

VITAL SIGNS

Sunday, June 4, 2023

Sunday School Total.....390
 First Day Worship.....273 (8)
 11:00am Worship.....136 (15)
 Total.....409 (23)

Sunday, June 11, 2023

Sunday School Total.....414
 First Day Worship.....293 (12)
 11:00am Worship.....144 (9)
 Total.....437 (21)

Sunday, June 18, 2023

Sunday School Total.....386
 First Day Worship.....220
 11:00am Worship.....137 (9)
 Total.....357 (9)

Sunday, June 25, 2023

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

JUNE 2023 BUSINESS MTNG

Budget YTD.....\$665,941.80
 Received YTD.....\$540,693.13



We extend our deepest Christian sympathy to Mrs. Danielle & her husband, Mr. Graham upon the passing of Mr. Graham's step-father. Please remember their family in your Prayers.

Children's Camp is June 30-July 2

FBC YTH

FBC YTH meets at 6:00pm on Wednesdays for a time of fellowship. Super Summer is July 10-14. We will not meet during that week.

Welcome to our new member...



Cooper Hill, son of Benjamin & Brittany Hill

Join us Sunday, July 2 for an opportunity to meet and hear a word from Clay Stegall as he comes in view of a call to become our Associate Pastor. Clay and his wife Jeri Ann have 2 sons, Mack and Caleb. Come be a part of a great day at FBC Pontotoc!



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

July 2

*Sam Dowdy Mitch Montgomery
 Joe Brown Tim Burchfield
 Ben Howard Rickey Hill

July 9

*Richie Chrestman Carey McCullen
 Jay Reeder Ryan Todd
 David Ray Matt Koon

July 16

*Glenn Gillen Randy Todd
 Mike Bowen Terry Butler
 Roger Gentry Jeff Stafford

July 23

*Jerry Bell Jay Hughes
 Bob Peeples Joe Austin
 Rickey Littlejohn Justin Moss

July 30

*Eddy Taylor Sam Gibbs
 Clark Sexton Phil Webb
 Jeff Stafford Bryan Warren

DEACONS ON CALL for JULY 2023

July 2

Chad Anthony
 Mark Griffith
 Mark Crenshaw

July 9

Howard Hill
 Kevin Morrow
 Sam Dowdy

July 16

Chase Jefcoat
 Ellis Reeder
 Billy Montgomery

July 23

Kevin Koehler
 Jody Stringer
 Buddy Montgomery

July 30

Jerry Robbins
 Eddy Taylor
 Terry Wood



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JULY 2023

BUILDING THE KINGDOM WIDE AND DEEP

PATRIOTIC SERVICES

Join us on Sunday, July 2 at 9:00am & 11:00am as we celebrate our Veterans.



Join us at the Pontotoc County Agri-Center on Wed, July 5 for FAMILY NIGHT AT THE FAIR. Bring your family for some great entertainment!

2023 Residential Men's List

Our men's list will be mailed out on July 24. This list should include all males, 21yrs+, has been a church member for at least 1 yr, & lives in Pontotoc County. Please check over this list and call the church office to add or delete a name. This list will be used for our 2023 Deacon nomination.

DEACONS MEETING

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



LIVING WATER TEAM TO GUATAMALA

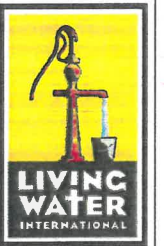
A Living Water Int'l Team will go to Guatamala on July 16-22. Please remember to pray for this team as they travel and work to drill a well for the residents.

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



LIVING WATER INTERNATIONAL WALK/5K

Date: Saturday, July 29, 2023
 Where: FBC gym parking lot
 Time: 8:00am
 Cost: \$25/person before 6/25 (guarantee t-shirt)
 \$30/person AFTER 6/25



Registration forms are available in church office

HOMEcoming 2023

We will celebrate Homecoming on Sunday, July 30, 2023. We will have a unity service at 11:00am in the Sanctuary and a pot luck lunch in the Fellowship Hall following the morning service.

Senior Adults

Senior Adult Luncheon on Monday, July 17 at 12:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a side dish and join us for great food and fellowship!





FIRST THINGS FIRST



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Justin Cobb-
Minister of Youth

Danielle Davis-
Minister of Children

Zach Keller / Mickey Gentry-Worship Leaders

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July 2023

Parson to Person

Baptist have always led the way in the formation of our United States of America. The first document in U.S. history that severed both political and religious ties with England, was signed on March 7, 1638. That document, the Portsmouth Compact, established the settlement of Portsmouth, Rhode Island. The author of the document was John Clark, physician and Baptist minister.

Religious liberty wasn't always a hallmark of the American colonies. The early settlers didn't like/agree with the religious rules of England or other European countries. So, those settlers came up here and set up their own religious rules. And if one on this side of the pond broke those rules, punishment ensued.

Brother John Clark wrote *Four Religious Principles*. First, Jesus is Lord and no one but Him should order our worship. Second, baptism by "dipping" is the sign that only believers in Jesus can make to indicate his/her repentance from sin. This drew strong opposition to those who trusted in infant baptism. Third, every believer in Jesus has a duty to the Lord Jesus and to the congregation to employ their spiritual gifts. Fourth, no servant of Christ is to smite or take up force against another person.

Brother John and his friends were punished for their beliefs. They were arrested in the middle of a worship service in Lynn, Massachusetts. They were forced to attend a Puritan worship service. They were charged heavy fines. And one of his friends, Obadiah Holmes, who protested the heavy fines, was taken to the town's whipping post on September 5, 1651 and given 30 lashes with a three-corded whip. Then in true Baptist-tough form, Obadiah Holmes looked at the men who whipped him and said, "You have struck me with roses."

John Clark ended up founding the Second Baptist Church in America. Roger Williams set up the First Baptist Church in Providence, Rhode Island. Clark set up the Second Baptist Church in Newport, Rhode Island. Clark's church still remains today and carries the name of United Baptist Church, a Reformed Baptist Congregation.

The 1638 Portsmouth Compact's opening words are:

We submit our persons, lives, and estates unto our Lord Jesus Christ,
The King of Kings and Lord of Lords,
And to all those perfect and absolute laws of His
Given un in His Holy Word.

It took Rhode Island a few decades to come to terms with how to properly employ that submission. Doing something new is not always appreciated in the moment. Rhode Island's strong stance of religious freedom paved the way for the First Amendment in our United State's Constitution, which gives us the Freedom of Religion.

Happy Fourth of July,
Ken



July 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 NATIONAL PLAY OUTSIDE DAY
2 Patriotic Service 9am/11am *Clay Stegall comes in view of a call	3	4 INDEPENDENCE DAY 	5 Family Night at the Pontotoc Co. Fair	6	7 NATIONAL FATHER DAUGHTER TAKE A WALK DAY	8 NATIONAL FREEZER POP DAY
9 11:00am Baptism *Vote on Clay Stegall 1:30-3:00pm Bridal Tea for Malorie Arton	10	11 NATIONAL BLUEBERRY MUFFIN DAY	12 SUPER SUMMER	13	14 NATIONAL FRENCH FRY DAY	15
16 3:30pm Deacons Meeting	17 NATIONAL PEACH ICE CREAM DAY	18 LIVING WATER TEAM TO GUATAMALA	19	20 NATIONAL LOLLIPOP DAY	21	22
23 7:00am Brotherhood Breakfast HOMECOMING & LUNCH to follow in FH 30	24 Fusion to Incredible Pizza 31	25	26	27	28 NATIONAL MILK CHOCOLATE DAY	29 8:00am LWI 5K WALK/RUN