

Last Sunday's Record - July 26, 2020

Offering: \$14,077.40

January 1, 2020

Requirements: \$784,766.10

Receipts: \$755,828.34

Deacon of the Week

8/2 - Ronnie Smith 8/9 - Allan Tolleson
8/16 - Gary Wilkinson 8/23 - John Culpepper
8/30 - Mark Williams

CONTINUING PRAYER NEEDS

Raymon Leake (4/1/20)
Michelle Weatherford (4/8/20) friend of Shea Leake
Jim Harris (4/8/20) Tammy Matthews' father
Tim Thesman (4/15/20) Carol Wink's brother
JoAnn Braddock (4/21/20)
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)
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
Leonard Jones (5/21/20) Pam Maloney's father
Kelly Richardson (5/21/20)
Michelle Spedero (5/21/20) Diane Davison's daughter
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)
Frances Dickson (6/14/20)
Pat McCubbin (6/22/20)
Mike Covert (6/23/20)
David Webb (6/23/20)
Ellen Rogers (6/23/20)
Betty Lou Jones (7/2/20)
James Mann (7/6/20)
Neisha Alexander (7/6/20) friend of Gaile Culpepper
Matthew Stokley (7/6/20)
Debra Parker (7/6/20) former employee of FBC
Rev. Jerry Meggs (7/6/20)
Phil Kelly (7/7/20) friend of Ward Calhoun, Jr.
George Hayes (7/7/20) friend of Ward Calhoun, Jr.
Louise Ellis (7/7/20) John Ellis' mother
Tony Sansone (7/7/20)
Maudie Newsome (7/7//20)
Mel Bounds (7/7/20)
Paulette Hopkins (7/7/20) David Hopkins' mother
Judge Charles Smith (7/7/20) Friend of Leonard Cobb
Dee Negrete (7/7/20) Joe and Betty Ross' daughter
Pete and Julie Bertrand (7/71/20) Albert Alston's friend
Geffery Swanson (7/9/2020) formerly of Meridian
Jim Singley (7/9/20) Louise Williamson's nephew
Frances White (7/15/20)
Nancy Ray (7/15/20)
Family of Debbie Woodall (7/15/20)
Mary Evans (7/15/20)
Marie Jackson (7/15/20) Fay Adkins' sister-in-law
Family of Ward Calhoun (7/15/20)

NEW PRAYER REQUESTS THIS WEEK

Richard Lewis (7/22/20) Micki Harrison's father
Junior Killens (7/27/20) Marilyn Green's brother-in-law
Mildred Spratlin (7/2720) Jeanne Havard's mother
Modona Tolleson (7/27/20) Allan Tolleson's mother

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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Announcing TENTATIVE

FBC Schedule Fall 2020

Sundays

Beginning September 13

9:15 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Morning Worship

Wednesdays

Beginning September 9

12:00 noon

Prayer Meeting, Bible Study and
Lunch for FBC Senior Adults
Cost: \$5.00

Reservations REQUIRED
(Socially Distanced Seating in
Fellowship Hall)

5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Activities for Adults,
Youth and Children

Take out Supper Available
Cost: \$5.00 Adults \$3.00 Children
(\$20 Family Maximum)

See inside for additional
information.

Church Family,

Over the past several weeks, our ministry staff has been considering *tentative* (I can't stress that word strongly enough) dates for resuming ministries such as Sunday School/small groups and Wednesday night activities. While the information below is by no means comprehensive, it offers a broad outline of our plans for this fall. As I mentioned Sunday, please continue to pray for means and opportunities to positively impact our community with the Gospel of Jesus Christ *beyond our walls* during this time. If you have ideas, I'm all ears. The Gospel has never been needed more.

Our hope is to resume Wednesday night activities and Sunday School the week following Labor Day—**Wednesday, September 9** and **Sunday, September 13**; however, if area schools push back their start dates, our plans are subject to change. Even once we resume Sunday school classes and small groups on our church campus, those classes who wish to reduce risk by continuing to utilize Zoom are encouraged to do so. Similarly, if any of our classes containing "at risk" populations (by age or otherwise) wish to meet here on a day other than Sunday, we will be happy to accommodate them during the week.

Regarding Sunday school, I also want to encourage those who started the journey on our F260 reading program. So many have told me that they were going strong until the pandemic hit, only to lose focus and discipline during this season. I understand completely. But good news! We just started the New Testament this week. This is a wonderful opportunity or re-entry point to get "back on the wagon" in your Bible study habits as we continue this journey together. If I can assist you in any way, let me know.

Wednesdays will look substantially different for the near future. On **Wednesdays at noon**, we will offer a prayer meeting, Bible study, and **socially distanced lunch** for our senior adults prepared by Kim and her gifted team (at the regular price of the Wednesday night meal). This will provide an opportunity for fellowship and worship to any of our senior adults seeking to minimize exposure during this time.

On **Wednesday nights**, we will have activities for youth, children, and adults, each meeting in a designated area of our church campus. We are still working through the particulars of our ministry support needs from parents and adults in ministering to our children and youth, but those details are forthcoming soon. On Wednesday nights, we will gather for approximately one hour (probably **5:30 to 6:30**). During that time, we will ask for volunteers to deliver meals to some of our homebound members while youth, children's, and adult ministries are happening on campus. At the conclusion of our Wednesday night time, **take-out meals will be available in the Welcome Center** at their normal price.

Please continue to pray with us and serve alongside of us as we seek to make much of Jesus during this ongoing season. May the coronavirus be our opportunity, not our excuse. I love you, and God bless you.

Your Pastor,
Nathan VanHorn

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**).

Memorials...

Music Fund

In memory of: Aline Forbert

Judy Jones

(Pam Maloney's step-mother)

H.L. "Pete" Denton

(Ray Denton and Cathy Carpenter's father)

Benevolence

In memory of: Aline Forbert

Jerry Heblon *(Sherry Snowden's mother)*

Margaret Harrison Ward Calhoun, Jr.

Judy Jones H.L. "Pete" Denton



CALL TO PRAYER!

Pray for our FBC children, youth and college bound, our parents and teachers, school administrators and workers as they all prepare for the upcoming 2020-2021 School Year.

F260 WEEK 31 READING beginning 8/2/20

Monday - Matthew 3-4

Tuesday - Matthew 5

Wednesday - Matthew 6

Thursday - Matthew 7

Friday - Matthew 8

Memory Verses: Matthew 5:16, 6:33



Remember our FBC Seniors!

Make a call, deliver a meal, run errands or write a note. We all need encouragement during this time, especially our Seniors who are isolated more than ever. What a blessing to serve the older members of our church family! Stay safe! *(If you need current addresses or telephone numbers, use your Shelby app or call the church office at 601.484.4600.)*