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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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Dr. Joe Wiggins, Pastor

Wednesday, November 6, 2024

From the Pastor

Dear church family,

This past week, I was honored to represent First Baptist Church at the MS Baptist Convention annual meeting in Jackson. Thank you for allowing me the time away to attend. On Tuesday, I bumped into a seminary classmate who, like me, just began serving at another church. He remarked that while he was in transition from one place of service to another he felt like he was living in two different worlds. Over the last couple of months we have been making trips back and forth to move some of our belongings and we really have felt like we are living in two different worlds, at least for the time being. But with every week that passes, we are becoming more settled here and as we are able to move more things here, unpack more boxes and settle into the new house and my new office, I'm sure that pretty soon we'll feel like we finally have both feet here in Mendenhall.

As I was thinking about the feeling of living in two worlds, I realized that as Christians we all have that experience from time to time. By the time you read this article, we'll probably know the results of the presidential election. Regardless of whether the candidate we supported has won or lost, as the lyrics of the old familiar hymn remind us, "this world is not my home, I'm just a passing through". Paul informed believers in Philippians 3:20, "For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ," (NKJV). But while we remain here, we must not forget that God has work for us. As a former pastor of ours said in a sermon, "sometimes we can't be so heavenly minded that we're no earthly good!" As long as we are alive, we are living in two different worlds ... one foot in heaven; our eternal home ...

and one foot on earth; our temporary residence. Do we sometimes feel pulled in different directions? Well so did Paul! In Philippians 1:23 he said, "I am torn between the two: I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far" (NIV). But Paul realized that God had a job for him here on earth. While he longed for heaven, he also desired to serve the Lord. Think about it ... here on earth we still have the opportunity to share the gospel with the lost and tell people about Jesus. So while we're living in two worlds, let's not forget to tell the people in this world about the joys to come in the next world and how they can experience them through Jesus Christ.

God bless you,
Bro. Joe

NURSERY

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10

Carey and Kelli Crain – (Babies)
Mark and Candice Wolken -- (2's & 3's)

Children's Church

Amber Case and MeShay Franklin

TECHNOLOGY

Sound Jason Wallace
Camera Phillip Bridges
Projector AM..... Mylan Anderson
Projector PM..... Wayne Hilton

DEACON OF THE WEEK

November 10 – November 16
Ross Walton and Tommy Nichols
Security – November 10
Todd Sullivan and Larry Grant

VITAL STATISTICS

NOVEMBER 3, 2024

BIBLE STUDY ATTENDANCE.....	239
In House.....	177
Homebound.....	20
Shelter.....	0
Bedford.....	17
Strong River.....	13
DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING.....	NA
BUDGET OFFERING.....	\$ 18,469.00
DISASTER RELIEF.....	\$ 300.00
MISCELLANEOUS.....	\$ 600.00
TOTAL.....	\$ 19,369.00
REQUIREMENT.....	\$ 840,306.00
RECEIPTS (43).....	\$ 927,432.67
OVER BUDGET.....	\$ 87,126.67

IN THE HOSPITAL BAPTIST

Delores McGuffee

SIMPSON GENERAL

Genevieve Patterson

Keenage Christmas Luncheon Thursday, December 12

11:30 a.m. -- FLC

Please bring covered dish veggies and desserts -- Church will provide meat and dressing



SPAGHETTI LUNCH FUNDRAISER

proceeds for FBC Youth Camp

Sunday, November 10

(following morning worship)

Donations accepted

Birth Announcement

Parks Henry Priest

October 29, 2024

Parents are Jaron and Mary Frances Broadhead Priest.

Grandparents are Andy and Toni Broadhead.

Great grandmother is Mary Alice Price Caston.

**Pray for our Youth & Music
Minister Search Committees**

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10

MEETINGS

Deacon Council – 11:30 am
(following morning worship)

WMU – 3:00 p.m. (FLC)

Music Committee – 4:00 p.m.

Historical Committee – 4:00 p.m.

CHRISTMAS DRAMA TEAM

Wednesday, November 6

6:30 p.m. – FLC Fellowship Hall

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**CHILDREN'S
MINISTRY**

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

Wednesdays at 6:15 p.m.

Discipleship Groups

5:00 p.m. each Sunday

OPERATION
CHRISTMAS
CHILD

Shoebox item donations may be brought to church office (boxes placed outside office)

PACK YOUR SHOEBOXES NOW if you choose and bring to church office. Collection will be in November!

DEADLINE SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17



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BIBLE STUDY AND DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS

Bible Study Wednesdays at 6:15 p.m.

Discipleship Groups – Sundays at 5:00 p.m.

Discipleship Training – All Ages!!

Sunday evenings – 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, November 10 – “How Could That Happen?”

led by Betty Magee

KEENAGERS GULFSHORES / SNOWBIRD TRIP

February 20-21, 2025 -- Deposit: \$25.00 due December 10, 2024

Total cost (Per person Double Occupancy) \$110.00

Balance due: January 20, 2025

(check with church office for single, triple or quad occupancy_