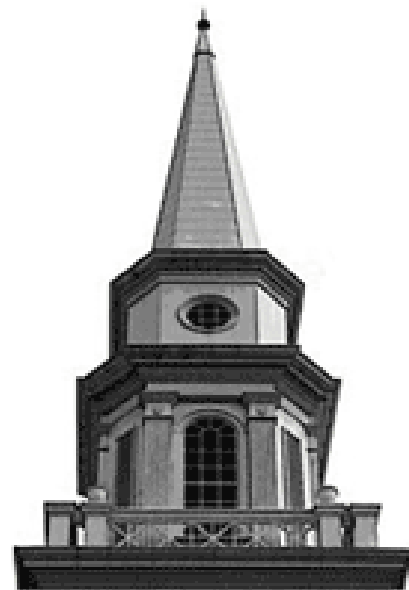


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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday

Sunday School.....9:45 a.m.
 Morning Worship.....11:00 a.m.
 Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m.

Wednesday

Family Night Supper.....4:45 p.m.
 Handbells.....5:00 p.m.
 Mission Organizations.....5:30 p.m.
 Children's Choir.....6:15 p.m.
 Youth Crossroads.....6:00 p.m.
 Prayer Meeting.....6:00 p.m.
 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal.....7:00 p.m.



Dr. Bryant Barnes
 Pastor

Rev. Tom Thurman
 Senior Adults

Rev. Shannon Willis
 Youth

Jennifer Baker
 Preschool/Children

Rev. O.J. Seals
 Education/Activities

Rev. Hugh Plunkett
 Music

Mary Herrington
 Associate Minister for Church Care

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Letter from our Pastor

A BISHOP'S BABBLE

THE CHEST OF JOASH (SEE II CHRONICLES 24:1-14) WILL BE DISPLAYED this Sunday morning (**September 17**) during the morning worship service. We have designated a time in the worship service when we will place our cards in the "chest" near the front of the worship area. You may bring your Commitment Card and place it there. If you have already made your commitment, then you will place a facsimile card in the "chest." Please know that we will do this as we do during the "fellowship time," so there may be a great 'buzz' at the front, but the Commitment Cards will be in envelopes, and we will not be marching by the Chest of Joash in single line form. If you do not feel led to participate, then you will not be "singled out." The intent of this act is to bring us together and to celebrate, not to embarrass. Please ask God to make this a time of joy and unity for us and for you.

A ONE DAY MARGARET LACKEY EMPHASIS is coming on Sunday, **September 24**. If you wish to give to this state mission offering, then bring your offering for that Sunday. We will be assisting the offering with some funds from Acts 1:8, and we will add any personal gifts to that total. Due to the Renovation Project, we will not observe a full week of emphasis. However, we want to give our church body a chance to share in this offering.

THE LAGNIAPPE CHURCH PICNIC IS SCHEDULED for next Sunday evening (**September 24**) at the Waterpark. The young people and children have gathered sometime around 3:30 or 4, and we eat at 5:30. The church will provide chicken, drinks, and utensils. Bring your covered-dish and join us. All of this is weather permitting, of course.

THE RENEWAL/RENOVATION RALLY WENT WELL, and we can thank the Finance Committee for their work. **Chris Smith** did a good job of sharing with us about the planning by the committee, and he has done a great work in leading our church through the financial side of the work. Also, **Lisa Jones** and **Pat Sanford** were right on target with their testimonies. The video- "The Old, the Empty, and the New"- was **Jennifer Baker's** production. Finally, some of you may need to repent for eating banana splits so hastily and heartily. We are thankful for such a clear, convictional challenge as we move forward.



Thank you Sanctuary Choir and William Dunaway for the special music last Sunday!

Children's Choir had a good beginning last Wednesday. Parents, please help us by getting your child here for mission organizations and for choir. Choir starts promptly at 6:15 pm!!

The Sanctuary Choir continues to work on Sunday anthems and on our Christmas music, "How Should a King Come." What a great time to join this vital ministry!!!

Youth!!! Saturday, September 16th, is the first audition date for the Mississippi Baptist All-State Youth Choir & Orchestra here at FBC from 10:30 am - 1 pm.

The Singing Churchmen had their fall tour this week on Monday and Tuesday night. What a blessing it was to sing for FBC, Crystal Springs, Forest Baptist Church and Highland Baptist Church, Meridian.

The Singing Churchmen will leave on Wednesday, September 20th, from Jackson to begin our mission trip to Cuba. We don't know what awaits us but we do know our God is bigger than anything the world can throw at us. We are praying that the recent hurricane will open doors that were previously shut to the gospel. Thank you for your prayers and support during this time!!!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!

September 18

Mildred Tolar Betty Pittman
JoAnn Ball Bro. Richard Beal
Rose Beard

September 21

Hazel Pope Karen Bennett
Madelyn Johnson

September 23

Alexandria Lewis

September 24

Debbie Gray



Family Night Supper
Wednesday, September 20
Meat Loaf, Mashed Potatoes/Gravy,
Green Beans, Salad Bar,
Dessert & Tea

announcements

Saturday, September 16
Mississippi All-State Youth Choir & Orchestra auditions at FBC Columbia beginning at 10:30 a.m.

Sunday, September 17
Stewardship Committee Meeting at 5:00 p.m.

Tuesday, September 19
Deacon/Wives Supper at 6:30 p.m. at the Dungan Camp.

Wednesday, September 20
WOM at 9:30 a.m.
Business Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Renovation Prayer Committee
scripture for the week.

*"Lord, there is no one besides You to help the mighty and those without strength."
11 Chronicles 7:14*

Women's Prison Ministry

Need some help. Our ladies in jail like to read, and have plenty of time to do so. They have requested Christian books to read. We are asking for fairly recent paperback Christian books that could be passed along. Thanks for helping us with this! You may place the books in a box outside the church library.

STATE MISSION OFFERING

Our State Mission Emphasis this year will be done differently from that done in recent years. We will not set an offering goal, but will receive one mass offering on September 24. A Retraction: Due to the fact that the Rescue Bears located in the Missions Window were made for a specific purpose (for use by the Fire Dept. & Police Dept.) they will not be available as incentive for giving to the State Mission Offering. We pray you will give generously to the cause of missions in Mississippi!! Envelopes are in the window. For more information, contact Margaret Lee at 601-736-5478.

PRESS ON!

*"I will remove their heart of stone and give them a heart of flesh so they may follow my statutes, keep my ordinances, and practice them."
Ezekiel 11: 19-20*


Gospel meeting at Southern Manor, Sunday, September 17, at 3:00 p.m. with Bro. OJ Seals leading us.

Dr. Tom Watts will share his mission stories at B.A.L.L. Club next month on Tuesday, October 3, at 11:00 a.m. Bring a covered dish and join us.

The Marion Association will meet at Sandy Hook on Monday, October 2, at 6:00 p.m.

PRESS ON!

September 10 Report



Preschool.....	17
Children.....	22
Youth.....	36
Adults.....	186
Visitors.....	9
Total.....	270

Tithes & Offerings

Week Ending 9/10/17

Budget Required.....	26,265.85
Budget Receipts.....	21,565.00
Total Receipts.....	34,234.47

Year to Date:

Budget Required.....	971,836.45
Budget Receipts.....	878,001.98
Total Receipts.....	1,248,313.93



Churchwide Picnic

Sunday, September 24
Columbia Water Park Pavilion
We will eat at 5:30 p.m. Bring a covered dish. The church will provide the chicken, drinks and paper products. You may come early to enjoy some of the games and activities.

Brotherhood

Tuesday, September 26
6:00 PM