

The Messenger

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from the Education Pastor

Sunday and Wednesday nights this Fall are packed with opportunities. Get connected!

First, let me encourage you to sign up for one of the five 6-week Life University courses we are offering. Course descriptions are available at gotofirst.org/lifeu. The Life U classes will take place on August 13, 20, 27 and September 10, 17, and 24 from 5-6 p.m. While these courses are taking place, children can participate in Children's Choir and the youth in Youth Choir.

Choose from the following, with the purchase of resources optional:

1. Women's Study: The Secrets of a Joyful Heart (Book & Study Guide: \$15)

Meets in Fellowship Hall

2. Men's Study: Authentic Manhood (Training Manual: \$20) - Meets in Room 309

3. Couple's Study: Raising Kingdom Kids (Book & Study Guide: \$20)

Meets in Youth Room, 303

4. Group Study: Discovering Your Divine Design (Gifts Inventory: \$5)

Meets in Room 312B

5. Theological Study: Doctrine of the Bible (Bible & Pen) - Meets in Room 304B

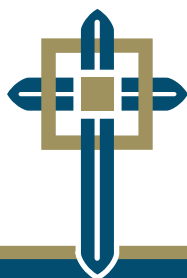
If you have yet to sign up for one of the five options, just call the church office at 662-234-3515, email Pastor Timothy at tgibson@gotofirst.org, sign up at gotofirst.org/lifeu, or just show up!

We pray that it proves easier for individuals and families to commit to this six-week format. We also pray that one of the course options will prove a blessing to you in your ongoing faith journey.

Second, keep in mind that AWANA registration is set for Wednesday, August 9 in the CLC, and that we begin our regular Wednesday night programming on Wednesday, August 16.

Opportunities on Wednesday night include: AWANA, International Ministries, Celebration Choir, Explorer's, and Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall. *There is something for everyone!*

We invite you to the Fellowship Meal at 5 p.m., and we encourage you to plug in somewhere to serve and grow during our midweek gathering. For our Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall, Dr. Allen will kick things off with a 4-week study on the topic of Grace before Pastor Timothy guides those able to attend in a series entitled "Creation, Christ, and Challenges."



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August

Check out featured events at www.gotofirst.org

AUGUST 1

11 a.m. XYZ Program & Luncheon

AUGUST 2

Noon Prayer Meeting
6 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
7:15 p.m. Band Rehearsal

AUGUST 6 *Promotion Sunday*

8:30 a.m. Worship Service
9:45 a.m. Bible Study classes
11 a.m. Worship Service

AUGUST 9

Noon Prayer Meeting
5 p.m. Fellowship Meal
5:30 p.m. AWANA Registration in the CLC
6 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
7:15 p.m. Band Rehearsal

AUGUST 11-13

DNow for Youth

AUGUST 13

8:30 a.m. Worship Service
9:45 a.m. Bible Study classes
11 a.m. Worship Service
4 p.m. Bible Drill
5 p.m. Children & Youth Choirs
5 p.m. Life U
6 p.m. Quarterly Business Meeting
6 p.m. Youth Discipleship

AUGUST 16

Noon Prayer Meeting
5 p.m. Fellowship Meal
5:30 p.m. AWANA: First Night of Club
6 p.m. Adult Bible Study
6 p.m. English as a Second Language
6 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
7:15 p.m. Band Rehearsal

AUGUST 17

4 p.m. Grief Share

AUGUST 20

8:30 a.m. Worship Service
9:45 a.m. Bible Study classes
11 a.m. Worship Service
12:15 p.m. Lunch for College Students
4 p.m. Bible Drill
5 p.m. Children & Youth Choirs
5 p.m. Life U
6 p.m. Youth Discipleship

AUGUST 23

Noon Prayer Meeting
5 p.m. Fellowship Meal
5:30 p.m. AWANA
6 p.m. Adult Bible Study
6 p.m. English as a Second Language
6 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
7:15 p.m. Band Rehearsal

AUGUST 24

4 p.m. Grief Share

AUGUST 27

8:30 a.m. Worship Service
9:45 a.m. Bible Study classes
11 a.m. Worship Service
4 p.m. Bible Drill
5 p.m. Children & Youth Choirs
5 p.m. Life U
6 p.m. Welcome Back Concert and Ministry Fair for College Students

AUGUST 30

Noon Prayer Meeting
5 p.m. Fellowship Meal
5:30 p.m. AWANA
6 p.m. Adult Bible Study
6 p.m. English as a Second Language
6 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
7:15 p.m. Band Rehearsal

AUGUST 31

4 p.m. Grief Share

XYZ Senior Adult Program and Luncheon

Tuesday, August 1 at 11 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall

Musical program by Keith McGregor, Mike Tomes, Don Buchanan and others.

Invite a friend and join us. A delicious meal will be provided.

Our Family

Sunday School Promotion Day SUNDAY, AUGUST 6

*Find your place in Sunday School
at 9:45 a.m.*

A Journey through Grief

Grief is a journey and you will find that you are not alone and that God is the God of all comfort. *For more information contact Dr. Glenn Waller at 662-701-7226.*

Grief Share

**Thursdays beginning Aug. 17
from 4-5:30 p.m. in the old church office
building across Van Buren Ave.**



Please join us this year to study God's Word!



Explorer's Bible Study for Women

beginning Wednesday, August 16

All women are invited to attend. This year's study will be I & II Corinthians, Ephesians and Philippians. Beth Fitts is the teaching leader.

**Explorer's offers three classes each
Wednesday for your convenience:**

**9:30-11 a.m. at North Oxford
Baptist Church** (birth-7th grade
children's program provided)

**12-12:55 p.m. at St. Andrew's
Methodist Church**

6-7:05 p.m. at First Baptist Church
(nursery and Awana program provided)

**Call Jan Trussel at (662) 801-1517
to register or for more information.**

Sunday school attendance

July 2 - 430	July 16 - 456
July 9 - 468	July 23 - 474

Budget June 1-18, 2017

Budget	\$189,908.96
Building	\$2,223.83
Designated	\$4,400.31
Total	\$196,533.10

August Deacons of the Week

July 30- Kevin Howell, Martin Locke,
Aug. 5 Matt Moore

Aug. 6-12 Mike Tomes, Will Dabbs,
Andy Field

Aug. 13-19 Brian Harvey, Mark Moore,
Mike Quarles

Aug. 20-26 Dan Reed, Chris Riley,
Brodie Burns

Aug. 27- Ben Hellums, Walter Locke,
Sept. 2 Thomas Herrington

New Members June 25-July 2

Whitman Gibson, Ella Snyder, Jack Busby,
Leonard, Ellen, Georgia & Leigh Kergosien

Congratulations

To Lauren & Josh Hill on the birth of a daughter,
Marian Grace Hill, on June 29. Big brother
Henry and big sister Catherine Anne.

Our Sympathy

To Tiffany Denton and family in the loss of
her grandfather, Mr. Bobby Murphree.

To Laura Evans and family in the loss of her
aunt, Mrs. Alice Callicutt.

To Tom Eber and family in the loss of his
father, Mr. Gene Eber.

To Jim & Nancy Shankle & family in the loss
of their daughter-in-law, Edwina Shankle.

To Paul Hale and family in the loss of his
mother, Mrs. Gladys McFerrin Hale.

To Linda Stewart and family in the loss of her
husband, Mr. Bobby Stewart.

MISSION & MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Questions? Contact Jeff Holeman at 662.234.3515 or wigtake@gmail.com

OAXACA MISSIONS PARTNERSHIP

WOMEN'S TRIP TO OAXACA September 23-29 *Trip is full.*

Please pray for Liesa Holeman, Beth Fitts, Pene Russell, Hilarie Bain, Dina Addy, Kristin Busby, and Meredith Meurrier.

MENS TRIP TO OAXACA October 7-13

\$520 (includes food and lodging) plus airfare.

Discipleship with men, light construction, medical opportunities.

MARRIED COUPLES TRIP TO OAXACA

November 25 - December 1

\$520 (includes food and lodging) plus airfare.

Discipleship with couples, light construction project, medical opportunities.

MEDICAL TRIP TO OAXACA February 17-23

We need all types of medical personnel.



For the month of August, we will be collecting **Snack Pack Pudding** for Lovepacks

SAVE THE DATE: Wild Game Dinner and Sportsmen's Event Thursday, September 21 • 6:30 p.m.

Guest Speakers: Rocky and Jamie Burrus

More to **LOVE** about First

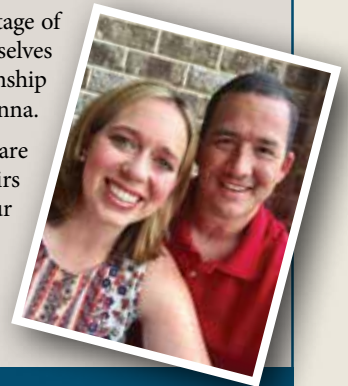
by Brooke Hutson Gibson

Anna and Brody met as Ole Miss grad students 12 years ago, and their relationship grew while they attended FBC's College & Career Class. Ten years of marriage and two little girls later, they faithfully juggle their family and careers while serving as teachers for the same Sunday School class.

The Burns love college students and understand the need at that stage of life for mentoring relationships. "A lot of them have to find themselves again, and helping point them to the Gospel, seeing their relationship with Christ build, and finding Him in a new way is a real joy," said Anna.

We can all play a role by helping college students feel like they are supported by our church. The Adopt-A-Student ministry pairs college students with church families. (For more info, contact our College Pastor, Jack Schultz at jschultz@gotofirst.org)

The Burns' and our college ministry team's hearts for students is just one more thing to love about First.



Read the full article at gotofirst.org/more

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FBC Library & Media Center

Congrats to 38 participants of the
SUMMER READING PROGRAM!

You set lofty goals and reached them by exploring the many books our library offers you.

Awana

Registration the CLC Aug. 9
First Night of Club Aug. 16
Wednesdays 5:30-7:30 p.m.
2 years-6th grade

YOUTH NEWS



A promotional poster for the 'Seeking D>NOW>2017' event. The word 'SEEKING' is written in large, bold, white letters with a teal magnifying glass over the 'E'. Below it, 'D>NOW>2017' is written in teal. The text 'SIGN UP NOW FOR' is at the top in white on an orange background. 'AUGUST 11TH-12TH' is written in large white letters on the left. On the right, there are two photos: one of a group of people labeled 'I AM THEY WORSHIP' and one of a man labeled 'GARY PERMENTER SPEAKER'.

DiscipleNow is our biggest discipleship/outreach event of the year. We'll join with Community Church, North Oxford Baptist Church, and Grace Bible Church for a great weekend of small group bible study, large group worship, prayer walks of area schools, and more! Cost is \$50 per student and includes food, Bible Study materials, transportation, and t-shirt.

COLLEGE NEWS

JASON LOVINS BAND



WELCOME BACK NIGHT

August 27

Dinner for Students starting at 5:15 p.m.

Jason Lovins Band Concert at 6 p.m.

Ministry Fair at 7:30 p.m.