The Good News

Celebrating What God Is Doing At First Baptist



MEET ONE OF OUR SENT ONES: VANESSA

Vanessa first came to First Baptist as a Mississippi State student because a friend simply invited her. By her own testimony, she wasn't a believer when she walked through our doors, but through the college ministry, Vanessa came to know Jesus—and her life began to change. She later joined a mission trip where she discovered a love for what we often call the "sent life": taking the hope of the gospel wherever God sends you. That calling eventually took Vanessa much farther than she could have imagined. She has spent the last two years serving with the International Mission Board in South Asia sharing the gospel and serving others overseas. Be watching in September as we share Vanessa's full story and celebrate how one invitation helped launch a life lived sent.

G.R.O.W. GATHERING AUGUST 30 AT 4:00 PM

Gather. Rejoice. Offer. Worship. Join us in The Warehouse for our G.R.O.W. gathering as we celebrate what God is doing at First Baptist and look ahead to what's next. All church members are encouraged to attend.

2027 BUDGET VOTE SEPTEMBER 27 IN SERVICE

Church members will vote on the proposed 2027 ministry budget during worship services on Sunday, September 27. Detailed copies of the proposed budget are available in the church office for members who would like to review it prior to the vote.

NEW MEMBER CLASS SEPTEMBER 20 @ 9:30

Interested in learning more about First Baptist? Join us in Ray 209 for our New Member Class to learn more about who we are, what we believe, and what it means to become part of the First Baptist family. Whether you're considering membership or simply want to know more, we'd love to have you!

MONTHLY EVENTS

Aug 26
521 Services Begin
for College & Young Adults

AUG 30
G.R.O.W. Gathering
for All Members

SEP 02
Color Frenzy
Preschool & Children's ministries

SEP 03
Digital Safety Night
for Families

SEP 07
Labor Day
Church Offices Closed

SEP 13
Dinner with Dr. Keenum
for College Students

SEP 20
New Member Class
for Interested in membership

SEP 20
Parent Dedication Class
for Parents

SEP 25
Grocery Games
for College Students

SEP 27
Budget Vote
for All Members

For details about the above, visit the events page at fbcstarkville.com



For The Family

Color Frenzy | September 2

Get ready to get colorful! Our annual Color Frenzy is back Wednesday, September 2, for an evening packed with color, creativity, and plenty of fun for our Preschool & Stark Kids. Come ready to laugh, play, make a mess, and make some great memories with friends. It's one of our favorite nights of the year, and you won't want to miss it!

Family Digital Safety Night | September 3

Join us in The Warehouse at 5:30 for a free, practical evening provided by the MSU Extension Center and the SOCSD Discovery Center experts. The event is designed to help families and community members navigate the digital world more safely. Visit interactive stations, ask questions, and leave with helpful tools for online safety, family communication, scam awareness, and knowing what to do when something doesn't feel right online.

Parent Dedication Class | September 20

Make God the center of your home! Parent dedication is a commitment by both families and the church to intentionally raise children in the Christian faith. Parents interested in participating in dedication are invited to attend our Parent Dedication Class in the Preschool Big Room, where you'll receive practical ideas for nurturing faith from birth through age five and have an opportunity to choose a meaningful life verse for your child. A dedication service will be the following Sunday, Sept 27. Please register at fbcstarkville.com

Snapshots from StarkKids Serve Sunday



BAPTISMS

Celebrating New Life in Christ







We rejoice with our brothers and sisters who have taken this important step of faith.
May God continue to guide and bless you on your new journey in Him.
Congratulations: James Summerlin, Jones Burkes, and Ainsley Rigdon!



STITCHED WITH GRACE | NOVEMBER 8 AT 4:00 PM

All ladies are invited to Stitched with Grace in The Warehouse for a special afternoon focused on nourishing the friendships God has woven into our lives and helping them grow. Bring your sister, friend, neighbor, or colleague and join us for coffee and dessert as Julie Hollingsworth, author of Pearls of Wisdom, shares an encouraging message about the beauty of faith and friendship. Want to be part of making the afternoon special? Ladies are invited to sponsor and decorate a table at no cost, display a sewing or handcraft, or donate a door prize. To participate, contact the planning committee at 662-418-6200 or millersr915@gmail.com.

New Community Groups

Newman Community Group
Michael & Tricia Newman
Applegate 114 | 8:00 AM

Herndon Community Group
Daniel & Karen Herndon
Ray 303 | 9:30 AM

Knight Community Group
Ages 30-50
Adam & Amy Knight
Ray 203 | 11:00 AM

20 Somethings
(After College Twenties)
Ashley Taylor
Ray 301 | 11:00 AM

New Staff Members



ABIGAIL SURRETTE

Interim Director of Preschool Ministry

Abigail has faithfully served in First Baptist's preschool ministry for the past four years. A native of Bruce and Mississippi State graduate, she has a heart for helping children build a strong foundation of faith. Recently married to Jon Surrette, Abigail now steps into this interim role, bringing experience, faithfulness, and a servant's heart to our preschool ministry.



DANNY DAVIS

Interim Minister of Music

A Starkville native, Danny brings more than 30 years of experience in pastoral, missions, music, and student ministry. He holds degrees from William Carey University and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and currently serves at Mississippi State University. Danny and his wife, Jennifer, have been married 28 years and are proud parents of Connor and Anna.



LAURA BELK

Executive Assistant to the Senior Pastor

Laura has been an active part of First Baptist for many years, serving behind the scenes in media and worship ministry. A University of Mobile graduate, she brings valuable experience in administration, technology, communication, and ministry. Most importantly, Laura's love for the Lord, commitment to the local church, and servant's heart make her a wonderful addition to our staff team.

Our Services

Sundays | 8:00 AM | 9:30 AM | 11:00 AM
Wednesdays | 11:30 AM Lunchbreak | 6:30 & 8:00 PM 521 College & Young Adult