

Last Sunday's Record - June 14, 2020

Offering: \$ 25,349.25

January 1, 2020

Requirements: \$627,812.88

Receipts: \$625,990.72

Deacon of the Week

6/21 - Jody Richardson 6/28 - Jim Lauderdale
7/5 - Greg Snowden 7/12 - Lee Rogers
7/19 - Reed Scarbrough 7/26 - Brian Sellers

Sermon for June 21

"How NOT to Pray"

Matthew 6:5-8

CONTINUING PRAYER NEEDS

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

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

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

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

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)

Ted Rayborn (5/30/20) Tommy Allen's brother-in-law

Maria Allen (5/30/20) Tommy Allen's niece

Candy Cornish (5/7/20) Lorie Anderson's friend

Family of Margaret Harrison (5/18/20)

Family of Ron Parmerton (Mary Emma Allen's brother-in-law)

Jim Singley (5/18/20)

Margaret Roberson (5/21/20) Joe Ross' sister

Sandra Johnson (5/21/20) friend of Sandra Dennis

Hays Monsour (5/21/20)

Emily Price (5/21/20)

Dorothy and Harry Little (5/21/20)

Les and Liz Prystup (5/21/20)

Rebecca King (5/21/20)

Lisa and Wayne Powell (5/21/20)

Carole Lewis (5/21/20)

Freddie Poitevent (5/21/20)

Robert and Coweela George (5/21/20)
Debra Porter's sister and brother-in-law

Jim and Gloria Addison (5/21/20)

Ken Smith (5/21/20) Linda Smith's brother

The Cobb Family

Kelly Richardson (5/21/20)

Michelle Spedero (5/21/20) Diane Davison's daughter

Leonard Jones (5/21/20) Pam Maloney's father

Donna Rainey (5/21/20) Gaile Culpepper's cousin

Jack Follis (5/21/20)

Charlie Jones (5/21/20) friend of Ginger Richardson

Lowry Rush (5/28/20) Jill Williams' father

Alan Akin (6/1/20)

Lorie Anderson (6/5/20)

Ginger Richardson (6/3/20)

Adam Foreman (6/10/20)

NEW PRAYER REQUESTS THIS WEEK

Frances Dickson (6/14/20)

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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THE LORD'S PRAYER

SERMON SERIES

beginning June 21



Church Family,

During the shelter-in-home phase of our quarantine, I subscribed to two online services to keep my brain engaged: The Great Courses + and MasterClass. Though the formats of each platform are slightly different, they both serve as tools for continuing education, offering classes on just about any conceivable topic. Even better, the courses are taught by recognized experts in each field or subject area. And that got me thinking... If Jesus offered a course, a master class, what would the subject be? After all, Jesus was no doubt a master teacher—the Gospels collectively mention Jesus teaching more than fifty times. Even several of his skeptics and opponents called him “Rabbi.” In word and deed, Jesus communicated brilliant truths that spoke to his own context and beyond it. Just the other day, I listened to a debate between an atheistic neuroscientist and an agnostic psychologist, and—even though neither identifies as a Christian—Jesus was quoted in the debate!

But wait, there’s more! Jesus also walked on water, fed the multitudes, calmed storms, healed lepers, raised the dead, and taught profound truths that spoke to his own historical context and beyond it. Left to my own devices, I would be hard pressed to find just one class for Jesus to teach, and that’s the point, right? Jesus has more to teach us than we can learn in a lifetime, which is why we are called to a lifelong pursuit in discipleship (the Greek word *mathētēs*, which we translate “disciple,” means “learner” or “student”). Time and time again in the Gospels, Jesus reiterates his most basic and enduring lesson: “Follow me.”

Even so, we do have one instance in the Gospels when the disciples directly ask Jesus to teach them something. Oh, what to request?! Much to our potential surprise, the answer was PRAYER.

“Lord, teach us to pray...” (Luke 11:1). Pray? What about walking on water, casting out demons, or raising the dead?! But what if their request was wiser than we realize? In his book *Does Prayer Change Things?*, theologian R. C. Sproul writes:

"I have always been amazed that the disciples didn't ask Jesus how to walk on water, how to still the tempest, or how to do any of His other miracles. They did, however, ask Jesus to teach them about prayer. I'm certain that the disciples clearly saw the inseparable relationship between the power Jesus manifested and the hours He spent in solitude, conversing with His Father."

A mentor told me: “We do not pray for power, but there is power through prayer.” I want to take seriously the full deity and humanity of Jesus. What if his time spent communing and conversing with the Father in prayer was essential for the power he exercised in His ministry? This Sunday, we will begin a new sermon series on The Lord’s Prayer from Matthew 6:5-13. Naturally, my hope is that this series deepens your prayer life, but I hope for more than that. I hope that, as we learn from the master teacher, our prayer life would foster greater intimacy with God so that—like Jesus—we might live empowered through prayer.

Blessings,
Nathan VanHorn

YOUTH STUFF...



Mondays – 12:30 p.m. @ FBCGUYS BIBLE STUDY
Tuesdays @ Noon All YOUTH – Lunch Gatherings
(check your messages for WHERE!)
Wednesdays @ 6:00 p.m. ALL YOUTH – Locations TBA
Thursdays –12:30 p.m. @ FBCGIRLS BIBLE STUDY

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).



Welcome to our newest member...
Tanner Waite

Sympathies to...

To the Family and Friends of
Eleanore Catledge.

Tim and Sherry Snowden and family
in the death of her mother, Jerry Heblon.

Alan Akin, Susan Akin Lynch and Lisa Akin
in the death of their father, Earl B. Akin, Sr.

F260 WEEK 26 READING beginning 6/21/20
Monday - Daniel 5-6
Tuesday - Daniel 9-10, 12
Wednesday - Ezra 1-2
Thursday - Ezra 3-4
Friday - Ezra 5-6
Memory Verses: Daniel 6:26-27, Daniel 9:19



Parents and Kids...

Sooo excited to be able to get together!

WHEN: Thursday, June 25

WHERE: Lake Tiak O'Khata-Louisville, MS

TIME: Leave @ 8:30 a.m. and return by 5 p.m.

Bring swimsuit, towel & sunscreen

LUNCH INCLUDED

Choice of Burger or Chicken Tender Basket
and Drink **COST: \$15**

(+ optional snack \$, extra concessions available)

**Watch The Messenger for details on
additional Children's Ministry activities.**

FOOD COLLECTION FOR LBA CRISIS CENTER

DON'T FORGET YOUR NON-PERISHABLES!

There is a collection box in the Welcome Center
by the door.



Thank you!