



The Messenger

First Baptist Church of Hazlehurst, Mississippi

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Welcome to the new FBC MESSENGER!

The Messenger is the monthly newsletter of the First Baptist Church of Hazlehurst, Mississippi.

What's New at FBCH:

November begins a new season in our Children's Ministry. Worshipping together on Sunday mornings is of primary importance here at FBC. As such, we are creating an exciting worship experience each Sunday Morning at 9:15 a.m. for all our children. This time, *Ignite*, features music, activities, a story from the Word of God, and focus on life application. The gathering is led by our fantastic children's Sunday School teachers and assisted by our Family Ministry Team. Help us get the word out to families in our community that FBC is the place for families on Sunday Morning! While we need to reconnect with some of our own families here, *now is our opportunity to connect with those all around us who need to get their families involved in church.* Join in on this important mission and invite someone to join you this Sunday. It all begins with a pancake breakfast for children and parents upstairs in the Educational Building this Sunday, Nov. 4, at 8:30 a.m. So, what friend or neighbor, niece and nephew, or grandchild, do you need to make sure you invite to church?



This month's theme:



Our lessons focus on the connection between cooperation and God's Character, as shown through God's big story.

First Thoughts: Living Thanks

Dr. John Matthews, Pastor



There is no shortage of reasons for us to be thankful! God is so good to us and has blessed us tremendously. Take a moment. Look around. Make note of the ways He has provided for you. Reflect on His goodness and grace.

Now, how can we express our gratitude during this season?

Let me suggest a few ways. First, let our gratefulness be reflected in how we worship. BE in worship. Join us this month as we study the Word and worship joyously with a Thankful Spirit, live generously as a Thankful Sharer, and work graciously as a Thankful Servant. Don't neglect these opportunities for worshipping together.

Second, we can express your thankfulness through your giving. It's budget time and it is time for us to renew our commitment in how we support the work of the church. While we are thankful as monies come in by the end of the year, let us make it a matter of importance to regularly give to Him that which is already His and He has entrusted to us.

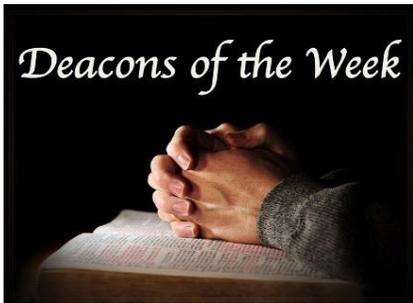
Finally, be thankful in the way we live. Life can be difficult, but He has still blessed us with so much. Choose to live joyously. Don't let this season be one where you are living down in the dumps, with a saddened heart and a gloomy disposition. Let's not be complainers or carriers of negativity. No. God is too good! He is alive! He cares for His children. He provides us! He loves us! Be encouraged this thanksgiving season. **God is good all the time. All the time God is good!**

For the Deacons:

Mr. Jay Strait, Chairman

Deacon Retreat – Saturday, November 10, 2018 @ the Master's House, 10:00 am-3:00 pm

Deacons' Council Meeting – Sunday, November 11, 2018 11:30 a.m. in the Parlor



Deacons of the Week

October 28-November 3, 2018 – Mike Ellis and John Coates

November 4-10, 2018 – Jay Strait and Mark Scruggs

November 11-17, 2018 – Ed Patten and Jimmy Jackson

November 18-24, 2018 – Philip VanLandingham and Frank Turman

November 25-December 1, 2018 – Mike Ellis and Paul Ellis

Vital Stats:

Attendance – 121 (Average Sunday School Attendance for October)

Giving-2018 Update through Sunday, October 28, 2018

Year-to-Date Budget Requirement \$516,955.93

Year-to-Date Budget Receipts \$471,758.44

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\$8,935.25



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Missions Offering

Our Church Goal: \$4,000.00

Total Given: \$4,492.00

There will be a Special Called Business Meeting
Sunday, November 18
at the close of the 10:30 a.m. worship service
for the purpose of presenting, discussing, and voting
on the 2019 proposed budget.

Praise the Lord for meeting our Goal!

Our Weekly Schedule:

Sunday

9:15 am Sunday School
10:30 am Worship
4:00 pm Worship Choir
5:30 pm Evening Activities
6:30 pm Cornerstone Youth
Band Rehearsal

Monday

4:00 pm Reach One Outreach

Wednesday

10:00 am Women on Mission
(1st Wed of month)
6:00-7:15 pm
Prayer/Bible Study (Adults)
Missions/Music (Children)
Cornerstone Youth Worship

Thursday

10:00 am Actioneers
(Third Thursdays Together @Ten)

Office Hours

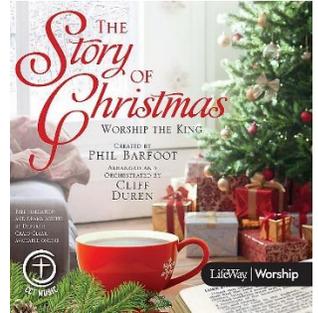
Mon-Thurs 8:30 am-12:30 pm
1:30 pm-5:00 pm
Friday 8:30 am-12:30 pm

Order your poinsettias in honor of a loved one or friend.
Deadline to order is November 25.
Plants are \$15 each. Please return order form to the
church office.



Christmas Is Coming!

Can you believe there are only 8 more weeks until Christmas... and only 4 more Sunday rehearsals until our Christmas musical on Sunday, December 9. This is your opportunity to invite your friends and family to come share in the joy and spirit of Christmas with you through this musical that everyone is sure to love. We want the entire community of Hazlehurst as well as Copiah County to know they are invited to join us and celebrate the season and the "Story of Christmas."



K4C Children's Choir

The K4C Children's Choir will present a Fall Worship Concert on Sunday night, December 2, at 5:30pm in the Sanctuary for our December "First Sunday Night" service. They will also present a special preview mini-concert on Wednesday night, November 14, at 7:00pm in the Chapel following the Adult Bible Study class.

More Upcoming Events

- **November 4, 2018** – First Sunday Night Worship: Cornerstone Youth Worship Band
- **December 2, 2018** – First Sunday Night Worship: K4C Children's Choir Concert
- **December 9, 2018** – Celebration Choir Christmas Presentation. 10:30 a.m.
- **December 30, 2018** – 5th Sunday Morning Worship: Cornerstone Youth Worship Band

Student Ministry News:

Rev. Thomas VanLandingham
Interim Minister to Students/Missions Coordinator



A New Season Approaches

It seems just like last week that our students were starting back to school and our student activities were just underway. Now, we are approaching Thanksgiving and Christmas! Last month our students were learning what it meant to be a part of the body of Christ and over the coming weeks as we march into the Christmas season, our students will be diving into God's Word studying the disciplines of the mind that make a strong disciple. Even though our student activities have resumed, it is never too late for more students to join us each Wednesday night beginning at 6:00 p.m. and Sunday morning at 9:15 a.m. In the month of November, we will also have Bible study on two Sunday evenings, November 14

and 21, at 5:30 p.m. in the Ray Flowers Building. During our Bible study, we are revisiting some familiar stories from the Bible, so come please come and join us.

College Ministry Update

As FBC Hazlehurst has had multitudes of students graduate over the past couple of years our College Ministry has grown. The College/Young Professional Sunday School class meets each Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m. in Thomas' office. If you know of a college student or someone just entering the professional world, we would love for them to join us. As this ministry continues to grow, please pray for our students and us as we try to continue to connect with them even though they have entered a new season of life. I am excited to say that this Winter, our College Ministry and High School Seniors will be traveling to Atlanta, Georgia for Passion 2019 from January 2-4, 2019. We look forward to this time of worship and fellowship!

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3 Don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour before bedtime.
4 Daylight Savings Time Ends Celebration Choir 4:00 p.m. First Sunday Worship 5:30 pm Church-wide Fellowship 6:30 pm	5	6 Get out and vote!	7 WMU/Women's Ministry 10:00 am Regular Wednesday Schedule 6:00-7:15 pm Stewardship Team 7:00 pm	8	9	10
11 Deacons' Council 11:30 am Celebration Choir 4:00 p.m. Business Meeting 5:30 pm Student Bible Study, 5:30 pm SNAC -7:00 pm	12	13	14 Regular Wednesday Schedule 6:00-7:15 pm	15 Actioneers (Third Thursday Together @ Ten) 10:00 am	16	17
18 Lord's Supper 10:30 a.m. and Vote on proposed budget 2019 Celebration Choir 4:00 p.m.	19	20 Community Thanksgiving Service, 7:00 pm @ New Life Cathedral of Worship	21 No Activities	22 Thanksgiving Day Church Office Closed	23 Church Office Closed	24
25 Celebration Choir 4:00 p.m. Cornerstone Praise Band 6:30 p.m.	26	27	28 Regular Wednesday Schedule 6:00-7:15 pm	29	30	