

The Messenger

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Dear Church,

I am deeply humbled and honored by the opportunity to join the ministerial staff of FBC-Oxford. My wife Brooke, my sons Whitman and Chamblin, and I look forward to getting to know our new church family in the days, weeks, months, and years to come.

I've taught Ministry Leadership across the years at the collegiate level, and I've always encouraged my students to ponder the leadership traits of Christ in the



Gospel of John, beginning with his first miracle at the wedding in Cana (John 2). Jesus' mother asks Him to do something to help out the host of the wedding party, to which he essentially responds: "Mama, you don't know what you are asking Me to do."

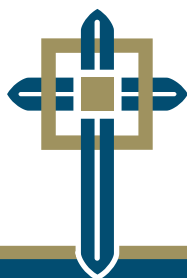
Jesus understood (even if Mary didn't) His *identity* as Mary's son (fully human) and as the only begotten of the Father (fully divine). He also understood His *purpose*. By completing that first miracle, Jesus knew He was fully inaugurating His earthly ministry, which would lead Him to die on the cross.

Through a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, my *identity* and *purpose* are being forged. Since being saved and called, I've known that my passions for education and for pastoral ministry belonged together. However, never before have my *identity* and my *purpose* wed so perfectly as in this wonderful opportunity to serve FBC-Oxford as its Pastor of Education.

Indeed, I believe this is the perfect place. As an alumnus of Ole Miss, I love the Rebels and the community of Oxford. Indeed, I believe this is the perfect time. I can see how the Lord has been shaping me these past six years into more of a Christ-like shepherd. Indeed, I believe this is the perfect role. This is my own "wedding in Cana" — a new beginning in ministry that the Father has been planning for me all along.

John 3:30,

Timothy Gibson



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JUNE 1

Noon Prayer Meeting

JUNE 2

5:30 p.m. Grief Share in the old church office building

JUNE 5

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

JUNE 6-10

Vacation Bible School, daily 9 a.m.-noon

JUNE 8

5 p.m. VBS Family Night meal and Worship Rally

JUNE 9

5:30 p.m. Grief Share in the old church office building

JUNE 12

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

JUNE 14

11 a.m. XYZ Program & Luncheon

JUNE 15

Noon Prayer Meeting
5 p.m. Fellowship Meal
6 p.m. Live Loud Wednesday

JUNE 16

5:30 p.m. Grief Share in the old church office building

JUNE 19

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

JUNE 22

Noon Prayer Meeting
5 p.m. Fellowship Meal
6 p.m. Live Loud Wednesday

JUNE 23

5:30 p.m. Grief Share in the old church office building

JUNE 26

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

JUNE 29

Noon Prayer Meeting
5 p.m. Fellowship Meal
6 p.m. Live Loud Wednesday

JUNE 30

5:30 p.m. Grief Share in the old church office building

XYZ Senior Adult Program and Lunch

Tuesday, June 14 at 11 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall

Singing hymns led by Tom Barrett. Following will be a program given by Camellia Hospice:

“Positive aspects and misconceptions” followed by a question and answer session.

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

Our Family

June Deacons of the Week

May 29-June 4 Derrell Doss, Jeff Evans, Brad Golmon

June 5-11 Victor Newell, Brian Harvey, Larry Little

June 12-18 Mark Moore, Mike Quarles, Dan Reed

June 19-25 Chris Riley, Brodie Burns, Thomas Herrington

June 26-July 2 Todd Johnson, Walter Locke, Rick Mize

A Journey through Grief

Journey with a group that is traveling a similar path and embrace the journey through reading and group interaction. For more information contact Dr. Glenn Waller at 662-701-7226.

Thursdays 5:30-7:30 p.m.
in the old Church Office Building
across Van Buren Ave.



Library & Media Center

Open Sundays 9:30-11 a.m.

ADULT BOOKS:

Traces of Guilt by Dee Henderson

The Beauty of Intolerance
by Josh and Sean McDowell

Count It All Joy by David Jeremiah

NEW DVDs:

SuperBook DVDs for children



Sunday school attendance

May 1 - 601

May 15 - 604

May 8 - 531

May 22 - 626

Budget for May 2016

Budget	\$193,786.07
Building	\$2,998.83
Designated	\$20,495.91
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Total	\$217,280.81
Building Fund to date	\$5,786,349.23

New Members

Christian Cain Cox,
William Arliss Swindoll, Jr.

Congratulations

To Ashley and Trey Crumby on the birth of a son, **Theodore Martin Crumby**, on May 5. Big sister is Amelia.

To Ashley and Heath Shipman on the birth of a daughter, **Olivia Grace Shipman**, on May 26. Proud grandparents are Barbara and Danny Flowers.

Our Sympathy

To Sandra Rhoton and family in the loss of her stepmother, Jackie Barry.

To Craig Gordon in the loss of his father, Marcus Gordon.

To Pat Inmon and family in the loss of her aunt, Betty Joyce Rodgers.

Bulletin Board

2016 MISSIONS UPDATE

I want to express my love and gratitude to Jeff and Lesia Holeman for their leadership and guidance with the mission committee. Please pray for them and for God to lead them to find opportunities to reach lost people. — Mike Tomes, Missions Committee

Oaxaca Summer Trip Please pray for Will Pate and Garrett Reed, in Oaxaca helping Jeff and Lesia for 6 weeks teaching ELS classes and Vacation Bible School.

Live Oak Church Vacation Bible School There will be an opportunity for people to help with a small church we are supporting in New Orleans July 24-27. If you would like to help, contact Ben Hellums 662-587-9089 or benhellums@gmail.com

Greece/Syrian refugee team August 20-30

Team members: Candis Varnell, Angie Kelepszig, Olivia Clanton, and Warren Brandon

Oaxaca Medical Team October 22-29

America's Affinity High School Retreat for Missionary kids

in Costa Rica June. Jack Schultz and Nicole Robinson will be helping.

We have lots of opportunities for mission work of all kinds. If you feel God is calling you to missions and would like to help or participate, please contact Mike Tomes, 662-701-0084

Live Loud

WEDNESDAYS

June 15, 22, 29

5 p.m. Fellowship meal • 5:45 p.m. Outreach

Prayer Walk Team led by Beth Fitts

First Responder Appreciation led by Mike Tomes

We will deliver goodies and snacks to the police, fire, and sheriffs departments.

Nursing Home and Veterans Home Visits led by Glen Waller

Contact Mike Tomes, 662-701-0084, if you would like to participate or supply goodies and snacks.

PRESCHOOL & CHILDREN'S NEWS

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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Open to all kids who have completed Kindergarten-6th grade

June 6-10
9 a.m.-noon



FAMILY NIGHT
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8

Fellowship Meal • 5-6 p.m.
\$1 per person

Worship Rally • 6 p.m.

Parents can visit their children's rooms after the rally.

YOUTH NEWS

Big 7 Trip June 2-4 Atlanta, GA.
Questions? See Cindy or Jack.

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MFuge June 20-24 in Louisville, KY
Super Summer July 11-15

COLLEGE NEWS

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