

Last Sunday's Record - April 5, 2020

Offering: \$26,100.25

January 1, 2020

Requirements: \$366,224.18

Receipts: \$ 416,224.76

Annie Armstrong Offering \$16,052.61

Deacon of the Week

4/12 - Trey Long

4/19 - Joey Mabry 4/26 - Leslie Dunn

5/3 - Walter Rogers, Sr. 5/10 - Jet Scarbrough

5/17 - Jim Williamson 5/24 - John Anderson, Sr.

5/31 - Tommy Cason

Sermon for April 12

"Easter Clothes"

1 Corinthians 15:50-58

CONTINUING PRAYER NEEDS

Jim Patton (1/5/20) friend of Chris Lauderdale

Margaret Roberson (1/8/20) Joe Ross' sister

Julia Joyce Horn (1/8/20) Joyce Frank's granddaughter

Susan Dunn (1/9/20)

Dottie Schachte (1/9/20) friend of Arlene Campbell

Sandra Johnson (1/19/20) friend of Sandra Dennis

Hays Monsour (1/20/20)

Emily Price (7/20/20)

Dorothy and Harry Little (1/20/20)

Les and Liz Prystup (1/20/20)

Rebecca King (1/20/20)

Lisa and Wayne Powell (1/20/20)

Ginger Richardson (1/22/20)

Carole Lewis (1/22/20)

Pat Dalferes (1/26/20) friend of Debi Perkins

Freddie Poitevent (1/28/20)

Robert and Coweela George (1/28/20)
Debra Porter's sister and brother-in-law

Jim and Gloria Addison (1/28/20)

Ken Smith (1/28/20) Linda Smith's brother

The Cobb Family

Kelly Richardson (1/28/20)

Margaret Harrison (1/28/20)

Michelle Spedero (1/28/20) Diane Davison's daughter

Leonard Jones Pam Maloney's father

Mavis Slayton (10/11/19) friend of J.B. and Teresa Griffith

Donna Rainey (10/22/19) Gaile Culpepper's cousin

Joseph Horn (10/29/10) Gaines Harrell's nephew

Jack Follis (10/29/19)

Cindy Howell (1/27/20) Molly Ellis' niece

Danny Hill (2/3/20) friend of Ward Calhoun, Jr.

Maude Grant (2/3/20) Richard Grant's mother (ESL)

Antonia Garza (2/9/20) friend of Lisa Powell

Andrea Powell (2/11/20) friend of the VanHorns

Ellen Rogers (2/12/20)

Candy Meyers (2/12/20) Marilyn Green's niece

Jaeger Cumberland (2/17/20) Dorothy Little's great grandson

Family of Lynn Combest (2/17/20)

Cary Vaughn (2/23/20)

David Monsour (2/24/20) friend of Leonard Cobb

Louise Ellis (3/1/20) John Ellis' mother

Tony Sansone (3/1/20)

DeRina Usher (3/1/20) Judy Pettey's friend

Maudie Newsome (3/1/20)

Mel Bounds (3/1/20)

Paulette Hopkins (3/1/20) David Hopkins' mother

Barbara Cleveland (3/10/20) Ingrid Price's friend

Melba Wesson (3/13/20) Margaret Harrison's friend

Judge Charles Smith (3/16/20) Friend of Leonard Cobb

Gray Spencer 3/20/20 Pam Gray's cousin's son

Dee Negrete (3/20/20) Joe and Betty Ross' daughter

Emily Olander (3/28/20) Gary and Sally Wilkinson's niece

Pete and Julie Bertrand (3/31/20) Albert Alston's friend

Brook Davis (3/31/20) Jennifer Williams' husband's cousin

Pete Denton (4/1/20) Ray Denton/Cathy Carpenter's father

NEW PRAYER REQUESTS THIS WEEK

Raymon Leake (4/1/20)

Michelle Weatherford (4/8/20) friend of Shea Leake

Jim Harris (4/8/20) Tammy Matthews' father

Dr. Nathan VanHorn, Pastor

Rev. David Bishop, Associate Pastor for Music

Zach DePriest, Minister of Youth Caitlin Braud, Director of Children's Ministries

Dr. Raymon Leake, Pastor Emeritus

Rev. David McCubbin, Associate Pastor Emeritus

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THE MESSENGER

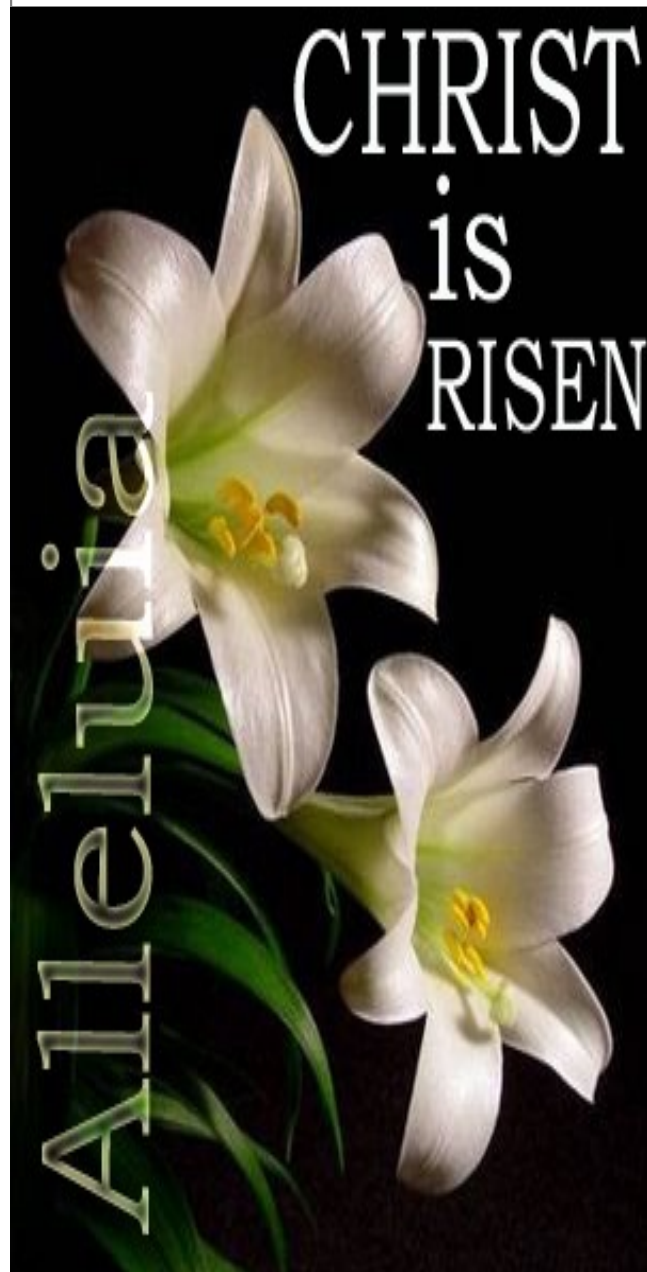


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AT ALL TIMES... AND FOR EVERYTHING

*"Giving thanks to God the Father at all times
and for everything
in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ."*

Ephesians 5:20

Paul offered these words long ago when he was under less-than-perfect circumstances. Nevertheless, he said that we are to give thanks for all things unto God. To do so, at best, is a difficult challenge. Neither is thankfulness our natural tendency. Late in the 1800's, Orville Dewey expressed the sentiments of Paul:

"Notwithstanding all the pain and weariness and anxiety and sorrow that necessarily enter into life, and the inward errings that are worse than all, I would end my record with a devout thanksgiving to the great author of my being."

Expressing a "thanksgiving for mercies," or the benefits of blessings that are peculiar to myself or my friends, is somewhat easier. The task is considerably more difficult to be grateful for all that belongs to my life, for joy and sorrow, for health and sickness, for success and disappointments, for virtue and for temptation, for life and death. Great wisdom must be found in Paul's words. Translating those words into daily life is a real need for all of us, not the least of which was his exhortation to give thanks for all things.

David Bishop

F260 WEEK 16 READING beginning 4/12/20

Monday - 1 Samuel 17-18

Tuesday - 1 Samuel 19-20

Wednesday - 1 Samuel 21-22

Thursday - Psalm 22, 1 Samuel 24-25:1

Friday - 1 Samuel 28,: 31

Memory Verses: 1 Samuel 17:46-47, 2 Timothy 4:17a

Thank you to all the faithful givers of FBC!

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701 26th Avenue, Meridian, MS 39301,
or give online through our **ShelbyNext app** or
through our website (www.fbcmeridian.org).

MISSIONS SPOTLIGHT

Chris Patronella is a church planter in the greater Boston area. Chris and his family moved there four years ago from Texas, a real big step outside their comfort zone, you can be sure. But their hearts were stirred by the deep need for life-giving churches in New England, which has been called the least-evangelized area of our country. Chris and his team prayed for an open door to Plympton Elementary School. The school principal was reluctant to accept the help offered by the new *Seven Mile Church*, but the school really needed a fresh coat of paint and he only had money in budget to buy the paint, but nothing for labor. So he decided to take a chance on the team from *Seven Mile*. After school started, *Seven Mile Church* started serving Friday breakfast to the school staff. God is opening doors to their ministry. Is He opening doors for YOU!



Memorials...

Benevolence Fund

In memory of:

Lynn Combest Jim Matthews

Anne Furse (*Susan Hill's sister*)

Pud Merrell Julia Scarborough

Sarah Johnston

Paul Brown (*Pam Chatham's father*)

Sarah Ullrich (*Nathan VanHorn's grandmother*)

In honor of: John and Jan Hicks

Sympathies to...

Bruce McGee and family
in the death of his mother, Lisa McGee.

Tyler and Amy Covington and family
in the death of his grandmother,
Virginia Covington.

Genie Feltenstein Autry,
Jack and William Autry and family
in the death of their husband and father,
Bill Autry.



The following
WEDDING DATES
have been moved:

Anna Harrison and David Jackson
June 20, 2020
Madison, Mississippi

Libby Waite and Brandon Davidson
August 15, 2020

Callie Rush and Tanner Waite
September 4, 2020