

From My Heart to Yours

Dear Church Family,

I am still enjoying the overflow of our worship services last Sunday. Dr. Futral brought an inspiring missions message to begin our Lottie Moon Christmas Mission Offering campaign. This year we will seek to raise over \$60,000 by the middle of January. It is a goal that requires each member to give sacrificially; but we can do it together. We also welcomed Erin Speights, Ethan Horton and The Reed family – Josh, Isabell, Conner and Laurin in to our church membership.

And leading the way was our Music and Media ministries with orchestra. They brought to us two worship experiences that are still resonating in my spirit. I so appreciate the exemplary ministry of Pastor Nick, his team and all those that participated. Love, indeed, came down!

Today, we continue to prepare our hearts for Christmas and how Christ has changed our lives forever. Tonight, we will have a Carol Sing as part of our Legacy Worship. Hope to see you tonight at 5:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Next Sunday will be Christmas Eve, December 24th. Our Christmas Eve Lord's Supper Service will begin at 6:00 p.m. It is a meaningful service though not quite as long as a normal service. Please invite friends and fellow believers to come join us. It is a service for the entire family so please come as you are. We will have Sunday School and morning worship as normally schedule.

I love you in the Lord,
Bro. Greg

Friends and family,

Today is the 3rd Sunday of Advent where we light the candle of love in our morning worship. Consider these hymn lyrics, "Of the themes that men have known; one completely stands alone. Through the ages it has shown, 'tis His wonderful, wonderful love. Love is the theme, love is supreme. Sweeter it grows, glory bestows; bright as the sun ever it glows! Love is the theme, eternal theme!"

Love is important.

John 13:35, "By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." The focus of this verse for me lately is the "everyone". The world knows Jesus and that He is my Lord by how much I love the church...which is you.

Salvation begins with God's love to us displayed in the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ. Salvation opens our hearts to love God in return. Salvation leads His followers to love what He loves - His church.

The converse of this verse is pretty poignant - If you don't love the church, you are not a follower of Jesus.

This Christmas Season let everyone you know see Jesus by how you love His people. Guard your hearts against unforgiveness, fits of anger, bitterness, envy, and strife. Move into the peace of Christ so the world can know Him

I love you all more than you know!
Pastor Nick



Sunday, December 24th

9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Morning Worship
6:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service

Monday, December 25th - Tuesday, December, 26th

..... Church offices closed

Wednesday, December 27th

..... No Wednesday Night Service or Activities

Sunday, December 31st

9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Morning Worship
..... No Legacy Worship

Monday, January 1st

..... Church offices closed

Sundays@5

Beginning January 14th

Children's Bible Drill Student D-Groups

Adult options:

Financial Peace, led by Stan and Sarah Foster
Adult Bible Study, Dr. Bill Sones
Christ-Centered Parenting, led by Paul and Dee Dee Henning



Register by visiting the following link:
<https://fpu.com/1051696>



SAVE THE DATE ...

KIDS DNOW

February 23-24, 2018

5th and 6th Grade

Dear Church Family,

Recently, we received the resignation letter from Connie Hodges as our Worship/Media and Education Assistant. She and Clayton will be moving to Madison, MS in the new year. We deeply appreciate Connie and her 27 years of faithful service to our church. Her resignation will be effective on December 29, 2017. Please express your appreciation to Connie in the days ahead.

Dr. Bill Sones, Jr.
Chairman – Personnel Committee

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

IN MEMORIAM

Lois Hart
December 8, 2017



Flowers have been placed in the sanctuary today in memory of Vera Gillis by Jimmy, Vickie, Rhonda, & family.

CONGRATULATIONS TO...

- Kyle & Hannah Hutson on the birth of a daughter, Katherine Camilla, November 7, 2017. The proud grandparents are Gary & Renee Hutson and big sister Lilli Cole.
- Paul & Deedee Henning on the birth of a granddaughter, Addie Claire Sticker, born November 29, 2017. The proud parents are Ben & Jordan Sticker and big brother Carson.
- Jeff & Terry Doremus on the birth of a granddaughter, Natalie Claire Phippen, born November 30, 2017. The proud parents are Zack & Kelly Phippen and great-grandmother Janie Cooley.
- Perry & Mary Smith on the birth of a grandson, Wilder James Smith, born December 3, 2017. The proud parents are Will & Becka Smith and big brother Shepherd.

HOW CAN I BECOME A MEMBER OF FBC BROOKHAVEN?

1. Believer's Baptism: Trusting Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior and following Him in believer's baptism by immersion.
2. Transfer of Letter: Moving your membership from another Baptist church.
3. Statement of Faith: Affirming your commitment to Christ and participation in believer's baptism by immersion.

If you have any questions or if you would like more information on joining the FBC Brookhaven family, just call the church office at 601.833.5118.

FBC Activities

Sunday, December 17

8:30 a.m. Praise Team Rehearsal
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Morning Worship
5:00 p.m. Legacy Worship

Monday, December 18

10:30 a.m. LLL Meeting

Tuesday, December 19

6:30 a.m. Ladies' Prayer

Wednesday, December 20

4:45 p.m. Supper is Served
5:45 p.m. Prayer/ Business Meeting
6:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Erin Speights By Baptism
Ethan Horton By Baptism
Josh Reed By Statement
Isabell Reed By Statement
Conner Reed By Statement
Laurin Reed By Statement

JOB OPENING Worship/Media and Education Assistant

If you are interested or know someone you would like to recommend for this full-time position, please call Ann Dunbar at our church (601-833-5118) for more information.

Resumes can be sent to:

Attn: Ann Dunbar
FBC Brookhaven
PO Box 589

Brookhaven, MS 39602-0589

or

Email: ann@fbcbrookhaven.org

EXTENDED SESSION

December 17, 2017

Bed Babies - Room 102

Terri Esch, Vickie Newman

Creepers - Room 104

Tiffany Bass, Leslie Smith

Toddlers - Room 105

Andrew & Karen Hickman

Two Year Olds

Taylor & Nathan Berry

Three Year Olds

Kyle & Lisa Breazeale

Four Year Olds

Emily & Mary Rhea Waterloo

