

The Messenger



from the Pastor

You may have noticed an additional envelope in your offering packet this month. The envelope is marked for gifts to the Margaret Lackey State Mission offering. I'd like to give you some information about the MLSMO offering.

The Margaret Lackey State Mission offering adds to and works hand-in-hand with the evangelistic and benevolent ministries funded through the Cooperative Program in Mississippi. Here are some examples:

- Support for Camp Garaywa and Central Hills, our children's summer camps. Nearly 8000 kids attend Miss. Baptist summer camp sessions. Because of the State Mission offering, families of any income level can afford to send their child to camp. Last year almost 1000 children made decisions for Christ through camp ministry.
- Mississippi Baptist Disaster Relief.
- Criminal Justice ministries.
- Job skills ministries.
- Church planting support.
- International student ministry support through BSU.
- Plus, much more



Having worked for the Mississippi Baptist Convention prior to coming to FBC, I saw firsthand the usefulness of this offering. Mississippi is a Convention of mostly small Baptist churches. While over 2000 churches in Mississippi cooperate with the Miss. Baptist Convention, only 75 or so have an average weekly attendance of more than 250.

I find it alarming to know that only about 1/4 of the population of Mississippi attend any kind of worship service in a year. The ministries supported by the Margaret Lackey State Mission offering focus on reaching what most would call "the least of these." No one church can reach these important Mississippians.

We can reach our state with the gospel but only if we work together. Your support for State Missions is a way to work together in sharing the gospel. I hope you'll prayerfully consider giving to this important offering this month.

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September

Check out featured events at www.gotofirst.org

SEPTEMBER 2

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

SEPTEMBER 3

Labor Day

church office closed

SEPTEMBER 4

11 a.m. XYZ Program & Luncheon
Noon Prayer Meeting
4:30 p.m. GriefShare

SEPTEMBER 5

5 p.m. Fellowship Meal
5:30 p.m. AWANA: Camo Night
6 p.m. Midweek for Youth
6 p.m. Adult Bible Studies
6 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
7:30 p.m. Band Rehearsal

SEPTEMBER 6

10 a.m. Preschool Story Time

SEPTEMBER 9

8:30 a.m. Worship Service
9:45 a.m. Bible Study classes
11 a.m. Worship Service
4 p.m. Children's Bible Drill
5 p.m. Children's Choir
5 p.m. Youth Discipleship
5 p.m. Life U Studies

SEPTEMBER 10

5:30 p.m. Outreach: Preschool, Children, Adults

SEPTEMBER 11

Noon Prayer Meeting
4:30 p.m. GriefShare

SEPTEMBER 12

5 p.m. Fellowship Meal

5:30 p.m. AWANA: VIP Night
6 p.m. Midweek for Youth
6 p.m. Adult Bible Studies
6 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
7:30 p.m. Band Rehearsal

SEPTEMBER 16

8:30 a.m. Worship Service
9:45 a.m. Bible Study classes
11 a.m. Worship Service
4 p.m. Children's Bible Drill
5 p.m. Children's Choir
5 p.m. Youth Discipleship
5 p.m. Life U Studies

SEPTEMBER 17

5:30 p.m. Outreach: Youth, College, Adults

SEPTEMBER 18

Noon Prayer Meeting
4:30 p.m. GriefShare

SEPTEMBER 19

5 p.m. Fellowship Meal
5:30 p.m. AWANA: WUTS UP Night
6 p.m. Midweek for Youth
6 p.m. Adult Bible Studies
6 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
7:30 p.m. Band Rehearsal

SEPTEMBER 23

8:30 a.m. Worship Service
9:45 a.m. Bible Study classes
11 a.m. Worship Service
4 p.m. Children's Bible Drill
5 p.m. Children's Choir
5 p.m. Youth Discipleship
5 p.m. Life U Studies

SEPTEMBER 24

5:30 p.m. Outreach: Adults

XYZ Senior Adult Program and Luncheon

Tuesday, Sept. 4 at 11 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall

We will begin with hymn singing led by Eric Johnson. Program by The Gospel Revival Trio.

A delicious meal will be provided. Invite a friend and join us.

Our Family

SEPTEMBER 25

Noon Prayer Meeting
4:30 p.m. GriefShare
6:30 p.m. Sav-A-Life Banquet

SEPTEMBER 26

5 p.m. Fellowship Meal
5:30 p.m. AWANA: BARF/Glow Night
6 p.m. Midweek for Youth
6 p.m. Adult Bible Studies
6 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
7:30 p.m. Band Rehearsal

SEPTEMBER 28

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

SEPTEMBER 30

8:30 a.m. Worship Service
9:45 a.m. Bible Study classes
11 a.m. Worship Service
4 p.m. Children's Bible Drill
5 p.m. Children's Choir
5 p.m. Youth Discipleship
5 p.m. Life U Studies

OUTREACH

Light meal at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall, followed by Outreach.
Preschool care begins at 5:45.

WEEKLY FOCUS:

Sept. 10 Preschool, Children, Adults
Sept. 17 Youth, College, Adults
Sept. 24 Adults

Deacons of the Week

Sept. 2-8 Jamie Hopson, Kevin Howell,
Martin Locke

Sept. 9-15 Matt Moore, Bill Rose,
Steven Russell

Sept. 16-22 Mike Tomes, Jeff Busby,
David Erhart

Sept. 23-29 Michael Ferris, Paxton Little,
Michael Meurrier

**Sept. 30-
Oct. 6** Ryan Overall, Jason Simon,
Kevin Bain

Sunday school attendance

August 5 - 517 August 19 - 602
August 12 - 574 August 26 - 610

Budget August 5-26, 2018

Budget	\$198,622.28
Building	\$3,770.33
Designated	\$7,588.38
Total	\$209,980.99

New Members in July/August

Wesley Baumbaugh; Jacqueline & Lee Craven;
Olivia Mayoral; Remi Overby; Hogan Overby;
Will James.

Congratulations

To Paige & Wesley Henry on the birth of a daughter, **Rilee Kate Henry**, July 23. Big sister is Zoe. Proud grandparents are Patty & Robert Henry.

To Brittany & Chase Camp on the birth of a son, **Cameron Colton Camp**, August 21. Big sister is Madyson. Proud grandparents are Alice & Bobby Camp.

To Ali & Wes Sneed on the birth of a son, **Miles Warren Sneed**, August 22. Siblings are Liam & Hadley Grace. Proud grandparents are Kathy & David Sneed.

Our Sympathy

To Jill Stribling & Sally Canale & families in the loss of their mother, Mrs. Doris E. Embry.

To Denise Riley, Bill Riley & family in the loss of their mother, Mrs. Margaret Riley.

To Keri Jo Finnie & family in the loss of her father, Mr. Kenny Coleman.

To Darrell Russell & family in the loss of his sister, Mrs. Faye Clement.

To Anna Beth McNeely & family in the loss of her brother-in-law, Rev. Roy Wilson.

MISSION & MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

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



The Great Commission, Coffee, and Cookies
October 14 at 5 p.m.
3rd Floor in the Student Ministry Suite

This will be a time for a report by FBC Members who have been on mission trips during 2018.

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October 24-29	Pastor/Leader Training. \$300 per person.
December 29- January 12	College Student Trip. \$1350 per person.
January 9-14	Pastor/Leader Training. \$300 per person.
February 9-15	Medical Mission Trip. \$650 per person.

Mission Trip to Rome, Italy. December 13-21.

Christmas Outreach to Young Adults and ministry to missionary families.
Total cost is \$400 plus airfare.

Sav-A-Life Annual Banquet

Tuesday, September 25 at 6:30 p.m.

Guest Speaker Melissa Ohden

\$20 per ticket. Call 662.234.4414
All proceeds go to Sav-A-Life



During September, we will be collecting items for Sav-A-Life of Oxford. Donations Needed:

Diapers (newborn-5)	Baby Wash	Desitin
Wipes	Lotion	Diaper Bags
Baby Bottles	Towels	Baby Care Kit
Shampoo	Wash Cloths	Plain Onesies

new and gender neutral preferred

www.savalifeoxford.com

8 Reasons to Join the Choir at First Baptist

8. YOU DON'T HAVE TO WIN A SINGING COMPETITION TO BE IN THE CHOIR. You may be shocked to hear that, but many people don't always think they are a good enough singer to be a part of the choir. Believe me... you ARE! One of the greatest things about the choir ministry is how God takes a bunch of voices – some strong and some not as strong – and blends them together to create beautiful music that honors Him.

7. YOU DON'T HAVE TO HAVE A MUSIC DEGREE TO BE IN THE CHOIR. Now, you probably already knew this one too. But, did you know that a lot of the current Celebration Choir members don't read music? If that's been what's kept you from joining, then your non-choir days are OVER! Here's what you do... come to choir rehearsal and sit next to someone who reads music well. All you have to do is LISTEN and your home free! You will be amazed what you can learn just being in the middle of the music.

6. THERE ARE GREAT THINGS FOR YOUR KIDS AND SPOUSES TO DO ON WEDNESDAY NIGHTS WHILE YOU ARE IN CHOIR REHEARSAL. In the busyness of the week that we're all living in, it's easy to talk yourself out of coming to church on Wednesday night. From fellowship meals, to Awana, to Adult Bible Study, and Choir Rehearsals, there is a way for the whole family to get plugged into a ministry opportunity on Wednesday evenings.

5. YOU CAN STILL BE ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN A SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS AND SERVE IN OTHER MINISTRIES WHILE ALSO SERVING IN THE CHOIR. You may be thinking that your Sunday morning schedule won't allow time for choir.... but if you're going to a worship service, you have time for choir! The Sunday commitment is quite minimal. You have the option to sing in both worship services or just one of them. We usually meet in the choir room 15 minutes before each worship service...that's it...15 minutes.

4. YOU WILL BUILD LONG LASTING RELATIONSHIPS. Have you noticed the members of the choir? They are amazing wonderful people that you should get to know if you don't already know. Participating in ministry with others is one of the best ways to build great and meaningful friendships. Worshiping together has the same result.

3. THREE WORDS: CHOIR. IS. FUN! We offer a 100% guarantee that you will have a great time in rehearsal each week. It's the best midweek pick-me-up you will find around Oxford.

2. BETTER PARKING OPPORTUNITIES. If you sing in the 8:30 service you get prime parking spots right at the church. Everyone loves closer parking!

1. ONE WORD: WORSHIP. There is no denying that singing is one of the best vehicles we have to worship the One True God and singing with a room full of believers who love Him and His music as much as you do is one of the greatest things you'll ever experience.

We hope to see you in choir rehearsal Wednesday at 6 p.m.!

New Deacon Officers

Bill Rose, *chair*

Jason Simon, *vice chair*

Matt Moore, *secretary*

More to **LOVE** about First

by Brooke Hutson Gibson

If you've spent any time in our preschool area, you know **Kay and Ken Rosetti**. They have taught 3-year-old Sunday School for 7 years and directed AWANA Cubbies for the last 4 years.

"We enjoy the children and serving in the church," said Kay. "We feel like that's 'our spot' to serve...and people keep asking us!"

They truly care about the preschoolers of our church and have even been known to show up at their t-ball games or other events to cheer them on.

Couples who faithfully serve in our preschool ministry together — just one more thing to love about First.



The Rosettis enjoyed traveling to the Ark Encounter with their family this summer.

Check out other features at gotofirst.org/more

COLLEGE NEWS

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WOMEN'S MINISTRY NEWS wmin@gotofirst.org

Monthly Book Club Email wmin@gotofirst.org for more details.

We are taking applications for mentors and mentees for the new women's mentoring program.

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MENTORING MINISTRY
TITUS 2:3-5

a ministry that intentionally develops friendships among women of different generations that are a source of support, growth and strength

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



PRESCHOOL STORY TIME

Thursday, September 6 at 10 a.m.

Check out our large selection of
religious Accelerated Reader books.

Preschool & Children's Departments

PARENTS' NIGHT OUT

September 28 • 6-9 p.m.

For all kids
preschoolers (infants-4 years) & children (K-6th grade). **Signup begins Sept. 9**

Baby Dedication will be October 14.

Sign up by September 30 with Lauren (lhill@gotofirst.org)

STUDENT MINISTRY NEWS



9:45 A.M. SUNDAYS • 3RD FLOOR



4-7 P.M. SUNDAYS • FBC GYM



6 P.M. WEDNESDAYS • 3RD FLOOR

Youth Parents, please sign up to provide a snack supper for Sunday PM.

See You At The Pole Wednesday, Sept 26.

More details to come.



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