

Last Sunday's Record - May 10, 2020

Offering: \$ 22,085.79

January 1, 2020

Requirements: \$497,018.53

Receipts: \$518,990.88

Deacon of the Week

5/17 - Jim Williamson 5/24 - John Anderson, Sr.
5/31 - Tommy Cason

Sermon for May 17

"Worth the Wait"

Genesis 2:1-3

CONTINUING PRAYER NEEDS

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)
Michelle Spedero (1/28/20) Diane Davison's daughter
Leonard Jones Pam Maloney's father
Donna Rainey (1/22/19) Gaile Culpepper's cousin
Jack Follis (1/29/19)
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)
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
Raymon Leake (4/1/20)
Michelle Weatherford (4/8/20) friend of Shea Leake
Jim Harris (4/8/20) Tammy Matthews' father
Benny and Margaret Harrison (4/15/20)
Debbie Adams (4/15/20) Caitlin Braud's mother
Tim Thesman (4/15/20) Carol Wink's brother
JoAnn Braddock (4/21/20)
Julia Parker (4/24/20) friend of Micki Harrison
Richard Lewis (4/27/20) Micki Harrison's father
Georgene Garrett (4/28/20)
Janice Deweese Jones (4/30/20)
Ted Rayborn (5/30/20) Tommy Allen's brother-in-law
Maria Allen (5/30/20) Tommy Allen's niece

NEW PRAYER REQUESTS THIS WEEK

Candy Cornish (5/7/20) Lorie Anderson's friend
Nelda Dearman (5/7/20) Gaile Culpepper's cousin

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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**Do not be anxious about anything,
but in every situation, by prayer and petition,
with thanksgiving,
present your requests to God.
And the peace of God, which transcends
all understanding, will guard your hearts
and your minds in Christ Jesus.**
Philippians 5:6-7

Church Family,

I pray this finds you well. I miss all of you, so much! I pray for you every day and look forward to the day we can all gather again for corporate worship. In the following paragraphs you'll find some of my musings about prayer and an invitation for a way you can pray for our church.

"As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God."
Romans 14:11

I ran across a video last week of two cockatoos sitting on their perch while their owner sang Elvis' "Don't Be Cruel" to them. One of the birds sat calmly listening to the music. The other began bouncing and swaying to the beat, flapping his feathers wildly, much to the consternation of the first bird. With each measure of music, the second bird's response became more pronounced and he edged more and more in to the first bird's personal space. By the end of the video the first bird was clinging desperately to the very edge of his perch, trying to get away from the antics of the second bird.

About now you must be saying to yourselves "Where is this going???" So, here's the application (in my life, and maybe yours): I've always found it fascinating that birds could sit on a perch, sometimes in impossible positions, sometimes even sleeping, and not fall off, like the first bird in the video. Serendipitously, I came upon the answer just yesterday. The tendons of the bird's legs are made so that when the legs are bent at the knee, the claws contract and grip like a steel trap. The claws refuse to let go until the knees are unbent.

The bended knee helps the bird to hold on.

The same is true for Christians, to a degree. When we pray on bended knee, literally or figuratively, we find strength to hold on—and certainly there are times (like right now) when we need to hold on. When we are frightened, sad, lonely, or anxious, we need strength beyond our own. To bow down is as much a mental attitude as it is a physical posture. To acknowledge one's need and to bow down before the right source is the key. So, the next time you are really troubled, remember how a bird holds on so tightly to their perch. The bent knee gives the bird very unusual strength. The same is true for us!

PRAYER OPPORTUNITY

Beginning this week, we invite you to come to the sanctuary for prayer. The sanctuary will be open Monday through Friday, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., in 30 minute increments. We ask that you come alone or in family groups. There will be items available for you to sanitize the area **before and after** your prayer time. We also ask that you call the church office in advance, at 601.484.4600 to schedule your time in the sanctuary. I am praying for you all.

Much love,
David Bishop
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Thank you to all the faithful givers of FBC!
As a reminder, you can mail your offering to
701 26th Avenue, Meridian, MS 39301,
*or give online through our **ShelbyNext app** or*
*through our website (**www.fbcmeridian.org**).*

Sympathies to...

Family and Friends of
Eugenia "Jeannie" Barnett.

Memorials...

Benevolence

In memory of: Dr. Harry Causey
Lynn Combest
Lisa McGee (*Bruce McGee's mother*)

In honor of: The Church Staff



Congratulations to ...

Glenda Pappas
on the birth of her great granddaughter,
Amelia Grace.

J. G. And Mellie T. Repsher Scholarship
William B. Crooks Scholarship
Brandon Scholarship

FBC Scholarship Applications

Email sherry@fbcmeridian.org or
sandra@fbcmeridian.org to secure
Scholarship applications. They must be
completed and returned to the church
office on or before **Sunday, June 15.**

F260 WEEK 21 READING beginning 5/17/20

Monday - 1 Kings 16:29-34, 17

Tuesday - 1 Kings 18-19

Wednesday - 1 Kings 21-22

Thursday - 2 Kings 2

Friday - 2 Kings 5, 6:1-23

Memory Verses: Psalm 17:15, Psalm 63:1