

VITAL SIGNS

Sunday, January 7, 2024

Sunday School Total.....482
 First Day Worship.....325 (24)
 11:00am Worship.....136 (19)
 Total.....461 (43)

Sunday, January 14, 2024

Sunday School Total.....451
 First Day Worship.....308
 11:00am Worship.....133
 Total.....441

Sunday, January 21, 2024

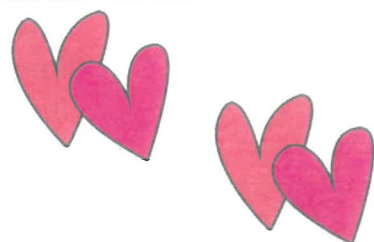
Sunday School Total..... SNOW
 First Day Worship..... SNOW
 11:00am Worship..... SNOW
 Total..... SNOW

Sunday, January 28, 2024

Sunday School Total.....483
 First Day Worship.....353 (24)
 11:00am Worship.....156 (22)
 Total.....509 (46)

JANUARY 2023 BUSINESS MTNG

Budget YTD.....\$1,598,260.32
 Received YTD.....\$1,381,773.43



Senior Adults

Join us on
**Tuesday, February 19 at
 12:00pm in the Fellowship Hall
 for lunch!**

Bring a side dish to share!
 Special guest will be
Pontotoc Fire Department



Welcome to our new members...

Mallie Maffett



Jimmy Lee & Cynthia Wheeler

CHURCH DIRECTORY

We are working on a new church directory!
 We're needing your updated information
 and a recent picture.

Throughout February and March, we will
 have our Directory Committee available to
 help you with this process, or you can scan
 this QR code and do it yourself!

Please, let's do this ASAP so we can get this
 completed.



**BROTHERHOOD
 BREAKFAST**
 Sunday, February 25
 at 7:00am
 in the Fellowship



DEACONS MEETING
 Sunday, February 18
 at 3:30pm
 in the Fellowship Hall

**11:00am USHERS
 for February 2024**
 (* indicates prayer door)

February 4-
 *Eddy Taylor, Carey McMullen,
 Steve Montgomery, Gordon McNeely,
 Justin Moss, Jay Reeder

February 11-
 *Randy Todd, Pete Reeder,
 Clark Sexton, George Stegall,
 Bryan Warren, Dee Atkins

February 18-
 *Jerry Bell, Mike Bowen,
 Joe Austin, Freddie Bridgeman,
 Phillip Cox, Joe Brown

February 25-
 *Richie Chrestman, Ben Howard,
 Roger Gentry, Wally Henry,
 Jay Hughes, Matt Koon

Head Usher for February is
Doug Ferguson at 662-769-9671

****If you are unable to fulfill your duty
 as usher, please find
 someone to take your place.**

**DEACONS ON CALL
 for February 2024**

February 4
 Sam Gibbs
 Chad Anthony
 Mark Griffith

February 11
 Glenn Gillen
 Howard Hill
 Kevin Morrow

February 18
 Scott Hatcher
 Chase Jefcoat
 Ellis Reeder

February 25
 Benjamin Hill
 Kevin Koehler
 Jody Stringer



First Baptist Church
 31 W. Washington Street
 Pontotoc, MS 38863

February 2024

BUILDING THE KINGDOM WIDE AND DEEP

DISCIPLE NOW 2024
 February 2-4
 at the
 Ag-Center

LADIES BIBLE STUDY
 Sharon Long will be leading a
 women's bible study on
 Tuesdays from 12-1pm be-
 ginning Tuesday, February 6
 in the Fellowship Hall.
 This will be a 5 week study.
 Bring your Bible!

The Callie Young
 WMU Circle is hosting a
BAKE SALE
 on Sunday, February 11
 before and after both
 morning services.



Join us on Sunday, February 11
 for our
SUPER SUNDAY!
 We will hear testimonies from our
 Sunday School Teachers
 and Brotherhood is hosting their annual
SUPER SPUD LUNCHEON
 in the Fellowship Hall.
 Come fix you a big ol' spud with lots of
 toppings and chili for lunch.
 You can eat in or take it home.
 Donations are welcomed!

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY
 Tud Pittman is leading
 "Kingdom Men" by Dr. Tony Evans each
 Wednesday at 6:30pm.
 Clay Stegall is leading "Foundations" in
 Genesis by Ken Ham each Wednesday at
 6:30pm.
 Both studies will go to the end of April.

GRIEF SHARE
 Meets in the gym
 on Sundays at
 4:00pm.
 If you have any
 questions,
 Please contact
 Carrie Stringer or
 Pat Benjamin.

Join us in the Sanctuary
 on Sunday, Feb. 25
 at 5:00pm
 for **BAPTISM.**
 We will have a soup and
 snacks fellowship in the
 Fellowship Hall
 afterwards.

You are invited to a bridal tea
 honoring Evan & Maddy Akers
 on Sunday, February 25
 from 1:30pm-3:00pm in the Fellowship Hall.
 Evan & Maddy are registered at
 Amazon and Wal-Mart





FIRST THINGS FIRST

First Baptist Church, Pontotoc, MS

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Rev. Clay Stegall-
Associate Pastor

Justin Cobb-
Minister of Youth

Danielle Davis-
Minister of Children

Zach Keller / Mickey Gentry-Worship Leaders

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Dr. Ken Hester, Pastor

February 2024

Parson to Person

February 11 we are having a “Share Your Story” time on Super Sunday. This is where in each Sunday School class, the teacher will share his or her story about how they came to know Jesus as their Lord and Savior. So, from the first grade all the way up to our most senior adult class, the amazing and personal story of God’s grace will be shared.

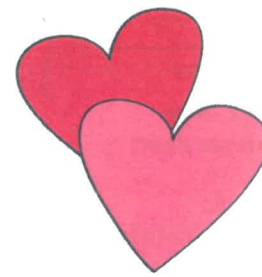
February is full of notable days. But February always has a special remembrance for me. It was on February 1, 1981. That was a Sunday. We had a guest speaker by the name of John Bramlett. He spoke of his time in the NFL. He talked about all of his sin and how awful he was before he knew Christ. The he talked about how Jesus washed his dirty soul and saved him from hell. I was struck with conviction of my sin. During the invitation song, I began to tear up.

At the end of the service, I walked down the aisle at Oakhurst Baptist Church in Clarksdale, Mississippi. I shook the preacher’s hand and took my place on the first pew. Under deep conviction of the Holy Spirit, while sitting on that pew, I bowed my head and said something pretty close to this: “Lord Jesus, I need You to forgive me of my sin. I am headed to hell and I know it. Please forgive me. I know enough to know that if I take Your forgiveness, I need to give you my whole life. I give You everything. Just please forgive me.” And at that moment, I felt like a new person. That doesn’t happen to everybody, but that’s how it happened to me. That day, I began my stumbling walk with Jesus.

The next year, February 1, 1982 was on a Monday. That was the day my good friend Bruce Bartels was shot and killed. The cool part of the story is that Bruce had been saved exactly one month before his death. Bruce got saved January 1, 1982 and was on fire for the Lord. His goal was to win his basketball team to Christ. And he was telling them his story about Jesus up until his death. I recently found myself in the same cemetery where Bruce was buried. I visited his grave. It is as I remembered– his name, the dates of his birth and death, a basketball in the upper left hand of the grave-stone and a cross at the upper right. One thing I forgot. There was this phrase, “I’ll tell the world that I’m a Christian.” That phrase comes from a song we sang a lot at my old home church. That phrase is also something Bruce lived out.

I learned early on in my new Christian life that being a Christian doesn’t make your life easy. Tragedy happens. Tragedy happens to good people. And life can end without much notice. Even tragedy becomes part of our story. And our story needs to be told. Your story with Jesus needs to be told. Share your story.

Until I see Him,
Ken



February 2024



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 GROUNDHOG DAY	3 NATIONAL ICE CREAM For BREAKFAST DAY ——DISCIPLE NOW——
4 ——WEEKEND	5 NATIONAL NUTELLA DAY	6	7 Pulled Pork, Baked Beans, Potato Salad, Salad Bar Kids: Sliders	8	9 NATIONAL PIZZA DAY	10
11 SUPER SUNDAY Bake Sale Super Spud Luncheon in FH	12	13 NATIONAL APOLOGY DAY	14 7:00pm FCA Worship Night in FH	15	16 NATIONAL CAREGIVERS DAY	17 8-11am Living Water indoor Yard Sale in Gym
18 3:30pm Deacons Meeting	19	20 NATIONAL COMFY DAY	21	22	23 NATIONAL CHILI DAY	24
25 7:00am Brotherhood Breakfast	26	27 NATIONAL STRAWBERRY DAY	28	29		