

THE *Messenger*

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From Your Pastor

How can something tiny enough to be blown around in the wind cause such agony this time of year? Looking across a field almost looks like it has been painted or stained. Eyes become both filled with tears and dry and itching, seemingly at the same time. Voices become gruff and raspy. Breathing can become more labored. This tiny intruder can spark more severe ailments. It truly holds people captive and looking for relief. Oh, did you think I was talking about pollen? Nope, I was talking about sin in the life of a Believer. Like pollen, people have different allergies and are affected differently by various sins and different seasons of life. However, no part of our lives has not been affected by our depravity. Just like pollen leaves a yucky film on your car, so sin can leave your heart stained. Sin can affect your vision, resulting in seasons of life when your eyes are filled with tears. Both will send you reaching for a Kleenex. Sin will alter the voice of a Believer. James 3:5-6 says, "the tongue is a small part of the body, and yet it boasts of great things. See how great a forest is set afame by such a small fire! And the tongue is a fire, the very world of iniquity; the tongue is set among our members as that which defiles the entire body, and sets on fire the course of our life, and is set on fire by hell." Pollen is actually the fertilizing agent of flowering plants, trees, grasses, and weeds. Pollen leads to more flowering plants, trees, grasses, and weeds. So does sin lead to another sin. Oh, it seems so insignificant when one thinks about pollen as dust. Honestly, all of us can easily dismiss our own sin while judging how much everyone else needs to run through a carwash. We suffer from such an allergic reaction because our bodies know pollen is foreign and not suitable for us, causing a histamine reaction. Every Believer has the voice of conscience and the indwelling of the Holy Spirit to react to temptation before and conviction after we do sin. I cannot give much advice about what to do about pollen. But I know the only answer to overcoming sin is found in Christ alone.

Your Pastor and friend,
Bro. Dale

Ginger's Notes

"I pray that out of His glorious riches He may strengthen you with power through His Spirit in your inner being so that Christ may dwell in your hearts. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power together with all the Lord's holy people to grasp how WIDE and LONG and HIGH and DEEP is the love of Christ! Now too Him who is able to do immeasurably more than we could ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work in us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, for ever and ever! Amen!"

From Ephesians 3

Thanks to Leslie Robinson, Scott Reed, and the Ladies Trio for leading us in worship Sunday. We are looking forward to hearing Steven Barnett (Mike & Kay's son-in-law) sing this Sunday in the 10:30 service. The choir will also be singing a new anthem "And Can It Be."

Worship Choir meets each Wednesday at 6:00 in the sanctuary. We are working on special music for Palm Sunday and Easter. All choir members are encouraged to attend our **TWO remaining rehearsals** as we prepare music to celebrate the resurrection of our Savior! Listening CDs and zip drives are available for personal practice.

Youth Girls Ensemble will resume rehearsals tonight, March 24. All youth girls are welcome to join this group!

HAND BELLS!!! If you are interested in playing hand bells in late April or May, please let me know.

He keeps me singing!

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to Pam Ketchum and family in the death of her mother, Frances McCord, March 19.

CONGRATULATIONS TO Nick and Danielle Coe on the birth of their daughter, Mairen Elizabeth, March 18. Becky Coe is her proud grandmother, and Brayden is her big brother.

ANNIE ARMSTRONG OFFERING FOR NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONS
Our Goal: \$8,200.00
Given to Date: \$7,920.00



This Sunday, March 28, is our Eggstra - Eggstra Shout It Out Jesus is Alive drive through Easter event for all families, with or without children! It begins at 3:00 and ends at 5:00, so you

have plenty of time to get a nap in that afternoon, then load your car up to come and drive through the stations of the Easter



story. You will need a Bible or Bible app on your phone. You will remain in your car the entire time and make a block around the church. Drive through will begin on South Division, watch for a large egg for the entrance. Instructions will be given to you. Follow the large eggs along the parking lot, stopping at each place turning onto Court Street and Broad Street in front of the sanctuary. (You will make a block around the church.) Turn into the driveway beside the sanctuary and proceed to the covered porch to pick up bags for the children. From there you will follow the parking lot to exit back onto South Division. There will be eggs to find at each station, so put on your best seeing eyes to spot them hidden in the areas! Adults, this is a great way to prepare your heart for Easter Sunday, by reading through the Easter story as you make stops depicting the story of Easter. Jesus is Alive!!

The children who participate in Music Mondays will be singing in the worship service on Easter Sunday morning. Monday, March 29, will be the last Music Monday for our FBC kids. It is very important for your children to be at this practice to prepare for our Easter service.

Last week I mentioned ways to reach the next generation of children. "These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up." This is my favorite verse in Deuteronomy. Four times that you can invest in your children each day: home time, drive time, bed time, and morning time. Your greatest accomplishment will not be something you do but rather someone you raise. For more information on how we can reach and disciple the next generation, go to Dale Hudson's website:

buildingchildrensministry.com/speaking-training.

Working for Him,
Thea Kay

First Students

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

Weekly:

Student Worship – We will be back upstairs tonight for student worship at 6:00 pm. We'll

be studying Matthew 7:7-12.

Student Girl's Ensemble – The girls meet every Wednesday with Madison in the choir room at 5:00 pm. For all girls 7-12 grade.

Student Bible Drill – Only a few more weeks until our church Bible drill on April 11. We will be at 5:00pm for the next couple of weeks to have more time to prepare for Bible drill.

Upcoming Events:

SNAC – Our next SNAC is this Sunday, March 28th from 6:00-8:00 in the fellowship hall. Other SNAC dates are April 18th and May 23rd.



Parent's Meeting: We will have a meeting **tonight**, March 24th at **7:00 pm** for the parents of those who are attending summer camp to go over final payments, paper work, and other relevant camp information. We will meet upstairs in the **youth room**.

7th Grade Day Trip – To cap off their first year in youth, our 7th graders will be taking a day trip on Saturday, May 1st, to SkyZone Trampoline Park in Ridgeland, MS, eat lunch, do an escape room, go to the Northpark Mall and then eat dinner before heading home that evening. We will leave at 8:00am and the students will only need money for their food.

Senior Recognition Sunday: We will celebrate our seniors on Sunday, May 2nd. Seniors will have a table in the hallway in front of the fellowship hall to decorate in their honor. The tables will be up on Sunday, and we will have a lunch for students and their families' after the morning worship service. Parents, tables will be available on Saturday beforehand for you to decorate. We also ask that you email a picture of your graduate to Bro. Gary.

Student Summer Camp – June 14-18th Centrifuge @ Panama City Beach. Start praying for the 39 people who are attending camp this year. Pray for our safety, pray that COVID does not prohibit camp, and pray most of all that student's will be open to the Gospel and come home changed by the power of Christ to have an impact here in West Point.

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To make reservations, call the church office, or email or text Beth or Melissa. Reservations should be made or canceled by noon each Tuesday. Sorry, no standing reservations. Dine-in only.

MARCH 24

Chicken
Spaghetti
English Peas
Fried Okra
Roll
Strawberry Shortcake

MARCH 31

Vegetable
Beef Soup
Grilled Cheese/
PBJ Sandwiches
Cornbread
Yellow Cake
w/Chocolate Icing

APRIL 7

Hamburger Steak
Rice and Gravy
Green Beans
Biscuits
Brownies

APRIL 14

BBQ Chicken
Fried Squash
Baked Potato Salad
Roll
Strawberry Cake

TITHES & OFFERINGS

March 21, 2021

Undesignated	8,957.00
Child Care	5,374.23
Total Operating	14,331.23
Designated	1,361.00
Total Deposit	15,692.23

MARCH 21, 2021

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE	168
WORSHIP ATTENDANCE	251

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24

Meal and Youth Girls' Ensemble - 5:00 p.m.
Children's and Youth Bible Drill - 5:30 p.m.
Mission Friends, GAs, RAs - 6:00 p.m.
Student Worship - 6:00 p.m.
Prayer Meeting - 6:00 p.m.
Worship Choir Rehearsal - 6:00 p.m.
Parents' Meeting (Student Summer Camp) - 7:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, MARCH 28

Early Worship Service - 8:30 a.m.
Sunday School - 9:15 a.m.
Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m.
Eggstra Eggstra Drive-by Easter Event - 3-5:00 p.m.
(See T.K.'s article)
Youth SNAC - 6-8:00 p.m. - Fellowship Hall

MONDAY, March 29

Music on Mondays - 4:00 p.m.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by SO GREAT a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside **EVERY WEIGHT AND SIN** which clings so closely, and let us run with **ENDURANCE** the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the **FOUNDER & PERFECTER** of our faith, **JOY** that was set before him, **endured** the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. Hebrews 12: 1-2

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