



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:

SUNDAY NIGHTS THIS FALL: Each month we will have opportunities to participate in a different activity each week, beginning at 5:30 p.m.

1. First Sunday Night: Worship Service (led by our Cornerstone Youth Praise Band & other groups)
2. Second Sunday Night: Business Meeting and Devotion
3. Third Sunday Night: Ministry team meetings & equipping
4. Fourth Sunday Night: #ForCopiah Outreach
5. Fifth Sunday Night: When there is a month with a Fifth Sunday Night, it will be a special event like a 5th Sunday Sing or something else that's unique.



**Margaret Lackey State
Missions Offering**
Our Church Goal:
\$4,000.00
Given to Date: **\$743.00**



We're asking if you will please bring bags of individually wrapped candy by October 24, and place in containers throughout the church in preparation for Trunk or Treat.

**Wednesday,
October 31,
6:00-8:00 pm
@FBC
Hazlehurst**

First Thoughts: Marching Toward 150

Dr. John Matthews, Pastor



We officially kick off our march toward our 150 Anniversary Celebration in October! In the coming days you'll be receiving some exciting information as to how we will mark this joyous season in the life of our church. As for today, here is some wonderful information to get us started. Our church has selected a wonderful Sesquicentennial Team to help guide us in this celebration. Ted Dear, Lydia Jones, Pam Massa, Rick Munn, Jacqui Patten, and Marsha Pickard have graciously accepted this responsibility and we begin now praying for and encouraging them.

In preparing for the culmination of this celebration in 2020, the Property Team has wisely identified four church projects that will take care of some immediate needs we have in our facilities. As part of the 150 Celebration, the projects address the tile flooring on the first floor of our buildings, renovating and remodeling our kitchen, painting the chapel, and improving the bathrooms on the Educational Wing. These projects have been needed for quite some time, and now is our opportunity to take of it.

Our Stewardship Team has established a *150 Celebration Fund* to help provide for these projects and our celebration. You can prayerfully consider giving to that fund starting today. In the next few months, we will also be providing the opportunity for online giving. We will be explaining how to utilize this option to give not only to the 150 Fund, but also how you can use it for regular tithes and offerings as well. Be excited! God is doing great things!

For the Deacons:

Mr. Jay Strait, Chairman

Deacons of the Week



Deacons' Council Meeting – Sunday, October 14, 2018
11:30 a.m. in the Parlor

Deacons of the Week

September 30-October 6, 2018 – Jay Strait and Dan Jones
October 7-13, 2018 – Forrest Massa and Doug McElveen
October 14-20, 2018 – Johnny Johns and Kenneth Davis
October 21-27, 2018 – Don Comfort, Jr. and Roland Price
October 28-November 3, 2018 – Mike Ellis and John Coates

Vital Stats:

Attendance – 125 (Average Sunday School Attendance for August and September)

Giving-2018 Update through Sunday, September 16, 2018

Year-to-Date Budget Requirement

Year-to-Date Budget Receipts	\$444,822.55
Y-T-D Requirement vs Receipts	<u>\$390,643.53</u>
Year to Date Requirements vs Receipts	(\$54,179.02) (Deficit)

Budget Checking Balance as of September 11, 2018

\$63,197.83

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\$8,514.57

2018 M. Lackey State Missions Offering

Goal: \$4,000.00

Received to Date \$743.00



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)

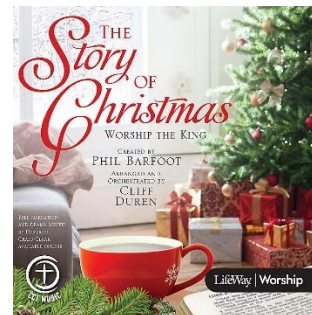
Office Hours

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

Annual Association Fall Meeting
FBC Crystal Springs 6:00 pm
Sunday, October 21, 2018

Christmas Choir Is Underway

The Choir has already begun rehearsing music for the 2018 Christmas musical. But it's still a good time for you to join or come home to the choir loft if you've been out for a while. *Every song in this musical is a keeper!* We also need actors for the drama, so if singing isn't your thing, maybe you can give acting a shot. You can also help us as a tech or stagehand.



New Song for October:

Come, King Jesus by Dennis Jernigan

Don't miss the Choir and Worship Ensemble as they introduce us to this powerful worship song of the month from the writer who brought us "You Are My All in All," "Who Can Satisfy My Soul," and many more great songs of worship.

5th Sundays ... Cornerstone Sundays

On April 29th, Cornerstone Worship – the youth praise band – led in worship as part of our Graduate Recognition Service. More recently, they led worship for our outdoor community worship service and cookout on July 29th and kicked off our new Sunday night schedule with our First Sunday Night Worship on September 2. The positive responses to the group continue to flood in, and God alone can receive that glory. For the foreseeable future, we're going to have Cornerstone Worship lead every time there's a 5th Sunday, starting September 30 and will lead in more First Sunday Night worship services, too. These opportunities will really help the group grow in their leadership & musical skills.

Student Ministry News:

Rev. Thomas VanLandingham
Interim Minister to Students/Missions Coordinator



Student Activities Underway

We are excited that the new school year has begun and that our students are meeting regularly once again. As we begin this semester our students are focusing on what it means to be a part of the body of Christ, so we hope to see all of our students here on Wednesdays and Sundays as we are in full swing!


Student ministry is well underway this semester and has a different look beginning this year. The students have moved location for Wednesday night worship, Sunday School, Sunday night Bible study, and all other

activities as well to the Ray Flowers Building. Our students love being in their new location and look forward to many new experiences that come with it.

S.N.A.C. Returns

Every second and third Sunday of each month the students will have a Bible study beginning at 5:30 P.M. Following the first Bible study in October we will resume S.N.A.C. (Sunday Night After Church). This month we will be having a movie night in the Ray Flowers Building beginning at 7:00 P.M. on October 14th. Light snacks and desserts will be served as well. I hope to see our students there as we gather together for an amazing time of fellowship!

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Honor Our Pastor in the month of October	1	2	3 WMU/Women's Ministry 10:00 am Regular Wednesday Schedule 6:00-7:15 pm	4	5	6
7 Celebration Choir 4:00 p.m. First Sunday Worship 5:30 pm Church-wide Fellowship 6:30 pm	8	9	10 Regular Wednesday Schedule 6:00-7:15 pm Stewardship Team 7:00 pm	11	12	13
14 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	15	16	17 Regular Wednesday Schedule 6:00-7:15 pm	18 Actioneers (Third Thursday Together @ Ten) 10:00 am Women's Appreciation Banquet (Given by Men's Ministry) 6:00 pm	19	20
21 Celebration Choir 4:00 p.m. Association Fall Meeting FBC Crystal Springs 6:00 pm Student Bible Study, 5:30 pm Praise Band 6:30 p.m.	22	23	24 Regular Wednesday Schedule 6:00-7:15 pm	25	26	27
28 Celebration Choir 4:00 p.m. 4Copiah Outreach Ministry, 5:30 pm Cornerstone Praise Band 6:30 p.m.	29	30	31  Trunk or Treat 6:00 -8:00 pm			