

**"DONATIONS FOR DOMINIC"**  
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THOMAS' AT ELM LAKE  
 GOLF TOURNAMENT  
 4 PERSON SCRAMBLE  
 SATURDAY, JULY 6, 2019

REGISTRATION 10:30 AM  
 LUNCH 11:00 AM  
 SHOTGUN START 1:00 PM  
 \$65.00 PER PLAYER



**Alzheimer's Support Group**

Speakers & Sharing Sessions

Meets last Thursday of each month  
 11:30  
 First United Methodist

Bring a lunch.

For more information, contact Lilla Jo Ford @ 386-6617

Where the Spirit of the Lord is there is  
*Freedom*  
 2 Corinthians 3:17




**FIRST BAPTIST COLUMBUS**  
*Making Disciples who Make Disciples*

The monthly newsletter of First Baptist Church Columbus

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# the EVANGEL

July 2019

*DR. SHAWN PARKER*  
 PASTOR

*BOBBY SANDERSON*  
 MINISTER OF MUSIC

*MARCUS COCHRAN*  
 MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND MISSIONS

*RAYE ANN CARLISLE*  
 DIRECTOR OF PRESCHOOL AND CHILDREN

*CONNELY DALE*  
 CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP LEADER

*JASON MORROW*  
 MINISTER OF STUDENTS AND COLLEGE

## A Note from the Pastor

*Dr. Shawn Parker*



We've been studying through John's Gospel in worship this year, and the living grace of God has been on display powerfully as we have. We're going to take a break from the study in July to focus on one of the most important responsibilities we have as disciples. We'll be thinking about all matters related to prayer: how to pray, when to pray, for what we should pray, etc. I'm convinced prayer is a God-given resource that we often take for granted and underutilize in our walk with the Lord and battle with the enemy. I hope you'll plan to join us for as many of the Sunday's in July as possible to reignite a passion for prayer in your life.

I'd be remiss if I didn't acknowledge that we have been a prayer-focused church through the years. One of the key ministries in our church is the Watchman Prayer Ministry, which is a 24/7 prayer strategy designed to have at least one person in the church family in prayer every hour of every week. In order for all the hours of the week to be covered, we need 168 prayer watchman along with a healthy slate of substitutes to fill-in as needed. We'll be giving you an opportunity to plug into this ministry during our July focus, so I hope you'll be thinking about making a commitment.

Whether you're part of this ministry or not, let me challenge all of you to make prayer a part of your everyday life! It's the greatest untapped resource in our world, but let's not leave it untapped in our lives. By the way, as you're praying this month be sure to thank God for the marvelous freedom we enjoy as Americans, and to remember the sacrifices countless patriots have made to secure and preserve these freedoms!

*Shawn*

202 7TH STREET N  
 P.O. Box 829, 39703-0829  
 662-328-3915

WATCHMAN PRAYER LINE  
 662-328-3925

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 Text ColumbusFBC to 95577

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NURSERY TEAMS

**JULY 7—TEAM 9**

- 8:45 Anna Mueller
- 11:00 Lisa Smith
- Shirley Ellis
- Mitch & Leigh Griffin
- Tim & Casey Adkins
- Richard & Katie Heard
- Emily & Robert Miller
- Dianne Rueff

**JULY 21—TEAM 11**

- 8:45 Mark & Cara Thompson
- 11:00 Dale & Roselynn Rainey
- Gerry Sumrall
- Sarah Jo Murphy
- Jeremy & Amy Bandre'
- Kevin & Kayla Hatcher
- Josh & Sara Hartley
- Channing & Tiffany Hill

**JULY 14—TEAM 10**

- 8:45 Elizabeth Parker
- 11:00 Stephanie Akins
- Angie Huskison
- Patrick & Leslie Singley
- Kay Hughes
- Wanda Lancaster
- Jason & Lauren Morrow
- Durham & Kristen Jordan

**JULY 28—TEAM 12**

- 8:45 George & Holly Hazard
- 11:00 Brad & Melinda Barr
- Ray & Trudy Cook
- Cindy Donald
- Aaron & Elizabeth Sanders
- Alan & Katherine Lucas
- Missy Younger

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

- SUNDAY  
 8:30-8:45 a.m. Library Open  
 8:45 a.m. Morning Worship  
 10:00 a.m. Sunday School  
 11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship  
 11:00 a.m. Discipletown (K-4th Grade)  
 12:10-12:20 p.m. Library Open  
 5:00 p.m. Evening Worship @ MAC
- TUESDAY  
 9:30-11:45 a.m. Library Open  
 1:30-4:00 p.m. Library Open
- WEDNESDAY  
 9:30-11:45 a.m. Library Open  
 1:30-6:15 p.m. Library Open  
 5:00 p.m. Family Night Supper  
 6:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting/Small Groups  
 7:10 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal  
 8:30 p.m. College Bible Study

**Staff On Call**

In the event of an emergency, the minister on call may be reached at:

- July 5**  
Bobby Sanderson 662-574-7830
- July 12**  
Jason Morrow 601-750-8873
- July 19**  
Shawn Parker 662-574-9945
- July 26**  
Marcus Cochran 662-386-9951



**Discipletown Workers**

- July 7 Reed & Jessica Long
- July 14 Hal & Lindsay Kerstetter
- July 21 David & Tina Gatewood
- July 28 Patrick & Leslie Singley

ADMINISTRATIVE HIGHLIGHTS >>>



First Baptist Church of Columbus has an opening for an experienced, full-time, year-round Preschool Director who will be responsible for overseeing daycare and preschool programs for approximately 25 teachers/staff and 65 children - infants through 4 years old.

Applicant should have a degree preferably in education, management and marketing skills, self-motivated and be a practicing Christian.

Resumes should be submitted by July 8, 2019 to:  
 First Baptist Church Office  
 P.O. Box 829,  
 Columbus, MS 39703



**May Metrics**

Date	Sunday School	8:45 Worship	11:00 Worship	Total	Budget Giving
May 5		200	322	522	\$49,952.72
May 12		200	437	637	\$48,014.88
May 19		204	271	475	\$21,944.30
May 26		205	249	454	\$25,003.97
Annual Average Attendance:		211	336	547	
Weekly Budget Requirement:		\$37,553.85			
Received Year to Date (5/31/19):		\$339,970.50			



Wednesday, July 3rd  
 More Details to Come

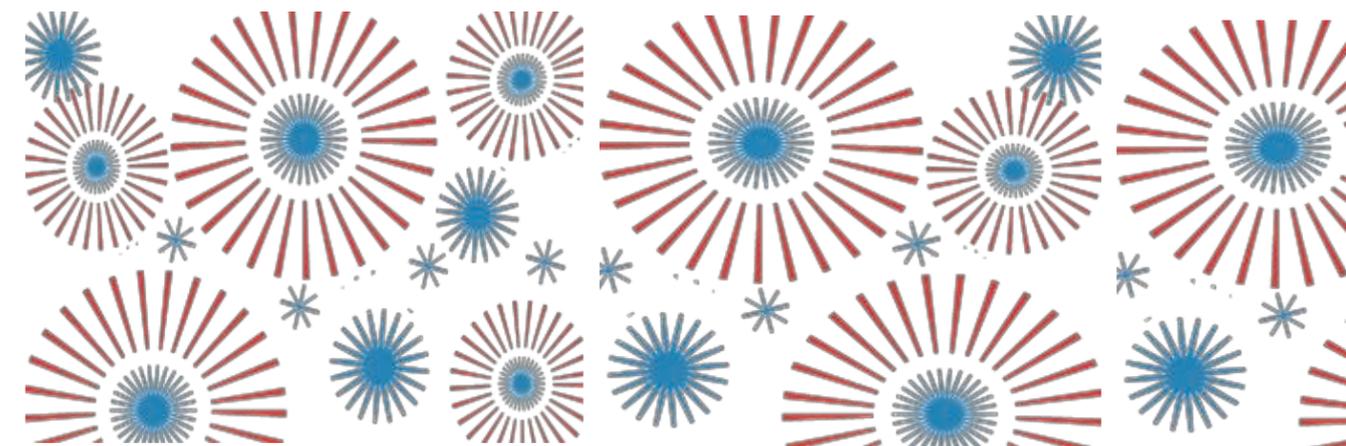
Please pray for the students attending Super Summer July 15 - 19

Chloe Barr  
 Emma Easterling  
 Audrey Foreman  
 Reid Huskison  
 Caitlyn Long  
 Addison Vickers

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- July 1-3 Charlie Brown Gym
- July 2 Tuesday's Grub-Chuy's in Tuscaloosa
- July 3 'Merica Party - Details to Come
- July 8-12 Music Camp
- July 15-19 Super Summer
- July 25 Tuesday's Grub (on a Thursday)-TBD Tupelo

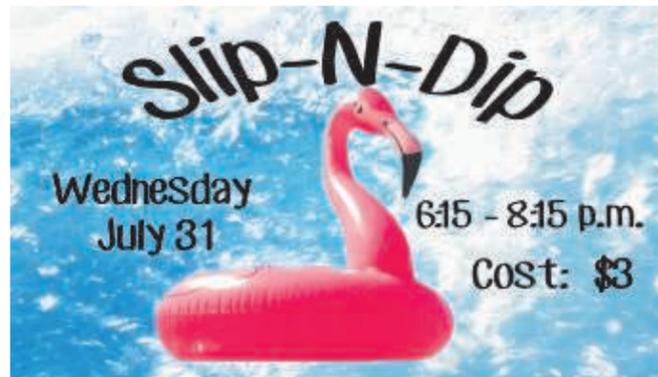
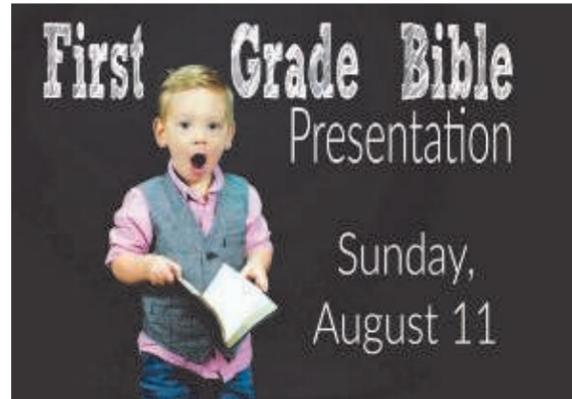
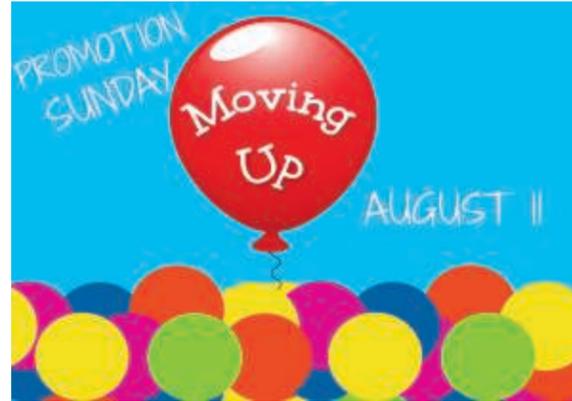


# THANK YOU!

Thank you so much to everyone who had a part in Vacation Bible School! I appreciate all of you who taught children, prepared snacks, helped with registration, decorated the stage, directed traffic, and especially all of you who prayed! It was a wonderful week. The children raised \$1,015.19 in offerings for Lighthouse Ministries in Ohio, and there were three children who received Christ, which is the absolute best part of all!

The summer is still not over. We have Children's camp and Music Camp this month, so we would appreciate your continued prayers, and we would hope to see more children growing in their faith and more children saved.

# COMING SOON



Mary Katherine Saint

Saturday, July 20  
10am- 12pm @ The MAC



**(WE ARE) HERE FOR YOU?**

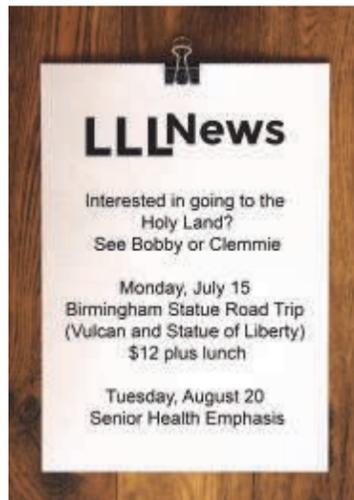
It's a great song. We sing it in choir, at 11:00, and probably while we're driving listening to K-Love. It's by a group of writers the most well-known of which is Matt Redman. I will confess the line "we are here for you" made me pause briefly when I heard it the first time. I know what the writers intended I think. God calls us to worship; it's His idea. He initiates; we follow. He reveals; we respond. What caused me to hesitate is the way we use that saying in our culture. When we say to friends, "I'm here for you", we mean we are bringing our strength in Christ to their struggle. That's commendable and an important part of the Body of Christ.

When we come to worship it is vital we remember we bring nothing to the altar except empty hands and a willing heart and those were created by and drawn to Him. I believe what the song is saying is what Simon Peter said in John 6:68. Jesus had just finished a hard saying that had caused some to turn away from following Him.

***So Jesus said to the twelve, "Do you want to go away as well?" Simon Peter answered him, "Lord to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life..."***

***John 6:67 & 68 (ESV)***

We are drawn to worship because we are desperate for the life only He can give. We are here for Him because we have exhausted our resources searching for truth everywhere else. We are here for Him because He is life!



PRAY FOR NEW YORK AND NEW ENGLAND AND THE SINGING CHURCHMEN PASTOR ENCOURAGEMENT TOUR AUGUST 29 – SEPTEMBER 6.



**Sending Is A Team Effort**

Many of you may know that a family in our church has been called to the mission field. By the time you get this, they will have completed training with a missions sending organization. As they prepare to be sent, I believe it is our responsibility, individually and as a church, to prepare ourselves so that we can effectively respond in sending this family overseas. Simply put, for us to identify, equip, send, and support missionaries there is work to be done on the front end so that when God compels laborers to overseas missions, the church can respond effectively. Here are a few things you can do as we prepare to send an FBC family of full time career missionaries overseas:

1. Pray together regularly.

We must be a church of prayer. We cannot accomplish anything apart from the Lord. If we are serious about sending missionaries from our church, we will "pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

2. Learn about missions.

There are myriad ways to learn and experience what God is doing and how he is calling us to join him around the world. Talk with those surrendered to career missions and learn what the needs are. When we understand the needs, our prayers will be more fervent.

3. Share the burdens.

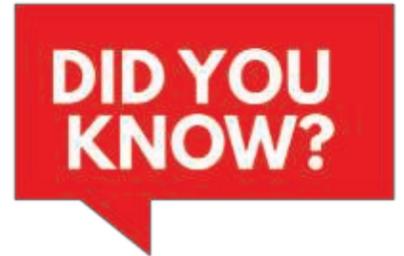
There is a tremendous amount of work that goes into equipping, sending, and supporting someone (and their family) who has answered the call to missions. Missions organizations can provide guidance on what to expect, but it will be less daunting if the church understands that sending is a team effort from day one.

4. Celebrate together!

The day will come when God will answer that prayer: Our church is currently in the process of sending a missionary. Let's celebrate together! Make sure you participate in the commissioning of this family. Support them as a witness of your conviction to be a part of sending missionaries from FBC. Stay in touch with them. Once they are established overseas, go work alongside them. Most importantly pray for them.

There is not a more worthy expression of a church health than working together to fulfill the Great Commission.

*Marcus*



**FBC MISSIONS/EVANGELISM**

We have an account at the church that is restricted to just FBC missions. This supports partnerships with many missionaries and completion of missions projects both here locally, nationally, and internationally.

**ORPHAN CARE**

We have a partnership with LifeSong for Orphans to offer assistance to our members in the process of adopting children. If you would like to give to the adoption fund, please see Marcus Cochran or pick up information at the welcome center.

