

THE EVANGEL

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Congratulations to our HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES!

Shelby Burks
Z'mon Clay
Caleb Cockrell
Carley Fryery
Will Gammill
Gabriel Malone
Emmett Mansfield
Caleigh Martin
Brannan Newell
Gui Smith
Lilly Walls
Caroline Ward
Macy Warren
Miles Young



LEE ALLRED, Executive Pastor

Missions & Support

Are you giving monthly to PENNIES FOR POSHO?

Perhaps you have been donating to this organization since the Ugandan Children's Choir came to FBC several years ago. This was a viable way to make sure children had a food source.

However, after several months of trying to follow up with the organization with no return calls, failure to return emails and an extended effort to make contact it appears that this organization is no longer providing food for the children.

The organization has lost their taxexempt status as well.

I would encourage you to contact your bank or credit card company drafting or charging you for Pennies for Posho and stop payment to the organization.



Mission Journeys 2024

Uganda NEED: Medical Personnel Needed September 18-28, 2024

We are in great need for two or three medical personnel to make this journey with FBC Tupelo to provide basic health care to the people who will come to the medical clinic. The team will be supplemented by two Ugandan doctors.

Hamilton Ontario

This mission journey has been put on hold until 2025.

Maine

The mission journey to Maine has been put on hold until 2025.

Cuba

November 8-15, 2024

If you would like more information on this journey, please contact Pastor Lee. One or two spots are open currently.

Japan October 3-11, 2024

You are invited to help complete the Japan mission team by joining the team to help launch a partnership with Japanese churches in the area around Toyota City where many of our Japanese families return after leaving the Tupelo area.

What a great opportunity to build a strong partnership network for Japanese families that participate in international ministry while living in Tupelo and then return to Japan knowing that they have a network of believers to continue with upon returning to Japan.



Deacon Election

You will find a list of men eligible for the 2024 Deacon Election in this edition of The Evangel. Please review and if your name or the name of someone you believe should be listed but is not, please contact Twila in the church office or by email at tmcdaniel@fbctupelo.org to provide updated information. A list with any updated names will be sent in the Friday worship email on May 17, 2024.

Prayerfully consider the men listed and pick nine men to serve as deacons. Ballots for nomination will be available on Sunday morning, May 19, 2024. Once all nominations have been counted and the men selected have been interviewed, the top nine agreeing to serve will be presented to the church for affirmation on Sunday, July 21, 2024.

Men who agree to serve but have not been ordained will have a time set aside in September for an ordination service.

Staff Anniversaries

Pastor Matt Powell Eight Years, May 15, 2024

Carrie DeVenny Ten Years, May 9, 2024

Sunday Shuttle Bus Drivers deed volunteers starting in

Need volunteers starting in August 2024

Beginning in August 2024, FBC will be operating a Parking Shuttle from Milam School to the First Baptist Church campus on Sunday morning. We have a small group of volunteers who serve on this team currently on an as needed basis.

When the shuttle starts operating full-time in August it will take six people each Sunday to staff this service ministry. The goal would be for a person to drive or provide security once a month.

If you would be willing to serve as one of the twenty-four volunteers please contact Pastor Lee at lallred@fbctupelo.org or by text at 662-322-1011. You can also call Twila in the church office at 662-842-1327.

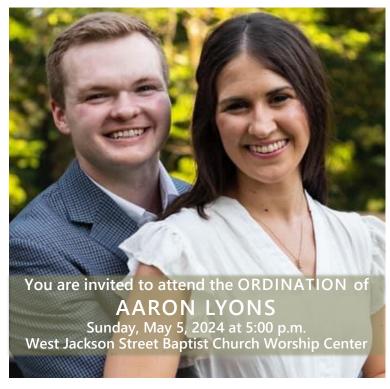
Worship Ministry

Aaron Lyons joined our staff at FBC Tupelo as the Music/ Media/ Publications Associate two years ago. Aaron grew up in Tupelo. He attended Tupelo Christian Preparatory School, and later graduated from Belmont University where he earned a Music Business degree. He also has a Marketing degree.

Aaron and his wife, Tanner have been actively in

ministry at First Baptist Church for these two years. It has been an incredibly busy season here and Aaron and Tanner have been "all in."

Aaron has a heart for the Lord and a passion to serve the Lord through music and the skills the Lord has given him. The time is right for Aaron's ordination ... I am excited about this.



Randy: Give your background in music (childhood, teen years, and adult).

Aaron: I was able to sing on stage as young as 5 years old. Gravitated toward guitar when I was 11 because of my brother and friend playing. After I got saved, God opened doors for me to play guitar in several praise bands in middle school and high school ... began leading music as a Junior in high school at TCPS chapel. Tried to do my own thing in college, but God brought me back to leading in 2020 helping lead youth and adults.

Randy: When did you experience God's call to full time music ministry?

Aaron: I felt this call in high school, but I got cold feet pursuing it. Didn't believe I was "good enough." By 2020, I couldn't live with resisting and trying to go my own way, so I began to get involved at West Jackson which God used to give me the confidence of being in full-time music ministry.

Randy: How does Tanner support you, and what are her thoughts on your being in full time music ministry?

Aaron: Tanner is very supportive of my being in full-time music ministry. She is a little selfish of spending quality time with me, but she knows what kind of sacrifices have to be made in this ministry and fully supports what I have to do.

Randy: Describe your experience thus far in full time ministry at FBC Tupelo.

RANDY WOOD Worship Pastor

Aaron: I've learned a ton. It never stops, and I'm glad it doesn't. After all the hard work and late hours, we have to pull sometimes to get to Sunday or certain big church events. It's all worth it...seeing God be glorified. I do wish I could help with the music leadership more often, and I'm praying someone can take my place on Sunday media, but I will serve as God sees fit.

Randy: What are your thoughts and feelings about your ordination service?

Aaron: I am very, very excited ... a little worried about meeting with the ordination council ... only because it's intimidating for a young guy to face a table with immense experience and talent. I am grateful for what God is doing, and I still tear up from time to time thinking about my ordination.

Randy: Aaron, I am excited about your ordination. This is a milestone, a definitive time in your life. I know you will serve the Lord all the days of your life, and you will do it with excellence and to the glory of God.

Dear First Baptist Church, please be a part of this special occasion ... the Ordination of Aaron Lyons.

Lord bless, Randy





Deacon Nomination 2024

This is a listing of men who are eligible for Deacon nomination at First Baptist Church. The preliminary list serves two purposes: 1) The congregation should review the list of names and should the name of a man who meets the qualifications listed not appear, please contact the church office to ensure correction. 2) Should your name appear on the list and you wish for your name to be removed, please call the church office. Members will be given a ballot on Sunday, May 19, 2024 to nominate nine (9) men to serve as Deacon from the updated list of names. All ballots must be turned in no later than the close of the eleven o'clock service.

Rotating off September 30, 2024

David Blackwell Chris Burks Stanley Downs David Hall Charlie Leckie Jon Milstead Paul Poland Mike Robinson

Jay Scruggs

Rotating off September 30, 2025

Jake Arnold Chris Conwill Bill Darsey Phil Daughdrill Justin Griffin Rick Hill Mickey Holliman Taylor Mathis Mitch Waycaster

Rotating off September 30, 2026

Nik Carnathan Will Chandler Will Cockrell Dave Gilliland Bryan Henderson Lee Henderson Randy Morgan Jonathan Poland Luke West

A deacon is to be one seasoned in the faith, spiritually mature, and not a new Christian. It takes time for a man to be tested and proven as to his character, his ability to make wise decisions, and his commitment to the program ministries of the church. For this reason, each candidate for deacon must be at least 25 years of age and must have been a member of First Baptist Church for at least one year as of July 1 in the year of the election.

Nominate not more than nine (9) men by circling the names of the men whom you wish to nominate.

Kevin Abel Ken Anderson Scott Angle Omar Armas Bryan Amold Dan Arnold Ron Ashby Nicholas Aube' Ross Aven Adam Bailey Stace Beard James Bearden Frankie Blackmon Larry Booth Mike Boren Jason Bowles Steve Braun Justin Brock Eric Brown Rodger Brown Casey Bruce Mike Bryan Larry Bryant Kevin Burgess Ken Burroughs Fred Cantrell Nik Camathan Jim Carter Rob Chambers Will Chandler Tommy Chandler Jonathan Chaney Jim Chisholm Vic Chisholm Mike Claybome Jerry Clements Will Cockrell Tommy Collins Ricky Comelius Jim Couch Jeff Cox Denvil Crowe

Brad Davis Scott Davis Cullen Dendy Cory Dewett Danny Dickey Keith Dixon Jake Dorr Jerry Duckett Justin Duke Mike Eaton William Elliott Brandon Ellis Shand Eubanks Eddie Evans Robert Evans Larry Fears Lane Ferguson Jeff Finch John Finch Jacob Fischer Fred Flatt Jordan Flatt James Floyd Ken Fraysier Randy Gammill Carl Ganaway Chad Garner Josh Garnett Max Gibson Dave Gilliland Larry Goddard Johnny Gory Sam Graves Michael Green Steve Greenhill Parker Gregory Chad Groening Matthew Hale Adam Hall Jeff Hall Sam Hall

Hal Hancock

Joe Hancock DeCarol Hardenburg Brian Hargett Jim Harris Spencer Harris Mark Harrison John Hawkins Brvan Henderson Lee Henderson Grea Hill John Hines Benjamin Hinton Kelly Holcomb Matt Hood Clint Howard Russell Huahes Terry Hurst Stanley Hurt Mike Ivy Fred Jackson Brandon Jamison Marshall Jenkins Jerry Johnson Prentiss Johnson Russ Johnson David Johnston Jack Johnstone Larry Jolly Keith Jones Danny Kennedy Alex Key Josh Kilpatrick Sam Kline Ty Lambert Austin Lanev David Ledbetter Jerry Loden Justin Loden Jay London Chris Long

Don Long

Robert Long

Aaron Lyons Keith Mansfield Jake Martin George Mason Warren Masterson John Mathis John McAdams Lionel McCormick Wesley McCullough Brad McCully Gene McDade Phil McDaniel Michael McDaniels Chuck McDougald Jack McFerrin Charles McLean Randy McMickin Alan Merritt Tony Miles Travis Miles David Miller Jeff Moon J.R. Mooneyhan Gary Morgan Steve Newby Jeffrey Newell Fred Nurse James O'Neal Mark Orman Blake Palmer Cass Patrick Robert Patterson C.D. Peters Bryan Phillips Gerald Pittman John Pittman Phillip Poe Jonathan Poland Danny Porter Walker Powell Jeffrey Rea Rickey Reynolds

Chris Rinehart Larry Roberts Perry Robinson Gary Russell David Sandefur Gary Savage James Savage Zane Sawyer Don Scott Charlie Seelen Andy Sheffield Derek Sheffield Boyce Shelton James Shelton Robert Skelton Kristian Skou David Smith Jeff Smith Jimmy Smith Ray Smith Trent Smith Bill Smothers David Smothers Tim Speck Jackie Spradling Bill Stennett Jimmy Stevens John Stewart Rob Stone Stanley Stone Lance Tally Russ Tally Keith Teeple Brian Tennison Jack Thompson Lee Thompson DeWayne Thomton Paul Thomton Payne Thomton Robin Thomton Palmer Triplett

John Underwood Mark Vernon Doug Vinson Jason Vinson Jody Vinson Matthew Wafler Lee Waldrup Garv Walker Lee Walker Andrew Warmath Greg Wamick Steve Warren Alan Washington Philip Washington Drew Watkins Charles Watson Larry Weathers Kenny Weems Eddie West Joe West Josh West Lee West Luke West R.W. "Hoppy" Whitaker, Jr. Chris Whiteside Evans Whittle Roger Wicker Matt Wiley Preston Wiley Cole Wilkerson George Williams Stanley Williams Mike Winter **Brad Womack** Lee Wylie Cole Young Stennis Young

John Neil Turnage

FIRST TUPELO STUDENTS

ANDREW MAYHAN, Student Pastor

We are so excited to celebrate our 2024 senior class in just a few days. Thank you to all the volunteers who are helping out to make this weekend such a special time.

Also be in prayer for our student mission team that will be in Poland at the end of the month. We are so thankful that we get to be a part of trips because of this church family's heart for missions.

As we get geared up for summer it's time to get registered for camp! If you haven't signed up

for camp please swing by the church office or follow the emailed link we sent out this month to get squared away. It will be here before you know it! Camp dates are June 21st through June 25th. It's going to be an incredible experience. We will also drop our "Summer 7" Calendar on May 1st. This year's "Summer 7" events are shaping up to be the best we've had yet. We look forward to sharing an unforgettable summer experience with our students.

Much Love, FT Student Ministry Team



DECISIONS IN APRIL

By Letter:

Betty Billingsley, Mike and Jona Rae Collum, Brenda Estes, Adrian and Bonnie Green

By Statement:

Art and Kim Hopmann, Cory Lancaster, Karen Masterson

By Profession of Faith:

Branly Gray Burgess, Drayton Burgess, C.J. Lancaster, Zack Lancaster

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MENU

May 1

Adults: Baked Chicken, Roasted Carrots, New Potatoes, Roll, Salad, Caramel Cake; Kids: Pizza and Chips

May 8

Spaghetti, Green Beans, Baked Apples, Garlic Bread, Tossed Salad, Banana Pudding

Observance of THE LORD'S SUPPER

Sunday, May 19 during the Morning Worship Services

Weekly Schedule

Sunday:

8:30 a.m. Morning Worship (S) 9:45 a.m. Grow Groups for all ages 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship (S)

Tuesday

9:30 a.m. GriefShare (Rm. 122)

Wednesday:

9:00 a.m. Ladies' Bible Study (Rm. 120) 4:45 p.m. Wednesday Meal (FH)* 5:00 p.m. Handbells (Handbell Rm.) 5:30 p.m. Student Meal (Y-LG)* 5:45 p.m. Kingdom Kids*

6:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study (Rm. 110)* Student Service (S-LG)*

> Advanced Spanish Class (Rm. 120)* Beginner Spanish Class (Rm. 125)*

ESL (Adult GG Bldg.)*

Adult Choir/Orchestra (Choir Rm.)

Thursday

9:00 a.m. ESL (Adult GG Bldg.)

5:00 p.m. Prophecy Class (Rm. 120-121)

* End on May 8

Events this Month

Wednesday, May 1

8:00 a.m. VBS Registration begins 6:30 p.m. Preschool Choir Program

Thursday, May 2

9:30 a.m. JOY Choir (Mitchell Ctr.) 11:45 a.m. JOY Luncheon (FH) 12:00 p.m. National Day of Prayer (Fairpark)

10:30 a.m. Homeschool Fellowship (Joyner Splash Pad)

Sunday, May 5

Graduate Sunday!

3:00 p.m. Men's Top Golf (Memphis, TN)

5:00 p.m. Ordination for Aaron Lyons (W Jackson St BC)

Thursday, May 9

10:00 a.m. Senior Adult Game Day (FBC-C)

Sunday, May 12

Mother's Day / Baby Dedication

Monday, May 13

6:30 a.m. Student Prayer Breakfast (Chick-fil-A)

5:00 p.m. Birthday Bunch

Sunday, May 19

8:30/11:00 a.m. Observance of The Lord's Supper 4:00 p.m. Children's Committee Mtg. (C-LG) 5:30 p.m. Ladies' Pizza Night (FH)

Wednesday, May 22

5:30 p.m. Family Night (Aquatic Center)

Thursday, May 23

8:30 a.m. VBS Work Day

Thursday, May 30

8:30 a.m. VBS Work Day

Discipleship & Education

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Thursday, May 2, 11:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

We will share a meal, and then spend time praying for our church, our community, our country and the world.

Please sign up by calling the church office or on the sign up sheets in the lower foyer and Sanctuary lobby.

JOY NEWS FOR THOSE 55 YEARS AND UP





MEN'S MINISTRY

Top Golf

Sunday, May 5 Memphis, TN

Leave at 3:00 p.m. from the church. We will play golf and eat there.

Cost is \$85 per person Includes 2 hours of golf and a fully loaded BBQ buffet. Please call the church office to sign up.

Men's Rafting Trip

June 28-30

We will be staying in the Dogwood Lodge at NOC.

Cost is \$250. Please sign up to reserve your spot with a \$75 deposit. Sign up is now open.

READING THE BIBLE TOGETHER

Continuing with our Foundations-260 Bible reading plan, as the Biblical narrative moves forward, we will be reading some of the Psalms, 1st and 2nd Kings and then Jonah, Hosea, Amos and Joel. We will see Israel becoming more and more ungodly. After Solomon's time as king, Israel will split into two nations. With the exception of a couple of Kings, the leaders of God's people will turn more away from the Lord. We will read prophets who warn them that God is going to bring judgment on them if they don't turn back to Him. We will read about Jonah and how God moves him to do what he was instructed to do. Hosea is a picture of our unfaithfulness to God. Amos tells the nations around Israel that God has judgment plans for them. Joel will help the people see that they are experiencing God's judgment. He will also show them that God has plans to restore them.

Bible Reading for May

May 1: Psalm 1, 19

May 2: Psalm 103; 119:1-48 **May 3:** Psalm 119:49-128

Memory Verses: Psalm 1:1-7 Memory Verses: Psalm 119:7-11

May 6: Psalm 119: 129-176; 139

May 7: Psalm 148-150 May 8: 1 Kings 2 May 9: 1 Kings 3, 6 May 10: 1 Kings 8, 9:1-9

Memory Verses: Psalm 139:1-3 Memory Verses: Psalm 139:15-16

May 13: Proverbs 1-2 May 14: Proverbs 3-4 May 15: Proverbs 16-18 May 16: Proverbs 31 May 17: 1 Kings 11-12

Memory Verse: Proverbs 1:7 Memory Verses: Proverbs 3:5-6

May 20: 1 Kings 16:29-34, 17 May 21: 1 Kings 18-19

May 22: 1 Kings 21-22 May 23: 2 Kings 2

May 24: 2 Kings 5; 6:1-23

Memory Verse: Psalm 17:15 Memory Verse: Psalm 63:1

May 27: Jonah 1-2 May 28: Jonah 3-4 May 29: Hosea 1-3 May 30: Amos 1:1, 9 May 31: Joel 1-3



KidZone

CARRIE DEVENNY, Director of Children's Ministry **BETSY O'NEAL**, Director of Preschool Ministry



Registration:

Children (Grades 1-6) register online beginning May 1.

Preschool VBS is open to Sunday School members only, ages 3 years (must turn 3 by September 1, 2023) - Kindergarten. Please do not register online. We will hand out VBS registration forms in Sunday School beginning Sunday, April 28. Please see Betsy for more information.

We Need Volunteers:

You can volunteer to teach or help by contacting Carrie or Betsy.

Work Days:

Thursday, May 23, 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Thursday, May 30, 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

This is for anyone that is available on those days to come and help get things ready. There is lots to do! If you would be interested in Adopt a Prop, where you take home some things to do at home, please let Carrie know.

The PRESCHOOL CHOIR will sing on Wednesday, May 1, at 6:30 p.m.

Children's Committee Meeting: Sunday, May 19th at 4:00 p.m. in the children's area.

Birthday Bunch: Calling all children with May birthdays! We will meet at the church Monday, May 13th at 5:00 p.m. to visit a few widows, widowers and homebound. I will have a schedule of where we are going and a small gift for us to deliver. We will go out to eat after we make our visits. Parents are welcome to join us if you are available but send your child even if you can't come.



Homeschool Fellowship at

Joyner Splash Pad on May 3rd. Pack a lunch and meet us there from 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. for a picnic lunch and fellowship time.

Save the Date!

Centri-Kid Camp: Those children who have completed 5th and 6th grade will attend Centri-Kid Camp at Timber Creek on July 23rd-28th. Cost is \$300.0. Final payment of \$100.00 (or remaining cost) will be due Sunday, June 16th. If you would like to sponsor a child, please let Carrie know. All deposits are non-refundable.

Central Hills Camp: Those children who have completed 2nd-4th grades will be going to Kids Camp at Central Hills. This 3-day 2-night camp will be June 17th -19th. The cost is \$150.00. Final payments are past due. All deposits are non-refundable.



Family Night at the Aquatic Center

Come swim on Wednesday night May 22nd, 5:30 p.m. -7:30 p.m. with your family. All children must be accompanied by an adult. This is a free event. Eat before you come.

8:30 a.m. Bryan Henderson 11:00 a.m. Nik Carnathan

May 12 Paul Poland 8:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. Luke West

May 19 8:30 a.m. Chris Burks 11:00 a.m. Josh West

May 26 8:30 a.m. Charlie Leckie 11:00 a.m. Will Chandler

Sunday Security

May 5

Andy Davis, Stanley Downs 8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. DC Hardenburg, Kyle Stephenson

May 12 8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.

Larry Roberts, Rusty Boone Mark Nowell, Cory Dewett

May 19 8:00 a.m.

Josh Kilpatrick, Justin Griffin 10:00 a.m. Will Chandler, Jonathan Poland

May 26

Patrick White, Steve Wilkerson 8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. Payne Thornton, Lane Ferguson

Attendance Report

March 31	: Morning worship	1,440
	Grow Groups	610
April 7:	Morning worship	935
	Grow Groups	637
April 14:	Morning Worship	907
	Grow Groups	652
April 21:	Morning Worship	859
	Grow Groups	647

BUDGET OFFERING

\$3,360,000.00 **Annual Budget** Weekly Budget Requirement \$65,962.00

Budget Received

March 31 \$65,166.13 April 7 \$63,008.78 April 14 \$62,718.48 April 21 \$52,910.85

Required to Date \$1,978,860.00 Received to Date \$2,553,449.79

Offerings are received

- At the doors at the end of each service
- Online (fbctupelo.com)
- Scan QR Code



BUILDING FUND

Monthly Giving Report

Mark of Faith	
March 31	\$8,020.00
April 7	\$93,874.00
April 14	\$11,704.00
April 21	\$9,153.50

Balance as of 10/01/17 \$10,106.15 The Harvest Receipts \$6,779,067.70 Mark of Faith Receipts \$2,061,172.51 Total Received to Date \$8,840,240.21

Construction Line \$9,735,821.94

Expenses Year to Date \$16,066,927.53 Current Balance \$2,519,240.77



Prayer

Thursday, May 2, 12:00-12:45 p.m. at **Fairpark**

Every one is invited to attend.

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