

VITAL SIGNS

Sunday, March 5, 2023

Sunday School Total.....422
 First Day Worship.....329 (14)
 11:00am Worship.....123 (12)
 Total.....461 (26)

Sunday, March 12, 2023

Sunday School Total.....356
 First Day Worship.....212 (15)
 11:00am Worship.....121 (10)
 Total.....333 (25)

Sunday, March 19, 2023

Sunday School Total.....397
 First Day Worship.....266
 11:00am Worship.....166 (16)
 Total.....432 (16)

Sunday, March 26, 2023

Sunday School Total.....412
 First Day Worship.....289 (9)
 11:00am Worship.....137 (14)
 Total.....421 (23)

MARCH 2023 BUSINESS MTNG

Budget YTD.....\$266,376.72
 Received YTD.....\$214,913.18

Senior Adults

Senior Adult Luncheon on
 Monday, April 17 at 12:00pm
 in the FH.
 Bring a dish and join us!
 We look forward to having
 a guest from the
 Mississippi State Extension Office
 to speak to us.

We will begin a women's Bible Study
 on Sunday, April 16 at 5:00pm
 in the Fellowship Hall. If you would
 like to sign up, please call the church
 office.



Hey FirstKids and Parents!
 It's almost time for Easter! We
 will have our annual Easter Egg hunt on
 the Dairy Property on Saturday, April 8th
 at 10:00am. Be sure to get there a little
 early to register! Also, we will have our
 camp fundraiser on Easter Sunday! If
 you'd like to donate a dessert for the
 bake sale, please call the church office
 and let me know!
 -Mrs. Danielle

FBC YTH

Let us cook lunch for you on
 Sunday, April 30!
 Join us in the Fellowship Hall for our
 YOUTH SPAGHETTI LUNCHEON.
 Donations will be accepted and plates
 will include spaghetti, green beans,
 garlic bread and dessert.
 Eat in or Take out!

Welcome to our new members...



Brooke Chism

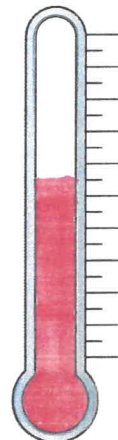


Lilly Cooper

Mari Mac Pittman



GOAL!



We are getting closer
 to our goal of
 \$2,000,000 to begin
 our
 Building
 Renovation-
 Currently we are at
 \$1,011,413.38

11:00am USHERS
 for APRIL 2023
 (* indicates prayer door)

April 2
 *Jerry Bell, Joe Brown,
 Freddie Bridgeman, Terry Butler,
 Tim Burchfield, Phillip Cox

April 9
 *Richie Chrestman, Joe Austin,
 Roger Gentry, Glenn Gillen,
 Wally Henry, Rickey Hill

April 16
 *Ellis Reeder, Ben Howard,
 Jay Hughes, Ross Montgomery,
 Justin Moss, Mark Patterson

April 23
 *Jody Stringer, Bob Peeples,
 Jay Reeder, Clark Sexton,
 George Stegall, Bryan Warren

April 30
 *Mark Crenshaw, Jason Angle,
 Chad Anthony, Doug Ferguson,
 Eddy Taylor, Sam Dowdy

Head Usher for April is
 George Stegall @ 410-2727

DEACONS ON CALL
 for APRIL 2023

April 2
 Howard Hill @ 419-6464
 Kevin Morrow @ 419-0532
 Sam Dowdy @ 419-5508

April 9
 Chase Jefcoat @ 397-5111
 Ellis Reeder @ 419-8881
 Billy Montgomery @ 488-7169

April 16
 Kevin Koehler @ 419-2703
 Jody Stringer @ 296-1450
 Buddy Montgomery @ 296-3893

April 23
 Jerry Robbins @ 509-0325
 Eddy Taylor @ 297-4471
 Terry Wood @ 296-2050

April 30
 Jim Long @ 308-1887
 Mark Vandiver @ 750-1111
 Larry Young @ 488-1526



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

APRIL 2023

BUILDING THE KINGDOM WIDE AND DEEP

GRIEFSHARE

Sunday afternoons at 4:30pm
 in the church gym.

Mr. & Mrs. Chad Chism
 along with Mr. & Mrs. Chad Anthony
 joyfully invite you to
 the wedding of their children,
 Brooke Chism
 and
 Sheffield Anthony
 on Saturday, April 1, 2023 at 6:00pm
 at the Pecan Orchard / Dairy Property
 of First Baptist Church
 Pontotoc, Mississippi
 A reception will follow under the pavilion

Children's Bible Drills

Our Bible Drillers will have
 church-wide drills on
 Sunday, April 2 at 10:00am
 in the church gym

EASTER WEEK SCHEDULE

Mon, April 3-
 Lunch Devotion at 12:00pm in FH
 Speaker: Don Gann
 Tue, April 4-
 Lunch Devotion at 12:00pm in FH
 Speaker: Clay Stegall
 Wed, April 5-
 Lunch Devotion at 12:00pm in FH
 Speaker: Matt Powell
 Thurs, April 6-
 Lunch Devotion at 12:00pm in FH
 Speaker: Perry Pugh
 24-hr prayer vigil begins at 6:00pm
 in Sanctuary
 Fri, April 7-
 The Lord's Supper at 12:00pm in
 Sanctuary
 24-hr prayer vigil ends at 6:00pm
 Sat, April 8-
 Easter Egg Hunt at 10:00am on the
 Dairy Property

CHILDREN'S BAKE SALE

The Children's Committee will host
 their annual Easter Bake Sale
 on Sunday, April 9 before First Day
 and before the 11:00am service.
 All proceeds will go to help cover
 Children's Summer Camp.

**INFORMATIVE MEETING
 FOR PARENTS OF CHILDREN/YOUTH
 WITH CELLPHONES!!!**

Sunday, April 16 at 5:00pm in the
 Youth Room

DEACONS MEETING

Sun, April 16 at 3:30pm in the FH

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Friday, April 21
 at 6:00pm in the FH
 If you would like to
 volunteer to help,
 please contact
 Danielle Davis

BROTHERHOOD

BREAKFAST
 Sun, April 23 at
 7:00am
 in the FH





FIRST THINGS FIRST

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Justin Cobb-
Minister of Youth

Danielle Davis-
Minister of Children

Zach Keller / Ryan Todd-Worship Leaders

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Dr. Ken Hester, Pastor

April 2023

Parson to Person

The RMS Titanic sunk on April 15, 1912. Fifteen inches of rain fell in eighteen hours causing the Mississippi River to brake out of its levee system at 145 location on April 15, 1927. Jackie Robinson made his major league debut in baseball on April 15, 1947. In San Francisco 180,000 people gathered to protest the war in Vietnam on April 15, 1967. The Boston Marathon had a deadly bombing on April 15, 2013. And it is April 15 that is the usual day where Americans pay their taxes.

This whole everybody paying a federal income tax was briefly introduced with the Revenue Act of 1861 to help fund the Civil War, and subsequently repealed, re-adopted, and held unconstitutional. But our nation needs money. So in 1913, the Sixteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution was ratified. This Amendment gave the United States Congress the legal authority to tax all incomes. The filing deadline for individuals was March 1 in 1913 (the first year of a federal income tax), and was changed to March 15 in 1918 and again to April 15 in 1955. Today, the deadline remains April 15, unless it conflicts with a weekend or holiday. This year the deadline is Tuesday, April 18, 2023.

Death and taxes, right? These are the only two requirements in life, right? Can't avoid them, right? Wrong.

Sure you can avoid taxes. Now, if you avoid taxes, you may not be able to avoid the IRS and jail. Consequences. Choose wisely.

Death. Death is totally avoidable. Now, physically, everyone's body is going to run out of life. That reality is harshly ever present in funerals. But Death? Not so fast, my friend.

You see, Jesus died. He was totally innocent of any sin, but He suffered and died. The Heavenly Father worked it out that Jesus's suffering and death would be the substitute punishment for our sins. The blood of Jesus covered up our sins. And since the punishment for sin is death, Jesus had to die in order to pay the punishment for our sin.

Now, since Jesus is God, He did not stay dead. Three days later, Jesus arose from the dead, came out of the tomb 100% ALIVE. And since Jesus is alive, He hears us when we pray. And when we apologize to Him for our sins and ask Him to come be Lord over our life, He does so. Therefore, we shall not perish, but have ever lasting life.




This Easter, we will share with all who will listen about the great loophole to death. That loophole is in trusting Jesus as your Savior. On April 2, I will talk about Christ in the Passover. On April 9 we will celebrate Easter. Please invite people (friends/family) to your Sunday School class. Everyone needs a group to share with.

Happy April!
Ken



April 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 APRIL FOOL'S DAY 6:00pm Chism/ Anthony Wedding
2  10:00am Kid's Bible Drills	3 12:00pm Easter Lunch Devotion Don Gann	4 12:00pm Easter Lunch Devotion Clay Stegall	5 12:00pm Easter Lunch Devotion Matt Powell	6 12:00pm Easter Lunch Devotion Perry Pugh	7 12:00pm The Lord's Supper	8  10:00am Dairy Property
				24-HR PRAYER VIGIL 6pm-6pm		
9  Children's Bake Sale	10	11 NATIONAL PET DAY	12	13 NATIONAL PEACH COBBLER DAY	14	15
16 2:00pm Assc. Bible Drills 3:30pm Deacon's Mtg 5:00pm Cell Phone Seminar / Ladies' Bible Study	17 12:00pm Senior Adult Luncheon	18	19 NATIONAL BANANA DAY	20	21 6:00pm rECESS	22 NATIONAL JELLY BEAN DAY
23 7:00am B'hood 5:00pm Children's SS Teacher mtg Youth Spaghetti Luncheon 30	24	25	26 NATIONAL PRETZEL DAY	27 NATIONAL GUMMI BEAR DAY	28	29