
July Newsletter

FBC RAYMOND



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Dear Church,

Summer brings much activity for many people. Vacations, camps, sports and much more fill our days and our minds with precious memories.

Unfortunately, for many churches, this is also a time of decline in attendance and giving. FBC Raymond is no exception.

Presently, our church is indeed experiencing a deep summer slump in giving. Prayerfully things will improve, however, this is a good time to personally examine ourselves to see if we are being faithful in giving.

Giving is God's plan for the church to be able to minister, teach, train, evangelize, fellowship, and provide for those serving the church and so much more. God's plan means that the body of Christ at our church must be faithful to give so that we may operate.

Many are so very faithful, many more are sporadic and unfortunately, some give very little or none. Our church family must be faithful to give in order to meet our present needs and to continue to do God's work in the future.

Our giving is one indication of our spiritual health. Yes, a person can give and not be right with God, however, a person cannot be right with God without being a faithful giver.

If you are faithfully giving now, thank you! Let me challenge you to give generously. If your giving is sporadic, I want to encourage you to put God first and to become regular in your giving. If you are not giving at all, then start giving.

Giving is not optional, it is God's will. When we give, we are obeying God, worshipping Him through giving and funding His work through our church family. As a member of the FBC family, we need to do our part.

Guidelines for giving:

- Put God first, not last.
- Give regularly (weekly, monthly, etc.)
- Give generously (many use a tithe, 1/10, as a benchmark)
- Give cheerfully (worship through giving)
- Remember, 100% belongs to God.

Lastly, if any church, including ours, had the majority faithfully giving, there would be no money woes. In most churches, 20% of the people give 80% of the money. Let us see if we can do better than the average church. OUR MOTIVATION: TO OBEY AND WORSHIP THE LORD!

In Christ,

Bro. Mark



Student Ministry

Our students had a great last week with Justin Medders, Minister of Youth and College, at Eagle Rock. The camp theme this year was DISCIPLE, and students learned about what it means to be a real, authentic disciple of Christ.

While at Eagle Rock, students participated in a number of activities including rock climbing, canoeing, paintball, and more!

Students ended the week by witnessing five of their peers publicly proclaim their faith through baptism.

June 9th was Justin's last Sunday at FBC Raymond. God has called him to a senior pastor position at FBC Leland. We will miss Justin, Brooke, Avery, and Harper very much.

Caleb Boutwell has been named Interim Minister of Youth and College. Please be praying that the Lord sends us someone permanent soon.



Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School was a success! Students learned about not conforming to the world, and how to follow Jesus wholeheartedly!

Students participated in Bible study, missions, music, recreation, crafts, and more! They also raised money for the VBS our church helped with in Honduras!

We had twelve kids interested in learning more about the Gospel by the end of the week. Praise God! Please be praying for the seeds planted during VBS.



Weekend Warriors

Our Weekend Warriors team had a busy time this month! Here is a list of the projects they completed this month:

- Fixed and reset a mailbox an Amazon driver ran over
- Built a wheelchair ramp
- Reconnected loose vinyl siding facia on home
- Cleaned roof and gutters on home
- Replaced Ring Motion Light at home

Contact Wanda Ballard if you are interested in being involved with Weekend Warriors!



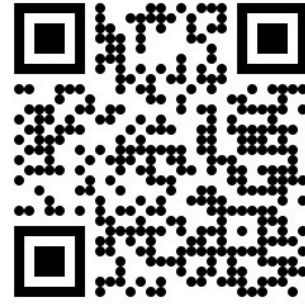
Honduras Mission Trip

This month, our church sent a mission team to Honduras! They were very busy doing construction work, VBS, sports ministry, door to door evangelism, and ministry at a deaf school. The deaf are considered an unreached people group as less than 2% of them are Christians. Our team was able to lead a deaf teenager to Christ! Praise God!

Please join us for the wedding of Audrey Jennings & Jacob Houston

August 3, 2024

At 10 o'clock in the morning
Provine Chapel @ MC
Clinton, MS



Summer Schedule

There is so much going on this summer in the life of our church! Keep up to date with everything that is going on by following us on social media! You can follow us on Instagram at @fbcraymond or you can find us on Facebook at First Baptist Church of Raymond.

Thank you for reading!

JOIN US ON SUNDAYS!	MORNING WORSHIP - 8:30 & 11:00
@fbcraymond	SUNDAY SCHOOL - 9:45

