



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Canton, Mississippi

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The FBCC Focus

FBC Canton

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May 2018

Pastor Guy Odom

Morning Bible Study
Wednesdays at 10 a.m. in
the Fellowship Hall
Open to all age groups.



During the month of May we are collecting Band-Aids for Operation Christmas Child. There is a list of items needed for OCC on the kiosk.

Bible Study & Prayer Meeting

An evening of Biblical discussion followed by a time of prayer and thanksgiving

Wednesdays
at 6 p.m.
with Vince
Martin



BABY DEDICATION

If you are interested in having a child Dedicated this Mother's Day, May 13th, please contact the church office at (601)859-3172 or office@fbccantonms.org

The Baptist Children's Village

Mother's Day

2018 Annual Offering



PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

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Some of the cruelest people that I know are church people, so called believers in Jesus Christ! Supposedly, such people claim to be Christian, Forgiven, Joyful, Peaceful, Filled with the Spirit, Kind, Compassionate, Gentle or other aspects of what the Bible calls a believer to be. But, the moment you hear that person speak about a news story, someone sinning, or even just being around them, you quickly see and I mean quickly, just how the opposite their life speaks out loud about what I just described above. You know, there shouldn't be the obvious probable question, which is "Are they really a Christian?" Now, don't get me wrong, every believer can certainly fall into being this type of person, because we still live in a sinful world and if we aren't walking in the Lord each day, a so called believer can stumble. However, overall, the Bible says, in Ephesians 4:29–32 that we as believers are to discard unwholesome talk, help build up others, don't grieve the Holy Spirit, get rid of all bitterness, rage, anger, slander, and brawling, be kind and compassionate to one another, and forgiving each other as Christ did for us! These type of so called believers turn people away from the Church and Jesus. Their life reflects self-centeredness, narcissism, mean spirited attitude, grumbling to just name a few. This should not be but they do exist! I do know this, a day of reckoning is coming! Matthew 12:36–37 says, "And I tell you this, you must give an account on judgment day for every idle word you speak. The words you say will either acquit you or condemn you." Just the reading of this verse humbles me and convicts me how important it is not to be like what I have described! I am a Christian first and foremost, but I am Southern Baptist. We do a poor job at times ripping others up with our mouths with some of the most hurtful words! It is awful! I do not want to be this way and with God's help I don't have to. I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me! Hey, in closing, Mother's Day is here. Begin with that in encouraging Mother's, not just married mothers but every mother you encounter over the next few weeks! It will do and serve you some good!

Lori Craft: As I write this, Lori's last day as our secretary is here! We will truly miss her here in the office. I am grateful for her leadership over the last two years here at First Baptist Church of Canton. When you get a chance please let her know how much she has meant to this church! We Love You Lori!

A Brief Look Ahead: On Sunday Night, June 3rd at 5pm in the Fellowship Hall we will have Special Guest, Andy Gipson. Andy is the newly appointed MS Agricultural and Commerce Commissioner. I have known Andy for four years as we have served together on the Christian Action Committee of the Mississippi Baptist Convention. He is also an attorney, but most of all he is a Pastor in Braxton, MS. Let's have a great night on June 3rd.

Mother's Day: Sunday, May 13th is Mother's Day. This day we will be having Baby Dedication plus this will be the start of our Summer Schedule with only one service at 10:15a.m. There will be no Sunday Night Activities, so plan accordingly.

Verses for the Month:

1 Corinthians 1:9 says, "God, who has called you into fellowship with Jesus Christ our Lord, is faithful."

Romans 8:28 says, "We know that all things work together for the good of those who love God; those who are called according to His purpose."

Colossians 1:15–16 says, "He is the image of invisible God, the firstborn over all creation; because by Him everything was created, in heaven and on earth, the visible and the invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities— all things have been created through Him and for Him."

God Bless,

Pastor Guy



Rev. Barry Pounds
Music Minister/Sr. Adult Minister

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Music Ministry

Praise the Lord for such talented and faithful musicians that lead our worship at First Baptist each Sunday. I am so very grateful and honored to serve with you. We need more singers to help make a joyful noise unto the Lord.

It is always my prayer that God bless our music that it might glorify His name, may using it to serve Him always be our aim. Let our music be a witness to Your majesty and love, and remind us that You're watching from Your throne above. Come sing with us. We need you. We rehearse every Wednesday night at 6pm in the choir room, second floor above sanctuary. See you there!

"Sing"cerely,
Bro. Barry

A personal note: I want to thank Lori Craft for these past for two years for being our secretary. You certainly helped me in my ministry at F.B.C. You will be missed and I know God will use you at Canton Academy.

God's Blessing on You!

Senior Adult Ministry

Coming Events:

Wednesday weekly Bible Study at 10 am. We are studying the 7 churches of Revelations. Open to all age groups.

Canton Spring Flea Market May 10th. Please sign up, we will man rest the restrooms and help with parking. Contact Barry to sign up.

May 22nd at noon we are having a cookout at the Herrington's. Come enjoy great food and fellowship, please sign up on kiosk.

God's blessings
Bro. Barry



Logan Ellzey Minister of Students

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Hello Church Family!

May marks the beginning of craziness for the Student Ministry. School is ending, which means report cards, exams, and trying to graduate or make it to another year of school. Summer is starting, which means vacations need to be planned, summer jobs started, and pools need to be filled. It is an exciting time, and a busy time as well. Because of this, we want to make sure you know what is coming up this month in our ministry:

Senior Recognition Sunday We are recognizing the leaders of our youth group and their families. This is always a wonderful time, and we want you to come out and support our students! It is Sunday, May 6th, during the 10:15am worship service. Come out and be a part!

Note: to be considered for recognition, Logan must have their name ASAP (like, yesterday) and they must have attended 10 church functions in the last school year.

Flea Market May 10th is like a holiday here in Canton, as people from all over the region come to hang out in Canton, and the Youth will be parking cars once again! If your child wants to have service hours or make scholarship money for youth events, they can come serve as we park cars for people on our campus. If so, please contact Logan Ellzey.

We hope to see you soon!

Logan Ellzey



May Birthdays

1
Andy Galloway

5
Linda Locklar

6
Kay Galloway

7
Turner Crews

8
Ben Conner
Allison Crews
Mike Elrod

10
Randy Shelton

13
Hanna Parkinson

18
Regina Ferguson

19
David Kennedy

20
Anna Carole Evans

21
Joshua Harris
James Hanks

22
Jean Cook

24
Shannon Conner

28
Sam Smith-Vaniz

31
Jerrilyn Matthews

*Note: This is a computer generated list. All errors are non-intentional.
Please call the church office with corrections to the Birthday list.*