



Pastor's Corner

Good Sunday morning everyone! Have you ever heard of the saying, "A goal without a plan is just a wish" or "A failure to plan is a plan to fail"? I want to focus this month on introducing you to the plans, I believe, God has laid before us to see our church begin a pattern of healthy church growth.

We are truly blessed to be members of a church that is strong in many ways. Our financial strength is the envy of many churches, not only on the Coast, but all around America. Our facilities, though needing some TLC, are excellent. We are located in the midst of a thriving and growing community, with more than 8500 residents in a 5 mile radius. God has blessed us in many ways, but the greatest blessing has been getting to know you and being able to serve alongside of you.

I am continually amazed by the dedication our membership has toward all the ministries of our church, toward each other, toward our community, toward missions, and toward our Lord. With all of the positive aspects of our church, we are poised to make a remarkable difference in the Lyman community, the nation, and around the world. If we are to be successful in our service to the Lord, then we must incorporate effective long and short range planning. Every successful

church, organization, or business develops and implements well prepared, managed, and executed planning.

To make a church plan we must define God's mission and vision, develop achievable goals within a set timeframe, and form an annual strategic plan which will help us achieve these goals. I have been meeting with the leadership of our church and the planning committee to consider and develop long and short range planning that will enable our church to achieve the kind of success we all long for – healthy church growth.

In consideration of our church plan, we must break it down into two major focuses. The first is purposing ourselves to be willfully obedient to God's mission. The second is more corporate in nature, and involves the maintenance and updating of our facilities, and the stewardship of our assets and resources. Planning will require all of our members taking responsibility within God's plan. It is my recommendation that we make a 5 year plan that will identify the goals we want to reach in the next 5 years. Then we will develop a strategic, short-range plan to move us toward achieving the long-range goals, annually. The strategic plan will consist of developing a church calendar of activities and tasks necessary to support the plan, and ultimately, the church goals.

As with any planning, each part will be prayerfully, carefully, and realistically developed, managed, evaluated, and updated. The process we are going to use is nothing new, but are the tried and true fundamentals used by many healthy churches to attain healthy church growth. I am very optimistic that utilizing this organizational structure that we will be able to align our church's activities and ministries to effectively and efficiently impact others for Christ's Kingdom.

I ask that you would join me in prayer, as we seek to purpose ourselves to this task of charting a course of healthy church growth for FBC Lyman. This work will require patience, dedication, discipline, and diligence, but I believe the rewards of serving the Lord in this manner will help us to reap the rewards for generations to come.

Joining you in prayer,

Bro. David

WMU

As May comes to an end, we are reminded of the lives that were given for our freedom. So many men and women died in World War I, World War II, Korean Conflict, Vietnam, Iraq, and Afghanistan, to name just a few. But none of these came close to the sacrifice that Jesus, our Lord and Savior, paid for us. He led the perfect life and died on the cross so that every person that died in each of these wars and everyone else. "Believe in the Lord Jesus and you will be saved" (Acts 16:31a).

Our WMU ladies continue to gather items for the Women's Shelter for battered and abused women with hopes to distribute them this month. Thank you again for your support of this mission.

Please pray for us ladies as there has been several illnesses in our group, but we are remaining faithful to our call to the Lord Jesus. Our April showers bring May flowers. It is my hope that the May flowers will brighten your life and the aroma of God's love will encircle you.

Carolyn Stewart, WMU Director

Women's Enrichment Ministry



The WEM Ministry team did a fantastic job turning our hard, cold, loud fellowship hall into a very beautiful and pleasant "garden" for our lunch event, "Come to the Garden", on Saturday, May 12th. The event was well-attended, and we were served delicious salads and vegetables. Dessert was make-it-yourself strawberry shortcakes.



The program was a study based on three of the gardens in the Bible: The

Garden of Eden, The Garden of Gethsemane and the garden where Jesus was temporarily buried in the tomb of Joseph of

Arimathea. The study was presented by Michelle Herrin (writer) with quotes read by Lori Evans, written prayers read by Meredith Cunningham, a gardening poem read by Judy Helms and fitting songs sung beautifully by Christi Peavy.



Michelle Herrin, Director WEM

Youth

Bro. David & Becky hosted a youth event at their home on Memorial Day. He grilled burgers and hotdogs. They played volleyball and UNO. The event was well-attended.

Summer Camp

The Youth will be attending Summer Camp at Laguna Beach Christian Retreat in Panama City, Florida, beginning **this Friday, June 1st** through **Monday, June 4th**. They will be going to Woodstock Baptist Church on **Sunday**.

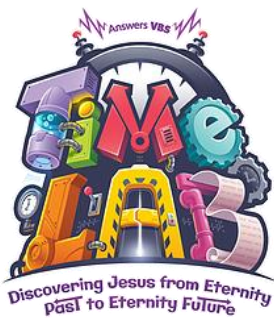
Bro. David will be planning the lessons. They will also participate in sports such as volleyball, basketball, and swimming, and they will get to visit a Bass Pro Shop on **Friday**.

Brandi Shupe, Kim Peterman, and Meredith Cunningham, will help chaperone and will be joined by Lawrence , the BSU director at MGCCC, Jeff Davis Campus. The students attending are Kyle, Jenna, Alex, Julianne, Trace, Jacob, Brittani, Cody, and Jill. Please pray for these leaders and students.

The Youth also want to thank you for helping them with expenses for this trip by supporting their recent spaghetti lunch fund-raiser. They earned \$410.00.

VBS

Our VBS theme this year is Time Lab: Discovering Jesus from Eternity Past to Eternity Future. There is a lot in just the title. Eternity past and eternity future are not topics in every day conversation. And neither is discovering Jesus. The week of **June 18-22**, will be a time of fresh conversations and, prayerfully, conversions.



Our drama will provide a great example for how to witness to others in our life. Don't miss it! Cast is Jeff, Meredith, and Trace Cunningham, Michelle Herrin, Jacob Shupe, Alex May, Jeff Peterman and Cody Grant. They will perform a daily, ongoing drama, at 8:05 each evening.

Children will be discovering Jesus in Bible class, science and craft class, missions class and games class. They will study Jesus in creation, in the Old Testament, in the New Testament, in the present and in the future.

We are given an annual opportunity to fulfill the Great Commission by just driving to our church daily for one week. Don't miss this event of eternal discussions. Join us this year. We will have a brief meeting **June 10**, at 5 pm, to wrap up details. Please come by and engage. Let's boldly proclaim Jesus for eternity.

Karen Peterman, VBS Director

There are VBS Flyers and Bookmarks in the foyer. Grab some and pass out to neighbors and friends!

Children's Ministry

Camp will be at Central Hills Retreat in West, Mississippi, June 28-30. Jeff and Karen Peterman are chaperones. Please pray for the children attending: Abigail, Olivia, and Adrienne Peterman, Ethan McDougall, and Matthew Williams.

The Children's Department had a pool and pizza party Donald and Loris Evan's home last Wednesday. It was a wrap-up to their study about Phillip and the Ethiopian. They have also been very focused on learning Scriptures.



M.L. Tootle Missions

The M L Tootle Food Pantry is “rocking along” in the merry month of May. We have had enough food, enough energy, and enough workers. We are grateful to FBC Lyman for everything—the prayers, the food, the volunteers, and the financial support. Through the years that I have been a worker at this food pantry, I have been amazed and humbled by the ability to keep our doors open. Only through the steadfast support of people like our friends at FBC Lyman is this possible. Thank you.

Judy Helms, M.L. Tootle Mission

Backpack Ministry

When Regina took over the back pack ministry, we had three schools with 80 children and no money. She said we needed to downsize.

Regina suggested for us to keep Lyman Elementary and adopt the school. Meaning we could do more. For example, if a child needs a coat, shoes, or school supplies, etc., we could do that. We both went and talked to the principal. She said she needed someone to clean up the garden.

Regina and I stayed busy just providing food and raising money but wanted to do more. Regina would be so happy knowing that Bro. David has helped us take our adoption to the next level. He is definitely meeting the need that Regina suggested for us.

Thank you Bro. David for making this dream come true. Also, thank you Jerry and Betty for raising such a caring, compassionate person as Regina.

Love, in Christ,

Bonnie Thrash, Backpack Ministry Director

Graduates Recognition

This year we honored four graduates. Our high school graduates, all graduating from Christian Collegiate Academy, were Erica Cuevas, Alex May and Kyle Peterman, and from Mississippi College, George Peterman.



Erica and Kyle graduated with honors. Alex graduated as Scholar Athlete for the highest GPA during her senior year and she also received the Spirit of Excellence Award.

George graduated from Mississippi College Summa Cum Laude, was a President's List Scholar, Outstanding Senior in Pre-Law, and has received a full scholarship to the University of Alabama Law School.

The ceremony opened with a beautiful video prepared by Bob Snyder complete with music and many pictures of our graduates. Bro. David then presented the graduates with gifts from the church. The high school graduates received study Bibles and George received a briefcase.



Please keep these students in your prayers as they take their next steps toward Christ and into the world.

Young at Heart

On Tuesday, May 22nd, eleven members of your Young At Heart attended the 2018 Senior Day Retreat at the FBC of Columbia. Thought the day was filled with many down pours of rain, it never dampened our spirits or the day.



We were treated to many outstanding guest speakers, humorists, and Christian music from the group "Legacy" from FBC of Columbia and Miss Elizabeth Buys - "2017 Miss Mississippi". Bob, David, and myself were also asked by Miss Mississippi to have our pictures taken with her (anyway that's our story).



Dr. Tommy King, President of William Carey University, closed the meeting with a report on the status of William Carey University. He said William Carey is on the road to recovery (but broke) after the storm that destroyed the campus.

Lyman YAH is looking for people interested in joining a group of God loving, fun seeking, active seniors. If that sounds like you then I'll be looking for you at the next YAH meeting.

Alan Coakley, YAH Director

Eric May – R & R Award

Eric May, Director of Maintenance at Specialized Treatment Facility, was recently recognized by the Mississippi Workers Compensation Education Association (MWCEA) in receiving the 2018 Recovery and Return Award.



The annual R & R award is presented to an injured Mississippi worker who has demonstrated exceptional motivation to obtain physical recovery and return to the productive workforce. Specialized Treatment Facility was recognized publically for accommodating Eric's return to work at light duty, followed by a full duty transition that was instrumental in the success of the work injury recovery.

Tina O'Keefe, President of the MWCEA Board of Directors, said, "Eric demonstrated how the cooperation between the worker, the employer and the carrier can lead to successful recovery and return to employment."

Thanks to Eric for his dedication in returning to work at STF, and to MWCEA for recognizing his work and recovery.

Maintenance Committee

Pastorium drain has been inspected by camera and appears to be free of leaks. Drain has been cleaned and reconnected to the septic tank. We are awaiting estimates on final elevation work to increase rainwater drainage away from the building. Considering sod or grass seeding. If final moisture check on the foundation is okay, we will install flooring and clean the building. Building will be made ready for the Church's next purpose of the building.

Roof leak over administrative offices have been addressed. Temporary repairs have been made. We are awaiting estimate from roofing company to make repairs.

All air conditioning units have been repaired in preparation for VBS with the exception of one unit that is pending. We anticipate complete repair prior to VBS. We are pursuing a service contract to inspect and service all heating and air conditioning units on a semi-annual basis. This should prove to be a cost saving measure concerning our units.

Playground does not have to adhere to State Department of Health Guidelines due to the determination that FBC Lyman does not operate a daycare center requiring licensure. However, the Maintenance Committee will inspect the playground and make recommendations to ensure due diligence in providing a safe environment for our children and guests.

Other priorities include addressing the drainage issues on the grounds, additional gutter work, parking for disabled persons, painting and pressure washing.

Committee Members: David Bobinger, Jack Lee, Eric May, David Peacock, Kenny Peterman, and Doug White. Our Thanks to Jeff Cunningham for his assistance as we transition responsibilities to the Committee.

Pat Lowery, Chairman

Wednesday Night Meal Ministry

We had another wonderful season of fellowship made possible by our [Wednesday](#) Night Meal Ministry. We served probably 35 people on average each [Wednesday](#). This ministry makes it possible for working parents to be able to get to church with their children in time for prayer meeting and missions classes without the hassle of rushing through a meal or eating later than they should. We truly enjoy a great fellowship during this time and a delicious meal.

I want to thank all those who make the meals possible. Our cooks are Bob Snyder, Pat Lowery, Donald & Lori Evans, Christine Lawson (She knows how to make those desserts!) and yours truly. We also have a great cleanup crew, which includes almost everyone that eats. We also want to thank the church for supporting this ministry both with the budget you have given us to supplement our donations and by attending the dinners with us. Everyone is always welcome!

If you would like to help with this ministry next year, please let me know. We will begin again shortly after school starts for the 2018-2019 season.

Counting Committee – June 2018

3 rd	10 th	17 th	24 th
Brandy P.	Joyce P.	Rachel D.	Alex May
Kim G.	Vera A.	John C.	Meredith C.

Deacon of the Week – June 2018

3 rd	10 th	17 th	24 th
Doug B.	Nathan M.	Donald E.	Eric M.
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