

# THE Messenger

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## From Your Pastor

The miracle of Jesus walking on the water is one of those fascinating events that we can easily hear only as a story about Jesus. Indeed, it IS about Jesus, but Scripture reveals it to us, so it will also be profitable or applicable in our own lives (2 Tim. 3:16). Each Gospel account reveals different details. Mark 6:51-52 says his disciples were “utterly astonished, for they had not gained any insight from the incident of the loaves, but their heart was hardened.” If we are not trying to understand what God is doing in the past year, then we too will miss out on what He is doing before our very eyes today. It will not be because God’s not working, but because we also have hearts that are hardened. Obviously, God was doing the work to fill their bellies with loaves and fish, along with 5,000 other men, but it didn’t impact their faith enough to look for Jesus during the storm. Some might defend the disciples claiming that it is unfair to expect them to react any differently because walking on water defies everything from nature to experience as fishermen. Well, no one had feed 15K-20K with five barley loaves and two fish either.

We want to walk by faith, and the days ahead of us require us to see ways God will do things differently from what we have known in the past. If Peter could take a few steps to walk on water, then we should too. However, let us learn from Peter and keep our eyes on Jesus!

*We are going to attempt offering supper on Wednesday nights, from 5 - 6 PM beginning February 17, but this “trial run” will be on a limited basis and with some considerations. We want to protect each other while still enabling families and anyone who can feel safe to come on Wed. evenings. The meal cost is \$4 for adults and \$3 for children, 6th gr. and younger. The considerations are: (1.) This is a ministry for those who participate in the activities of Wednesday evening. Therefore, we will not provide any take-out-to-go plates. At this point, we simply do not know of a safe way to do that. (2.) To enable social distancing, we will be limited to the first 50 people who make reservations. (3.) Reservations must be made each week by calling the church office by noon Tuesday of the week you plan to eat. We will publish the menus in the Messenger for several weeks. We will not accept standing reservations so that we might be fair in this process.*

Your Pastor and friend,

*Bro. Dale*

## Ginger's Notes

However, as it is written:  
“What no eye has seen, what no ear has heard, and what no human mind has conceived” the things God has prepared for those who love Him.” 1 Corinthians 2:9



**Thanks** to the Youth Girls Ensemble, Joedee and Worship Choir for leading us in worship Sunday. This Sunday the choir will be singing “Mercy Tree” and “I Will not be Shaken.” Worship Choir WILL meet this Wednesday night at 6:00 in the sanctuary. Plans are being made for special music to be presented Easter Sunday. Listening CDs are available.

**Congratulations** to the piano students from our church who participated in the MS Baptist Keyboard Festival last week: Marci Allen, Zoe Allen, Lily Davis, Chapman Hill, Benjamin Hollis, Samuel Hollis, Eliza Jessop, Hannah Miller, Sarah Grace Pierce, Leslie Robinson, Sara Thompson and Bella Vick. They all did a wonderful job! Special thanks to the volunteers from our church who helped make this event possible: Kempseyann Barnett, Amy Berry, Elizabeth Bounds, Becky Coe, Michael Doss, Susan Jessop, Madison Johnson, and Thea Kay Tribble.

**The Youth Girls Ensemble** will rehearse Wednesday at 5:00 in the choir room. Madison Johnson, our music intern works with this group each week and all youth girls are invited to participate. If you have questions please see Madison or myself.

He keeps me singing!

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to Bobbie Jean Hazelwood and family in the death of Mr. Richard, Thursday, January 26.

THANK YOU NOTES have been received from LeeAnn Funderburg; from Steve and Kay White & the family of Frances McClellan; from Ben Lawley & family; and from Sally Kate Winters Family Services.



**Registration for Centri Kid** camp is going on right now for your 3rd-6th grader. We have a limited amount of spots reserved, so if your child is wanting to go, you need to sign

them up. Registration will continue until February 10. This camp is June 28-July 2 at Timber Creek in Pulaski, Mississippi. This is an experience that your children will not want to miss, especially since it was canceled last year!

**Music on Mondays** continue for those children who are 1st-6th grades. These children are preparing to sing in the 10:30 worship service on February 14.



**Let's Taco 'Bout Love (parent's night out)** is filling up fast. If you want your children to come and take advantage of this “date night” time, please text me at 295-3781 or call the church office at 494-4213. **Deadline to sign up your children is Wednesday, February 10!** Children birth through 6th grade are welcome to come. They will be divided into age groups after they eat!

**Tonight and next Wednesday**, our GAs and RAs will be filling boxes to give to the residents at Dugan and Sally Kate for Valentine’s Day. If your children have not been coming to missions, now is a great time to start with the girls beginning coronation steps and the boys working on derby cars. We would also love to see your children in Sunday school too, as well as Bible Drills on Wednesdays. There are so many opportunities for your children to learn more about Jesus at FBC!

Working for Him, Thea Kay



**SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS** - we will resume taking attendance this Sunday, February 7. Please contact the church office and members of your class if returning in person this Sunday. If you are continuing to Zoom you may text Lewise Jackson @ 295-2317 with attendance information.

The Adult Sunday School lesson will resume on Facebook this Sunday at 9:00 a.m.

# First Students

Let us hold on to the confession of our hope without wavering,  
since He who promised is faithful.  
Hebrews 10:24

**Student Worship** Upstairs at 6:00 pm. We continue our study through the sermon on the mount, focusing this week on Matthew 6:5-15.

**Girl's Choir** – Meets every week in the choir room at 5:00pm on Wednesday's with Mrs. Ginger and Madison. For all girls 7th-12th grade.

**Student Bible Drill** – Meets each Wednesday at 5:30pm upstairs on the 3rd floor of the Taylor building. For all students 7th-12th grade.

### Upcoming Events:

**SNAC** – We had a great time Sunday night! Hope you will join us on the last Sunday of the month (except in April and May), here at the church from 6:00pm – 8:00pm. The Student Leadership Team is leading these events with planning and activities! The dates are Feb 28, Mar 28, April 18, and May 23.

**Galentine Party** – Mrs. Julie Jessop is hosting a Galentine's party for all **7th & 8th grade girls** at her house on Saturday, February 13th from 4:30-7:30. Dinner will be provided. "Feel free to stay for the after-party until 9:30 PM, especially if your parents are on the Let's Taco 'Bout Love! date night. We'll grab some popcorn and watch a movie." [We need the girls to RSVP, so please contact the office, Bro. Gary, or Mrs. Julie to let us know if your daughter will be attending.](#)

**10th-12th Grade Trip:** We continue our smaller, age specific activities this spring with a high school student trip. The students have elected to go to Top Golf in Birmingham, stay the night, and return the next day. The dates are Saturday, March 6th to Sunday, March 7th. We will leave after students' baseball games. Sign-up sheet is available upstairs.

**Student Summer Camp** – June 14-18th Centrifuge @ Panama City Beach. The deadline to sign up and pay the \$60 deposit is March 10th. There are a limited number of spots, so begin signing up immediately. Afterwards, May 26th will be the deadline for final balances. Per Lifeway's new policy, "If you have paid your final balance and an individual camper does not pass the health screening prior to camp because of a positive COVID test or exposure, then all monies for that camper will be refunded to the church." In other words, if your child tests positive and/or is exposed to COVID, preventing them from attending camp in June, their money will be refunded. In addition, if the camp is canceled by Lifeway for any reason, all money will be refunded. The only downside to not signing up and paying is not being able to go!

**Please read Bro. Dale's article for more details.**



**Call 494-4213 to make reservations. Limit 50. Reservations must be made or canceled by noon each Tuesday. No standing reservations. Dine-in only. No take-out plates.**

FEBRUARY 17	FEBRUARY 24	MARCH 3	MARCH 10
Burgers	Ham	Chicken Strips	Chicken
French Fries/	Green Beans	Lima Beans	Spaghetti
Tater Tots	Corn	Mashed	English Peas
Chocolate Chip	Roll	Potatoes	Fried Okra
Cookies	Cake/Pie	Garlic Bread	Roll
		Banana Pudding	Strawberry Shortcake

**TITHES & OFFERINGS**  
**January 31, 2021**

Undesignated	37,591.00
Child Care	450.00
Total Operating	38,041.00
Designated	1,640.00
Total Deposit	39,681.00

**WORSHIP ATTENDANCE**  
**Sunday, January 31, 2021**  
**229**  
*(Includes both worship services and Children's Worship)*  
If you have been unable to attend recently, we pray that you can return to one of the 2 services soon.

## THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

**Please adhere to all safety protocols at each activity:  
Hand Sanitizer - Masks - Social Distancing**

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3

- Youth Girls Rehearsal - 5:00 p.m.
- Children's Bible Drill - 5:30 p.m.
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- Mission Friends, GAs and RAs - 6:00 p.m.
- Student Worship - 6:00 p.m.
- Prayer Meeting - 6:00 p.m.
- Worship Choir Rehearsal - 6:00 p.m.

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7

- Early Worship Service - 8:30 a.m. (Blue Sections)
- Sunday School - 9:15 a.m.
- Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m. (Green Sections)

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10

- Music on Mondays - 4:00 p.m.



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