January 28

Sunday School Teacher Appreciation Luncheon will be Sunday, January 28 from 12:30-2 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Teachers, please mark your calendar to attend this small token of our appreciation for your dedication to serve. The lunch is for you and your family. Please RSVP to the office how many will be attending. *Door prizes will be awarded!*