

THE Messenger

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From Your Pastor

Over the past few weeks, I've preached from John 6. One of the events recorded describes Jesus walking on water, a miracle that happened during a storm. Yesterday, Bro. Gary preached about Jonah, commonly known as "Jonah and the Whale" (big fish). Again, a story involving a storm. We face some storms in life because we are running with God, submissive to God's plan, and we are right where we're supposed to be. Other times we are running away from God. Sometimes storms are simply a part of life. I admit I have been forced to search my soul and seek God's face to make sure my storms' experiences are because I'm running with God. To be honest, storms do not surprise me. It is the discovery of what God is doing in and with any storm that matters. Obedience to His Word places us in some storms. Rebellion puts us in others. Either way, God has prepared a way for us to survive and for His glory to be made known.

My wife tested positive for Covid last week. She had a pretty good nurse being quarantined with her up until yesterday. I tested positive for Covid ... again. Honestly, the crashing of the waves and wind grew exponentially, not when I heard the report "positive," but with the word "again." I've already had this once, dog-gone-it! My question about having it twice was answered with another word I'm about tired of hearing: "rarely." I'm sick of that word too. I had a "rare" tumor in a "rare" location in my spine. Five weeks later, the rupturing of my spinal cord was a "rare" complication. Having a massive heart attack in the middle of surgery is a rare event. A few weeks later, having two electrical "fibs" happening at the exact same time, driving my heart rate to well over 200 bpm happens "rarely." YES... I admit I felt a little sorry for myself until I considered the truth about "rare" positively. For the tumor to be non-cancerous was "rare." To survive the heart attack, which happened in

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Ginger's Notes

"Praise the Lord, all you nations;
extol Him, all you peoples.
For great is His love toward us, and
the faithfulness of the Lord endures
forever. Praise the Lord!" Psalm 117



Thanks to the Mia Vick, Joshua Funderburg and the choir for leading us in worship Sunday. We are looking forward to having the children who attend "Music on Mondays" leading us in worship this Sunday.

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 and zip drives are available.

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!

A THANK YOU NOTE has been received from the Doss
(Alvanell) and Thomas Family.

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my LAD, is "rare." I confess that my attitude was in the toilet bowl for a few moments Sunday night during the Superbowl. While Tampa Bay was having their "Victory Party," I was having a "pity-party." Excuse my transparency about my flesh and failure. I admit it is not the words "again" or "rare" that captivates me in repentance. They have been stowed away in their proper place, so as "to lean not on your own understand, but in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your path." The secret to survival in "rare" storms, even "again" and "again," is the first part of Prov. 3:5-6, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart." Please pray for LeeAnn and me as we recover.

Your Pastor and friend,

Bro. Dale



Tonight is the last day for registration for CentriKid camp. I need to know ASAP if your child is going. I know it is a long time until June 28-July 2, however, if for any reason your child

doesn't go or camp is canceled, you will receive a full refund. I can't add their names closer to time because of availability of camp spots. Registering is our way of guaranteed spots for our FBC kids. This is a wonderful week of growth and learning for your kids plus memories that will last a lifetime. Last Wednesday night I heard a group of girls sharing their camp stories from 2 years ago! Sign them up now!



Let's
Taco
Bout Love

There is also room for children for "Let's Taco Bout Love" on Saturday, February 13, from 5:00-9:00. **Please text me at 295-3781 or the church office at 494-4213.** What a great way for your child to learn about what love is and you parents have a night out without kids, by letting them come to this event. **Deadline for signup is**

tonight so that I can know how much food to order. Let me hear from you!

Watch for coming information on March Missions Madness on March 8 and March 10!

Music Monday's children will be singing in the 10:30 worship service this Sunday, February 14. Can't wait for you to hear them! Children should be in the sanctuary at 10:00 a.m.
Working for Him, Thea Kay

DON'T MISS THE DEADLINE! FOR UPCOMING EVENTS

Tonight
Tonight
February 12
February 16
February 28

CentriKid Registration
Let's Taco 'Bout Love Sign up
Galentine Party
Dinner Reservations for Wed. the 17th
Super Summer Sign up

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 6:00pm. We continue our study through the sermon on the mount, focusing this week on Matthew 6: 16-18.

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 - Resumes this Wednesday at 5:30pm upstairs on the 3rd floor of the Taylor building. For all students 7th-12th grade.

Upcoming Events:

SNAC - From January - May, on the last Sunday of the month except in April and May, we will have an activity 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.

Senior Recognition Sunday: We will celebrate our seniors on Sunday, May 2nd. More information will come out as we get closer to time.

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.

Super Summer 2021: Super Summer is July 12-16 at Mississippi College. This is a week-long camp for students who desire to grow in their leadership skills. As such, there are requirements for participation. It is only for student's in 8th - 12th grade. You must attend at least 75% of all student activities, including weekly activities and additional events. You must share your testimony with the youth group prior to going to Super Summer. In addition, you will be required to memorize 10 scripture verses of your choosing. If you have attended before, you must write an essay (100 words) expressing your level of commitment to Christ and how you are involved in leadership.

DEADLINE to sign up is February 28th. Deposit is \$50 and is due by March 10th.



FEBRUARY 17

Burgers
French Fries/
Tater Tots
Chocolate Chip
Cookies

FEBRUARY 24

Ham
Green Beans
Corn
Roll
Cake/Pie

IMPORTANT INFORMATION!!!!

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 meals.

MARCH 3

Chicken Strips
Lima Beans
Mashed
Potatoes
Garlic Bread
Banana Pudding

MARCH 10

Chicken
Spaghetti
English Peas
Fried Okra
Roll
Strawberry
Shortcake

TITHES & OFFERINGS

February 7, 2021

Undesignated	17,525.00
Child Care	4,750.50
Total Operating	22,275.50
Designated	1,175.00
Total Deposit	23,450.50

FEBRUARY 7, 2021

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

143
(Includes In-Person & Zoom)

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

203

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

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

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10

Youth Girls Rehearsal - 5:00 p.m.
Children's Bible Drill - 5:30 p.m.
Youth Bible Drill - 5:30 p.m.
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.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13

Galentine Party - 4:30 p.m. (see Gary's article)
Let's Taco 'Bout Love - 5:00 p.m. (see Thea Kay's article)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14

Early Worship Service - 8:30 a.m.
Sunday School - 9:15 a.m.
Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m.
Monday Music children sing (be in sanctuary @10:00)

LOVE
IS PATIENT
IS KIND
IS NOT JEALOUS
DOES NOT BRAG
IS NOT ARROGANT
DOES NOT ACT UNBECOMINGLY
DOES NOT SEEK ITS OWN
IS NOT PROVOKED
DOES NOT TAKE INTO ACCOUNT A WRONG SUFFERED
DOES NOT REJOICE IN UNRIGHTEOUSNESS
REJOICES IN THE TRUTH
BEARS ALL THINGS
BELIEVES ALL THINGS
HOPES ALL THINGS
ENDURES ALL THINGS
NEVER FAILS
1 CORINTHIANS 13:4-8A

First Baptist Church

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Thea Kay Tribble, Minister to Children
Gary Havlin, Student Pastor
Laura Langford, Early Childhood Ministry Director
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