



March 8th-9th JSM is Uniting with other Student Ministries for a weekend of worship and serving the Jackson area in the name of Jesus. We will be using this weekend as our annual Disciple Now weekend where students will be staying in church family's homes and coming together for small group bible studies and large group teaching times covered in praise and worship. Cost is \$40.00.

**Women's Bible Study
Begins Jan. 22
In His Image By Jen Wilkin**

Tuesdays 10 AM
FBC Multi-Purpose Room
Thursdays 9:15 AM
Marsha Sandridge's Home
Thursdays 6:30 PM
FBC Multi-Purpose Room



**Welcome to the
Jackson FBC Family!**

**Bruce & Pat Crawford
Patricia Harper
John & Claudia Owen
Francisco & Sherry Padilla
Audrey Western**

New Worship Schedule

Beginning Sunday, January 6, 2019, we will offer two worship services. These worship opportunities will, for the most part, be identical, but offered at different times. The early worship service will be from 8:30-9:30am, with Small Groups immediately following at 9:45am. The second opportunity for morning worship is from 11:00-12:00pm.

Community Men's Prayer Breakfast

Each of our community men's breakfasts have been so edifying to all who have attended. Be encouraged to attend the next one on Saturday morning, **January 26, at Zion Baptist Church, from 9-10am.** Remember that wherever two or three are gathered in the name of Christ, there He will be as well. Men, don't miss this opportunity for encouragement, and bring your sons and grandsons.

Warrior Weekend

February 22-23

Her words were clear, and they were compelling, "We need help. Our home life is like a battle field." More of us than want to admit it find ourselves feeling the same way. The Bible teaches us much about our lives being like warfare. God intends for us to be mighty men and women of warfare.

On Friday night, February 22, beginning at 6 PM, our Men's and Women's ministries are coming together to host a Warrior Weekend. This weekend will focus on both our unique roles as men and women in the battles for our homes and we will focus on our connected roles together. If you are tired of being defeated in battle, and if you are ready to come into a victory place, this conference is for you. See more details on our website in the days ahead.

Widows and Widowers Banquet

As Deacons, our primary job is to glorify God through service to the members of our church family. James 1:27 tells us that "Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world." On March 24th, we will be hosting a luncheon for Widows and Widowers following the 11AM church service. Our aim here is to thank these precious members of our church family and to show them how much we love them. The meal will be professionally prepared and the Deacons will serve on this very special occasion. There will be reminders and sign-ups in the Welcome Center as we draw closer to the date of the luncheon. We hope you will be able to join us on this very special occasion.



The Quarterly Challenger

What's Next?

By Pastor Keith Joseph

As I sit down to write this article, I know there are a few days left in 2018. But by the time you read this, the clock might have passed midnight on December 31, and a New Year has begun. 2018 was an amazing year for us as a church family. God's miracles in our lives have been beyond words. When I realize all the places in the world our church has ministered the gospel, I am so thankful to God for His open doors, and I am so thankful to each of you, our church family, together named "First Baptist of Jackson." As we begin this New Year it is most appropriate that we

ask our Lord, "What's next?" Truly we know as His people we exist to do His will. My theme verse for the year is the first section of Philippians 1:27, "Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ."

Brothers and sisters, it is the gospel that bears fruit wherever it is sown. This year we are claiming our "What's Next" to be "The Year of Harvest." For the last four years we have been building a strategic plan founded on the gospel of Christ so that we can experience the harvest.

I truly believe this year will be the beginning of the harvest! To experience a harvest, one must sow.

Here is how we are sowing in 2019:

As we **Gather**, it is for the intention of harvest. Beginning January 6, we are adding an additional worship service. Our new service will begin at 8:30 each week. This means Sunday School will begin at 9:45 and end at 10:45. Then our second worship service will begin at 11 am each week. Someone asked me, "Why do we need another service?" This was a great question. Here is my answer: "We are planning for the harvest."

This year we are asking God for 50 souls to be saved and baptized in our church. This year we are asking God to add 50 other new members to our fellowship. This year we are asking God to grow us to over 400 consistently in worship.

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Hope for the Future **Malawi Mission Trip** dates are June 6th-18th. If you are interested in going on this trip there is a non-refundable deposit of \$125.00 **due** January 20th. If you have missed any meetings regarding this trip and would like information about going, please contact Pastor Nate at nate@jacksonfbc.com.



Legacy Mission Int. trip dates to **Honduras** are July 6th-13th. This year we will be traveling to the Island of Utila. If you have any questions regarding this trip please contact Mrs. Bonnie Standard at bonnie.standard@att.net.

Romania Missions Trip Meeting

When: Sunday, January 13th, immediately following the 11am worship service

Where: Multi-Purpose Room

Who: Adults, College Students, and Sr. High Students with a heart for others to come to and know Christ.

What: Mission Trip to Romania, July 15-26, 2019. We will discuss costs and our ministry at the Romanian Camp as well as our ministry to Romanian Gypsy children.



VBS JumpStart Weekend

January 11th – January 13th

Please be in prayer for our VBS designers who will be meeting to get started on our Vacation Bible School stage displays.



Keep checking back as we get ready to unveil a new Wednesday Night at Jackson First. K.I.D.S. on Mission Wednesdays will be revealed very soon with an after-school program including recreation, snack, homework tutoring/mentoring, music and missions!

Looking for adults to help serve in the above capacities as we Gather, Grow and Go in the Children's Ministry!

LOVE Our City Day

It has been said, no one wants to hear about how much you can until they know how much you care. Question: Does the city of Jackson know how much Jesus cares for them? I find that most people have never really stopped long enough to see Jesus in action.

As a church we desperately want our city to know how much Jesus loves them. This is why on March 30 of this year, we are hosting L.O.V.E. our City Day. What is this day about? It is about each of us using our gifts and talents to serve others. We are asking each member of our church family to give one day of serving others in their field of expertise. For example, if you are a barber, would you be willing to cut hair for those who need it for one day? If you are a mechanic, would you be willing to service a vehicle of someone in need? In the month of January and February you will have the opportunity to sign up for the sole reason of showing people the love of Christ. I believe this day could become a major evangelistic movement in our city. Sign up early and become a part of the team.

Daddy Daughter Dance 2019



Friday, February 15, 2019

7:00pm to 9:00pm

All fathers and father figures join us for a fun night of dancing, light refreshments, games and more in our Fellowship/Banquet Hall!

Registration starts December 16, 2018 and ends February 10, 2019. The night is free, but we need your reservation! For daughters ages 4 and up.

MAKE YOUR RESERVATION NOW!!



Love A Child Night

February 14th at 6:30 PM

Save the Date! Details coming soon.

Experience Easter with Dan Bellamy and his amazing creations. Then stay afterwards and enjoy an egg hunt on the church grounds... unlike any other!



Creative Puppetry and Egg Hunt Saturday, April 20th 10am-12noon

Dan is an experienced story teller, a master at capturing and maintaining the attention of children, as well as adults. As he sees it, "The most important message in the world—the good news of Jesus Christ—won't impact anyone if no one is paying attention. That's why I use these 'blown-up stories' to share life's biggest truths. I'm glad kids have as much fun seeing my work as I do creating it, but it doesn't mean anything if it doesn't impact their lives. I carry balloon sculptures to churches because I see God using my gift to bring the Bible to life for them. It's that simple."

Looking for the activity calendar? You'll find it at www.jacksonfbc.com!

What's Next? cont.

This year we are asking God to give us favor in the eyes of those in the younger generations. This year we are asking God to continue to bless us with the wisdom and support of our senior adults.

As we **Grow**, it is for the intention of harvest. We are seeking to continue to add new Community Groups and Sunday School classes. We are preparing for the harvest in men's, women's, students', and children's lives as we disciple them in both God's Word and in God's work. This year we are creating more and more opportunities for our brothers and sisters to serve in the church and the local community for the growth of their spiritual gifts. Please let this be the "What's Next" in your spiritual journey of faith.

As we **Go**, it is for the intention of harvest. In 2019 we are focusing on Loving Our City more and more in outreach. On March 30th, we will gather for a Love Our City Day. It is a day for us to use our gifts and talents for others. Mark it on your calendar and be prepared to go! In 2019 we are going to more places in our city, nation, and world than we ever have before. I challenge you to take your personal or family vacation on mission with us this year. Never has First Baptist had more of an opportunity to harvest than we have in these days.

In this edition of the Challenger you will discover more of the "What's Next" vision for 2019. In closing I just want to say thank you for your partnership in the gospel to this point. I could not be any more blessed as a pastor than I am right now. These years have been great years, and I am excited about What's Next! Together, let's embrace the harvest.

Pastor Keith

Phil. 1:27



For our annual Winter Conference, the students will be attending the Strength to Stand Bible Conference in Pigeon Forge Tenn. Jan 19-21. Cost is \$160.00 per student. This conference is meant to challenge students to get past a casual Christianity and bring them to a deep commitment to Jesus. The theme for this year's conference is to encourage and equip students to stand in the power of the Gospel and inspire them with hope that is found by standing in Christ. Ephesians 6:10



Jan. 25-26 is an all-night lock-in from 10pm-7am centered around inflatables, games throughout the night and free food! Come hangout with 100 of your friends wiping out on obstacle courses and playing high energy games all night with a stuffed faces of food! See you there.



February 14th-JSM is having its first annual **Revolution** Conference. This conference is meant to push students to love biblically. In our culture and flesh, we are taught to love people after we get to know them, find out who they are and if they are worth our love. But Jesus calls us to love people from the very start. We are called to love backwards.