

**Last Sunday's Record - June 16, 2019**

First Baptist SS: 240    Offering: \$16,403.92

**January 1, 2019**

Requirements: \$622,023.12

Receipts: \$600,453.87

**Deacon of the Week**

6/23 - Brad Henry      6/30 - Tommy Brewer  
7/7 - Leonard Cobb    7/14 - Benny Harrison  
7/21 - Joe Kieronski    7/28 - Trey Long

**Sermon for June 23**

*"Missing the Point"*

Jonah 1:17

Dr. Nathan VanHorn

**Deacon's Breakfast**

Sunday, June 23    8:00 a.m.

**FAMILY NIGHT SUPPER**

*Family Night Supper and all regularly scheduled activities are suspended for the summer and will resume on*

**Wednesday, August 14**

**PRAYER MEETING SUMMER SCHEDULE**

5:30 p.m.    CHAPEL

**VOLUNTEER MINISTRY for June 23**

**PRESCHOOL EXT. SESSION**

Leslie and Jill Williams

**LAUNCH**

Caitlin Braud    Timothy and Candice Maloney

**WORSHIP WELCOMERS**

Gary and Sally Wilkinson    Neil and Amanda Henry

**GREETERS**

Allan and Diane Tolleson    John and Gaile Culpepper

**SECURITY**

Ryan Haarala    Jody Richardson

**SUNDAY, June 23**

9:15 - Sunday School  
10:00 - Library Open  
10:30 - Morning Worship

**TUESDAY, June 25**

7:00 - Men's Prayer Group  
12:00 - YOUTH Lunch Bunch  
4:30 - Tuesday Hospital Ministry  
6:00 - Prayer Shawl Ministry/Aldersgate

**WEDNESDAY, June 26**

5:30 - Prayer Meeting  
6:30 - Outburst Praise Band Practice

**THURSDAY, June 27**

9:00 - Children's Ministry Trip/McLain Safari Tour

**DISASTER RELIEF TEAM**

The Lauderdale Baptist Association would like to form a DISASTER RELIEF TEAM. If you are interested in joining or hearing more about this effort, please contact the LBA at 601.483.1419

**COUNTING**

Susan Hill, Chris Lauderdale, Don Evans, and Freddie Poitevent, *chairman*

**TV MINISTRY**

Bobby and Janet Berg, Jet Scarbrough, Brad Henry, Edie Long, Isabell Long, Turner Rogers, Sam Garrett and Priscilla Scarbrough

*Dr. Nathan VanHorn, Pastor*

*Rev. David McCubbin, Associate Pastor Emeritus*

*Rev. David Bishop, Associate Pastor for Music*

*Caitlin Braud, Director of Children's Ministries*

*Libby Waite, Interim Minister with Students*

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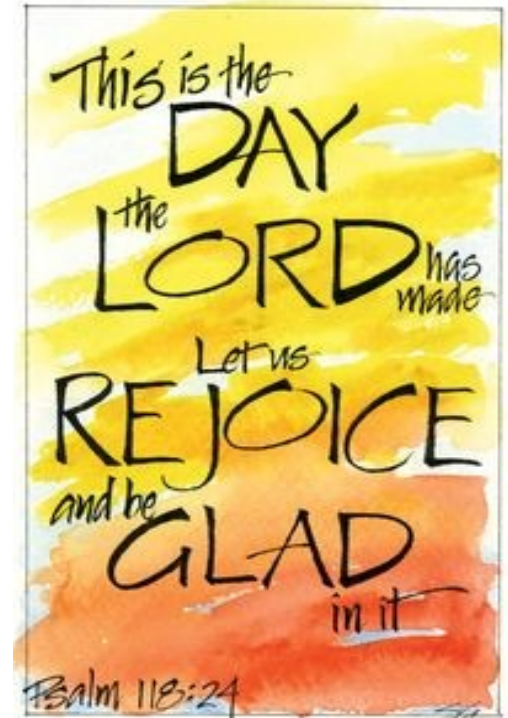
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**The Messenger**

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**WAYS TO WORSHIP WITH US  
THIS SUMMER**



**SUNDAYS @ 9:15 AM - SUNDAY SCHOOL  
10:30 AM - MORNING WORSHIP\***

**\*TELEVISION ON WTOG CHANNEL 11-CABLE 6  
OR WATCH LIVESTREAM ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE**

**WEDNESDAYS @ 5:30 PM**

**"BIG TRUTHS IN SMALL DOSES"**

**COME AND INVITE A FRIEND TO JOIN YOU!**

## Choir Tour with our FBC Youth Choir...

Church (especially David), Thank you so much for letting me accompany our youth choir in Chicago last week. I believe firmly in multigenerational churches with multigenerational ministry. Touring with the youth last week was a perfect representation of that dynamic within our FBCM family, especially with our offering for Aldersgate this past Sunday and VBS this week. Without question, the highlight of my week was our first nursing home concert. There was a woman on the front row named Violet, and the concert just "made her year" (her words). I wish everyone in our church could have seen this sister worship. Months of practice > week-long trip > half-hour concert > fruit of eternal significance.

Students and parents, I cannot encourage you strongly enough to be committed to our youth choir ministry. After a summer hiatus, they will resume practice on Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. in the choir room this fall. We all know that we live in a society that is too busy, inclining us toward instant gratification any chance we get. Nowhere is this trend more evident in churches than our approach to music. But I am convinced that worship through music (including practice and preparation) is a key and often-overlooked aspect of discipleship. Music, like discipleship, requires "a long obedience in the same direction" — a patient investment of time and effort that tills the soil and waters the plants until the crop comes in due season. Having experienced the fruit of this ministry, I ask you and your family to put down roots there for years to come.



Blessings,  
Your Pastor

Sundays @ 10:30 a.m.  
**JONAH**  
WEEK 5: MISSING THE POINT  
JONAH 1:17

**IT'S HERE...and it is exciting!** **shelbynext**  
Our church software has been updated to a cloud-based version called ShelbyNext. We continue to appreciate your patience and prayers as we make this transition.

Once we get our update complete, we will be able to offer to you as church members a wonderful new feature, the ability for **you** to have an app on your phone which will give you access to your own personal information as well as your giving history. You will have a direct source of online giving without having to go to the website. This information will be available **only to you.**

Another feature of the app will be a Church Directory, a valuable tool in communicating with your church family. You will have access to phone numbers, mailing addresses, email addresses and birthdates. The app requires a login, so your information will **ONLY** be shared with other church members.


Before we launch the app, we would like to ask you to call the church office **IF YOU DO NOT WANT YOUR INFORMATION AVAILABLE ON THE APP.** We are shooting for a July launch of the app - so please let us know as soon as possible if you would like to be removed from the online directory.

## **EBC CHILDREN'S MINISTRY** **Thursday, June 27** **McClain Safari Tour**

Leave at 9:00 a.m. Return by 3:00 p.m.  
Cost: \$10 plus lunch (\$7 for buffet)  
Bring sunscreen, camera, water bottle, & rain poncho-  
CLOSED TOE SHOES - recommended  
**SIGNED WAIVER REQUIRED**

**PRAY FOR OUR...**  
**Student Minister Search Committee**  
Kacey Bailey Cassie Rogers Elliot Brewer  
Jeremy Hill Trey Long

You are cordially invited  
to attend a  
**Bridal Tea Shower**  
honoring  
**Julie McKenzie**  
Bride elect of John Carroll  
**Sunday, June 30th**  
From two until three in the afternoon  
First Baptist Church  
Welcome Center

 Welcome to our newest members...  
Steve and Cheryl Gressett

**Memorials...**  
**Missions and Ministry**  
In memory of: Harry Causey  
**Music**  
In memory of:  
Paul Perkins (Kim Clark's father)  
Rita Snowden (Tim Snowden's mother)  
**Benevolence**  
In memory of: Peggy Tingle  
**Youth Fund**  
In memory of: Harry Causey

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!**  
Adult 4 Sunday School Classes  
Retirees and Homebound  
**Super Senior Worship Experience**  
**Sunday, July 14 3:00 p.m.**  
Aldersgate Independent Living  
Dining room