Last Sunday's Record December 3

First Baptist SS: 273 Offering: \$34,989.71

January 1, 2017

 Requirements: \$1,274,753.76

 Receipts:
 \$1,186,715.23

 Lottie Moon:
 \$5,377.00

Deacon of the Week

12/10 - David McCubbin 12/17 - Leonard Cobb 12/24 - Don Evans

FAMILY NIGHT SUPPER

December 13

Bacon Wrapped Chicken Breast over Rice Green Beans Yeast Rolls and Desserts

KIDS: Pizza and Chips

Adults : \$5.00 KIDS (**12 and under):** \$3.00 Family Maximum \$20.00

<u>SERVERS</u>

JoAnn Braddock J.B. and Teresa Griffith Bill Simcox

SUNDAY, December 10 8:45 - FBC Coffee Café 9:15 - Sunday School 10:00 - Library Open 10:30 - Morning Worship 6:00 - Joyous Sounds of Christmas

MONDAY, December 11

6:30 - Righteous Oaks Bible Study

TUESDAY, December 12

7:00 - Men's Prayer Group
1:00 - GriefShare
4:00 - English as Second Language
4:30 - Tuesday Hospital Ministry
6:00 - Prayer Shawl Ministry/Aldersgate

WEDNESDAY, December 13

4:15 - B.L.A.S.T. Tutoring
4:30 - English as Second Language
5:00 - Family Night Supper
6:00 - Children's Caroling
6:30 - Youth Christmas Party

RE M I N D E R FUDGE PICK UP DATE: Sunday, December 10!

100 ESSENTIAL SCRIPTURE PASSAGES Week of Dec. 10 Revelation 5:6-14, 19:1-10, 21:1-7 and 22:15 Week of Dec. 17 The Christmas Story Luke, Chapter 2 First Baptist Messenger (USPS 591400)is published weekly by First Baptist Church P.O. Box 1509 / Meridian, MS 39302 Periodical Postage Paid at Meridian, MS 39302 POSTMASTER: Send address changes to: First Baptist Messenger P.O. Box 1509 / Meridian, MS 39302

VOLUNTEER MINISTRY for December 10

Place Label Here

PRESCHOOL EXT. SESSION Counting Committee Chris Lauderdale Timothy and Candice Maloney Ryan Haarala Henry Wilson LAUNCH Kelly Swain, chairman Walter and Cassie Rogers Security **Brittney Harrison** Trey Gray John Calhoun **Worship Welcomers TV Ministry** Cecil and Carolyn Johnson Adam Foreman, Jet Scar-Joyce Frank Celeste Little brough, Benjamin Porter, Brad Henry, Alana Akin, Edie Long, Isabel Long, Greeters Jeremy Hill, Fred Porter David and Helen Webb Lydia Sanders Carolyn Hodgins Dr. Scott Hummel, Interim Pastor

Rev. David McCubbin, Associate Pastor Emeritus Rev. Wayne Polk, Associate Pastor for Outreach and Discipleship Rev. David Bishop, Associate Pastor for Music Rev. Josh Dunn, Associate Pastor for Students Caitlin Braud, Director of Children's Ministries 701 26th Avenue/P.O. Box 1509 601.484.4600 601.484/4620 (F) Meridian, MS 39302 www.fbcmeridian.org Pastor Search email address: fbcmsearch@gmail.com



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Joyous Sounds of Christmas



Music for 3's Preschool Choir Children's Choir also featuring FBC Youth Choir With a special presentation by our Young Ringers "Mary, Joseph and the Baby" narrated by Amy Presley as the "Donkey" Ginger Richardson as the "Sheep"

Live Nativity featuring FBC Youth

The FBC Chrismon Tree

For Christians, the Christmas tree has become a symbol of Christ as the "tree of life." Through the birth of Jesus, believers have been given God's gifts of life, light, hope, joy and peace.

"Chrismon" is a combination of the words "Christ" and "monogram," and simply means "symbols of Christ." Chrismons are gold and white, representing majesty and purity. Their designs are developed from



early Christian symbols, the Bible and church histories. Early Christians often worshipped in secret to avoid possible persecution and death. They developed certain symbols that were used to communicate with fellow believers and direct Christians to secret places of worship.



Take some time this Christmas season to stop by our Chrismon Tree in the Welcome Center and ponder the meaning of these beautiful handmade ornaments.

Carols and Candles

Sunday, December 17 6:00 p.m.





Christmas Eve **Communion Service** Sunday, December 24 5:00 p.m.



Sunday, December 10

9:15 a.m. FBC Gym 2 year old Class through 5th grade. Join us to celebrate the birth of Jesus! Parents...Drop off in Sunday School Classroom and pick up in gym.

Children...REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR \$1

for LOTTIE MOON!



Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions OUR GOAL: \$50,000 We have given: \$5,377.00



Wednesday, December 13 @ 6:30 p.m. **Youth Christmas Party**

Sunday, December 18 YOUTH CHRISTMAS CAROLING

TIME: 9:30 a.m. Lunch included



XTREME WINTER - December 27 - 29



Pray for our Pastor Search Committee... Tommy Allen Jonda Henry Ward Calhoun Rachael Scarbrough Randy Carroll Louise Williamson Scott Sills **Pray for our new Pastor...**to walk in purity and be protected from the deceptive schemes of Satan. Ephesians 4:27, 2 Thessalonians 3:3, 1 Timothy 3:7, James 4:7, 1 Peter 5:8

Sympathies to ...

Paul, Carol Ann and Sarah Beth Prvor in the death of his mother, Joyce Pryor.

Memorials...

Lottie Moon

In memory of: Amie Adkins Myles Frank Wayne Bagley Bill Blount Justin Cobb Leola Cowart Mae Carol Eastwood Marlene Williams Mary Ellen Germany Gene Henley Mary Ann Bounds Russell Sue Marsalis Vera Smith (Josh Dunn's grandmother) Don Graham (Donna May's father) Joyce Pryor (Paul Pryor's mother)

In honor of: Lydia Sunday School Class

Youth Ministry In memory of: Justin Cobb and Brent Cobb

Christmas Poinsettias

Poinsettias will again grace our sanctuary during the Christmas season and will be available to purchase for <u>\$5.00</u> each in honor or in memory of someone special.
Please send in this order form with your payment.
Given by:
Number of Poinsettias:
In Memory of:
In Honor of:
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You will need to pick up your poinsettias after the Christmas Eve service.