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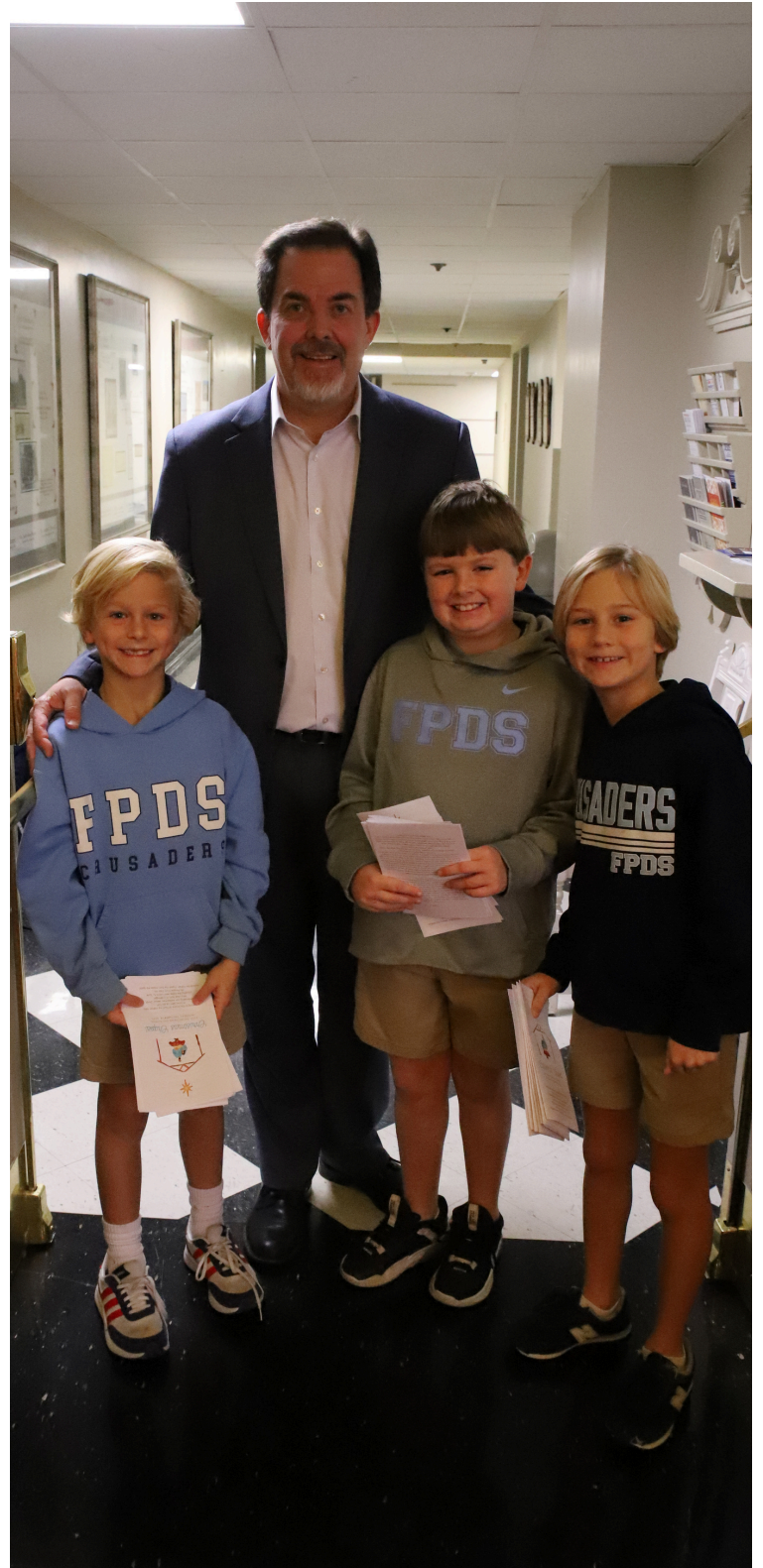
## Chapel Fundraiser: How Your Offering Has Helped Out the School

*By Samantha Soen, Lorelei Torrey,  
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When you put an offering in the collection plate you probably don't think much about it, but your offering has actually made a really big impact on these different organizations. The first nine weeks we raised money for Blair Batson Children's Hospital, which is on 2500 N State Street Jackson. The hospital helps children with life-threatening diseases. Their goal is to help these children and their families do whatever they can possibly do. In total, we raised about one thousand dollars for the first nine weeks. This money was used to buy books to donate to Batson's.

The second nine weeks, the money went towards God's Haven lunches and Bibles. God's Haven is located in Raymond. The lunches included small notes which contained Bible verses. The Christmas gifts also included a Bible for the children to read. In total, the money we raised went towards Bibles and sack lunches. In total, we raised money for three hundred sack lunches and thirty-nine Bibles.

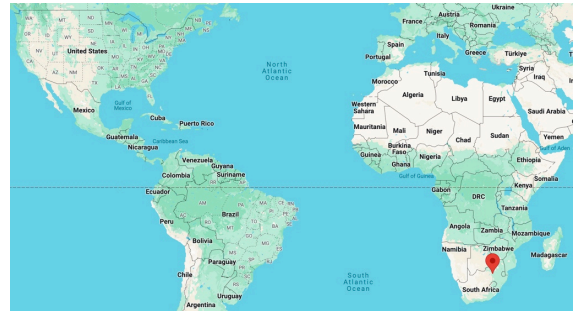
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The next nine weeks, the money went towards the Ramoste Churches After School Program located in Johannesburg, South Africa. This is an after school program that helps all children from toddlers to teenagers. The after school program includes fun activities, nutritious snacks and fellowship with others. They also get help on their homework. All the money that you put in the collection plate went towards a new school building being built. In total to go towards this program, we raised a sum of just over \$1,100.

Our current donations are helping Seedsters at the Mustard Seed. The Mustard Seed is located at 1085 Luckney Road in Brandon, Mississippi. At the Mustard Seed they provide fun-filled activities as well as education for them. Some will come to stay for the day, others live there. The Mustard Seed's foundation provides these individuals with three meals a day along with snacks in between to fulfill their appetites. At press time, we were still raising money for the Mustard Seed.





## FPDS Track Team is on Track

*By Gordon Stutzman and Joshua Luo*

This year the FPDS Track team partnered with three other schools to give 5th and 6th grade students an opportunity to engage in a running sport. The three coaches that helped and encouraged the team were all from Millsaps. FPDS used Millsaps' track to run on during the track practices. The three coaches are students who are members of the Track team at Millsaps. Coach Moss knew the track team coach at Millsaps, and she suggested the three students. Coach Moss said the coaches were very excited about being able to teach kids to run and have endurance. "They enjoyed watching us grow faster and faster each and every day," Coach Moss said.





# Favorite Field Trip Survey

*By Ellie Clark Bufkin, Ava Davis, and Olivia Dunlap*

First Pres takes its students on many fun and educational field trips every year. We interviewed students from each grade to find out which of these trips enticed them the most. With reviews from each kid in every grade, the results are astonishing. Let's get started!

To begin, we interviewed **K5**. The youngest students got to go to both the home of the famous writer Eudora Welty and the enjoyable Children's Museum. When asked to give a show of hands for whoever enjoyed the Children's Museum the most, a score of 51 kids were counted. When asked to vote for Eudora Welty's house, 11 kids loved it the most. I think that I can safely say that the kids had a ball at the Children's Museum!

Next up were the **1st graders**! Their choices were the pumpkin patch that they went to, or (you guessed it), the Children's Museum! When asked the same questions as the kindergarteners, the Children's Museum surprisingly did not come out on top, with a score of five! The pumpkin patch shocked everyone by coming out with a whopping 19!

**2nd grade** was next. These energetic kids were more than ready to be a part of the survey. They went to McClain's Lodge, a fun place where animals graze and the children play, and the same pumpkin patch that got the favor of 1st grade. The second graders made their choice quickly, the difference between the two trips interesting. McClain's Lodge got 47 votes, while the pumpkin patch scored 19. That's a familiar number!

We then presumed our survey on the second floor, **3rd grade** hall. We went class to class, door by door filled with curious and attentive minds. They had two field trips to choose from, the Governor's Mansion or the Hattiesburg Zoo. After closing our surveys with each class, and with a raise of hands, the overall favorite was the Hattiesburg Zoo, with a score of 25 votes. One more vote than the Governor's Mansion!

We then made our way to the 3rd floor consisting of mostly **4th graders** in one hall. The fourth graders had a choice between the Mississippi State College and the Governor's Mansion. It was a hard choice, and after much hesitation, the fourth graders decided who they wanted to individually vote for. The trip that came out on top was actually the Governor's Mansion with 47 votes. The college, however, only scored 11 points. I guess we know who won!

After surveying grade four, we found ourselves with the **fifth grade**. The two field trips voted between were the Bill Walters' Crafts Center and the familiar Governor's Mansion. With four classes to survey, the overall favorite field trip was the Governor's Mansion, coming out with a score of 34. This field trip was favored by 21 more kids than the crafts center. Wow!

We finally ended our survey with our very own people, the **sixth graders**. We could choose between two field trips: the Twin Lakes retreat or Universal. After adding up the scores, there was one field trip that came on the very top, and it was, you guessed it, Universal! Universal had the score of 42, and Twin Lakes didn't even come close with the score of nine. What an incredible difference!

These were our results on our favorite field trip survey with every grade. Thank you for reading!



## 6th Grade FPDS Memories

*By James Ritchie, Turner Jones, Timothy Nations*

Sydney Smith said, “One time my friend and I were skipping down the hallway and she kept skipping while her friend was flat on the ground.” Davison Tyra said, “I like watching all of my little sister’s plays.” Eloise Ketchum said, “I like all the field days that I had at FPDS.” Pate Aldridge said, “I like going on all the field trips throughout the years.” Everyone in 6th grade had a lot of very fun memories at FPDS.

## The Universal Trip will be a Blast

*By Gordon Stutzman and Joshua Luo*

The sixth grade students will be going to Universal this year. “We will have a blast,” said Joshua Luo, sixth grader. They will be going to Universal on the sixth of May and will return on the eighth. They also get to get out three weeks before everyone else in the school. Sounds like there will be some jealousy around the school. “I think this will be the best field trip I’ve had,” said Gordon Stutzman, sixth grader.

## What I Love About FPDS

*By Collins Rooker, Lettie Wyatt, and Katherine Lewis*

We went to six students from FPDS. First, we went to Wills Lane. He said his favorite thing about FPDS was going to PE. He is looking forward to going to Prep because his mom and his sister are there. Next, we went to Benny. He said his favorite things were the friends, teachers, playground, and sports. He is looking forward to going to Prep. Katie’s favorite thing about FPDS is PE, the playground, recess, basketball, friends, and the teachers. She is going to Prep. Virginia’s favorite thing about FPDS is friends, teachers, recess, PE, and volleyball. She is excited for next year at JA. Nick’s favorite thing about FPDS is sports, and the playground. Nick is looking forward to the soccer program at Prep. Neely’s favorite things about FPDS are friends, Christian school, fun games, PE, cheerleading, and basketball. Next year, Neely is going to Prep.



## **Fun with Preschoolers**

*By Allen Arterberry and Cameron Queen*

We interviewed some preschoolers at First Presbyterian Day School. We asked them what's their favorite sport, if they prefer water park or theme park, and if Dino nuggets or chicken tenders are better.

Miller: playing w/ mom, water park, dino nuggets

Grayson: baseball, roller coaster, Dino nuggets

Ella June: swimming, water park, Dino nuggets

Luke: skateboard, water, Dino nuggets

Charlie: soccer, water park, Dino nuggets and tenders

Mae: baseball, water park, Dino nuggets

Kyger: football, water, Dino nuggets and tenders

Mary: tennis, roller coaster, Dino nuggets



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