

# The Messenger



## from the Pastor

After an icy and snowy January, February comes with ministry in full swing at First Baptist Church. Sunday worship and ministry promises meaningful times with the Lord Jesus Christ. Wednesday night meal and activities help connect our family of faith in fellowship and growth. Plus many special event ministries are planned throughout the month.

I'd like to highlight the 'Men on Mission' conference set for February 10. I first became aware of Steve Sonderman's ministry several years ago through his book "How to Build a Life-Changing Men's Ministry". I've given that book to hundreds of men's ministry leaders across Mississippi. I think it is the best theological and practical book for men's leaders. Steve is the Discipleship Pastor at Elmbrook Church in Brookfield, Wisconsin. While Steve is a relatively young man, the Lord has blessed his ministry to and with men for many years. He was doing huge men's conferences before anyone else and his ministry approach is tried and true. He hosts an annual men's conference at Elmbrook called the "No Regrets Men's Conference" which draws thousands of men each year. He is a much sought after speaker and leader. I'm delighted our Men's Ministry at FBC invited Steve to come.

I realize that you likely don't know Steve's name. He hasn't traveled to Mississippi very much but I think the men of FBC are in for a treat with Steve's coming. So, please make your plans to attend this men's conference. The cost is only \$10 which basically covers the meal cost. While we've invited men from all across Mississippi to come, this conference is really for the men at FBC Oxford. So please come. I believe that God will use this conference to stir our hearts.

You have been so kind to Melinda and me as we've transitioned to Oxford. Thanks for the love and support you have shown us. We are so honored to serve alongside you in this great church.

I'll see you on Sunday,

*Don*



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# February

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

## FEBRUARY 1

4 p.m. GriefShare

## FEBRUARY 3

10 a.m. Women's Ministry Paint Party

## FEBRUARY 4

8:30 a.m. Worship Service  
9:45 a.m. Bible Study classes  
11 a.m. Worship Service  
5:30 p.m. Dinners for 8

## FEBRUARY 6

11 a.m. XYZ Program & Luncheon  
Noon Prayer Meeting

## FEBRUARY 7

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 p.m. Choir Rehearsal  
7:15 p.m. Band Rehearsal

## FEBRUARY 8

4 p.m. GriefShare

## FEBRUARY 10

8 a.m. Men on Mission Conference

## FEBRUARY 11

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. Children and Youth Choirs  
5 p.m. Life U classes

## FEBRUARY 12

5:30 p.m. Outreach

## FEBRUARY 13

Noon Prayer Meeting

## FEBRUARY 14

5 p.m. Fellowship Meal  
5:30 p.m. AWANA: Crazy Hair 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 p.m. Choir Rehearsal  
7:15 p.m. Band Rehearsal

## FEBRUARY 15

4 p.m. GriefShare

## FEBRUARY 16

6 p.m. Parents' Night Out *(Registration required)*

## FEBRUARY 18

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. Children and Youth Choirs  
5 p.m. Life U classes

## FEBRUARY 19

5:30 p.m. Outreach

## FEBRUARY 20

Noon Prayer Meeting

## FEBRUARY 21

5 p.m. Fellowship Meal

## XYZ Senior Adult Program and Luncheon

**Tuesday, February 6 at 11 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall**

The program will begin with hymn singing, followed by a virtual tour of the new hospital with commentary by Peyton Warrington, Assistant Administrator.

*A delicious meal will be provided.*

*Invite a friend and join us.*



# Our Family

- 5:30 p.m. AWANA: Store 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 p.m. Choir Rehearsal  
7:15 p.m. Band Rehearsal

## FEBRUARY 22

- 4 p.m. GriefShare

## FEBRUARY 25

- 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. Children and Youth Choirs  
5 p.m. Life U classes

## FEBRUARY 26

- 5:30 p.m. Outreach

## FEBRUARY 27

- Noon Prayer Meeting

## FEBRUARY 28

- 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 p.m. Choir Rehearsal  
7:15 p.m. Band Rehearsal

## February Deacons of the Week

- Jan. 28-** Rick Mize, Breese Quinn,  
**Feb. 3** Jim Vinson  
**Feb. 4-10** Jamie Hopson, Kevin Howell,  
Martin Locke  
**Feb. 11-17** Matt Moore, Bill Rose,  
Steven Russell  
**Feb. 18-24** Mike Tomes, Jeff Busby,  
David Erhart  
**Feb. 25-** Michael Ferris, Paxton Little,  
**Mar. 3** Michael Meurrier

## Sunday school attendance

January 7 - 456      January 21 - 543  
January 14 - 462

## Budget January 1-21, 2018

Budget	\$114,206.24
Building	\$1,865.83
Designated	\$9,188.61
Total	\$155,260.68

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FBC Oxford Goal: \$90,000  
Given to date: \$75,321.25

## New Members in January

Don & Melinda Gann; Jiwon Lee; Joyce Davis;  
Tom, Melody, Luke & Linda Zang

## Congratulations

To Kim & Steve Lavoie on the birth of a daughter, **Tovilyn Betty Lavoie**, on Jan. 1. Proud siblings are Teagan, Talon, Tillie, & Thatch.

## Our Sympathy

To Mr. Derrell Doss & family in the loss of his father, Mr. Roy Doss.

To Mr. Don Burton & family in the loss of his sister, Belinda French.

To Mr. Brian Smith & family in the loss of his father, Mr. Robert H. Smith.

To Dr. Robert Allen & family in the loss of his mother, Mrs. Ramona Allen.

To Mr. James Wright & family in the loss of his sister, Alta Belle.

To Mr. Wes Anderson & family in the loss of his grandfather, Mr. Travis Edwards.

To Mrs. Charlotte Propes & family in the loss of her aunt.

# MISSION & MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

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

## Opportunities to Serve Locally and in Mississippi

### **OUTREACH** Monday, February 12, 19, & 26

5:30-7 p.m. Light meal served. Come join us as we call, write, and visit our community.

## Help at the Food Pantry

Beginning Thursday, March 1, FBC will manage and staff the Oxford Food Pantry. Helpers are needed to stock shelves and serve clients. We will work each week Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings, from 8:30 - 11:30 a.m. We need 6-8 workers on Tuesdays, and 10-12 on Wednesdays and Thursdays.

## 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, beginning February 25, and through March. In 2015, we collected our record: over 2000 items! Let's do better this year!

*For more information, contact Brian Smith (601-594-1165, [brianhs@bellsouth.net](mailto:brianhs@bellsouth.net)), Bob Myers ([bobmyers52@gmail.com](mailto:bobmyers52@gmail.com)), or Max Whitehead ([amwhi@maxxsouth.net](mailto:amwhi@maxxsouth.net)).*

## North Mississippi Kairos Prison Ministry

Mississippi State Penitentiary  
at Parchman, Unit 30

**MARCH 28-31**



### **SCHEDULED TRAINING DATE:**

**February 9**, 6-9 p.m. at First Baptist Church in Batesville.

**February 16**, 6-9 p.m. at Christ Presbyterian Church in Oxford.

**February 24**, 8 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. at Moore Memorial Methodist Church in Winona.

**March 3**, 8 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. at First Baptist Church in Batesville.

**March 10**, 8 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. at Christ Presbyterian Church in Oxford.

**March 17**, 8 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. at Pope Baptist Church in Pope.

**March 23**, 6-9 p.m. at Christ Community Church in Grenada.

We would like to invite you to pray as to how God would have you serve. Whether it be by joining the team, donating cookies or chips, praying for this weekend, supporting us financially or attending the Closing Ceremony.

*For more information, please contact Kevin Howell at 662-816-3101 or Hal Davis at 662-801-4081.*

## Opportunities to Serve Internationally

**Training Pastors and Church Leaders in southern Mexico.** Details TBA.

**High School Mission Trip to Oaxaca.** July 3-10. \$100 deposit is due now!

**Missionary Kid Retreat in Costa Rica.** July 20-28. We need FBC Oxford folks to love on High School Missionary Kids. Cost is \$750 plus airfare. See Jeff for more info.

**Women's Ministry Trip to Oaxaca.** September 29 to October 5. Details TBA.

## Opportunities to Give

**Go Tell Fund** assists FBC members and college students participating in mission trips. Total needed for 2018: \$25,000. Amount on hand: \$15,804.81

**Reach Oaxaca Fund** fund for projects among our unreached people group in southern Mexico. Total needed for 2018: \$12,000. Amount on hand: \$24,1916

**Missionary Kid Retreat** FBC Oxford partners with the IMB to provide a retreat from children on missionaries in the Americas. Total needed for 2018: \$16,000. Amount on hand: \$2,200



**MM** **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](http://gotofirst.org/mm)

Advance tickets on sale til Feb. 4!

## WOMEN'S MINISTRY

[wmin@gotofirst.org](mailto:wmin@gotofirst.org)

### Monthly Book Club

Email [amandabrandon@icloud.com](mailto:amandabrandon@icloud.com) for more info.

**Paint Party Saturday, February 3 at 10 a.m.** in the Fellowship Hall.

Email [wmin@gotofirst.org](mailto: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*.

# Marriage Conference

## with Dr. Paul David Tripp

### MARCH 1-2

On Thursday night, March 1, and Friday night, March 2, we will be hosting a marriage conference with Paul David Tripp streaming through video in the Fellowship Hall. Both nights will be from 6-9 p.m.

Space is limited to the first 15 Couples to sign up. To sign up, contact Pastor Timothy at 662-234-3517 or [tgibson@gotofirst.org](mailto:tgibson@gotofirst.org). Notification will go out by Constant Contact as soon as the space is full.

Cost is \$20 per couple. Childcare will be available for children, ages nursery through 6th grade. On Thursday night, we will order pizza for the adults as well as the children. Only snacks will be provided for children on Friday night, however.

Upon signing up, Timothy will need to know number of children and age of children coming with you to the event, as well as if there are any allergies.

(You can make out a check to FBC-Oxford or bring cash on Thursday night, March 1.)

## Library & Media Center

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

Check out our **Christian Romance Fiction books and Hallmark movies!**

## YOUTH NEWS

### Sunday Evenings

**Youth Choir** at 5 p.m.!

**For Guys Only** at 6 p.m. led by Scotty Polston.

**For Girls Only** at 6 p.m. led by Alyssa Lee

### Coming up!

**Super Bowl Parties! Sunday, Feb. 4** at 5 p.m.

**Winter Jam 2018. March 3** in Memphis, TN. A full evening of awesome music at the FedEx Forum.

**Beach Camp 2018** in Panama City Beach, FL. For all youth entering grades 7 to college. June 24-29. \$175 is due March 1, 2018.

**The Big 7 Trip** to St. Louis. For youth entering grades 7 and 8. June 11-13. Cost is \$110 and payment is due March 1, 2018.



# PRESCHOOL & CHILDREN'S NEWS



Early enrollment for 2018-19 school year continues through Feb. 6.

Forms available at [www.gotofirst.org/mmo](http://www.gotofirst.org/mmo)  
Call the church office for more information.



## CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Sundays at 5 p.m. for 4 years-6th grade

We will be performing a musical entitled *The Tale of Three Trees*.  
It is not too late for children to come and start rehearsal.

Preschool & Children's Departments

## PARENTS' NIGHT OUT

February 16 • 6-9 p.m.

For all kids

preschoolers (infants-4 years) & children (K-6th grade)

Sign up at the preschool and/or children's desks to participate.

## baby dedication

March 4, 2018

Sign up by Feb. 25 with Kristen  
([koverall@gotofirst.org](mailto:koverall@gotofirst.org))

## The Quest

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." - JOHN 14:6

Children's Mission Camp | JULY 12-14, 2018

Open to all kids in grades 2-6. Cost: \$120

Contact Dina Addy to register, (662) 837-0797 or [diaddy@gotofirst.org](mailto:diaddy@gotofirst.org)  
**\$60 Non-refundable deposit due by February 25!**



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