

Last Sunday's Record - February 14, 2021

Offering: \$20,084.86

Sunday School: 151

January 1, 2021

Requirements: \$185,365.39

Receipts: \$268,045.41

Deacon of the Week

2/21 - David McCubbin 2/28 - Davis Miller

3/7 - Charles Naylor 3/14 - Freddie Poitevent

Deacon's Breakfast

Sunday, February 28 (note change)

8:00 a.m. Fellowship Hall

Sermon for February 21

"Hungry for Seconds"

John 6:52-69

Zach DePriest

Menu for Wednesday, February 24

(for Noon Lunch and Evening Take-out

Meatloaf, Cheesy Bacon Potatoes, Buttered

Lima Beans, Corn Muffin, Butterfinger Cake

KIDS: Hot Pocket, Fruit Cup, Dessert

Adults: \$5 KIDS (12 and under): \$3 Family Maximum \$20

VOLUNTEER MINISTRY - February 21

LAUNCH

Timothy and Candice Maloney

Greeters

Lydia Sanders Carolyn Hodgins

Jena Sims Susan Hill

Worship Welcome

Diane Fairbanks David and Kathy Stehle

Security - Team 1

Walter Rogers, Jr., Justin Anders,

Wallace Heggie and Neil Henry

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY, February 21

10:30 - Morning Worship

3:30 - Acteens

4:30 - Youth Bible Drills

TUESDAY, February 23

9:30 - Ladies' Bible Study/Laird

WEDNESDAY, February 24

12:00 - Senior Adult Prayer Meeting, Luncheon and Bible Study - (Fellowship Hall)

5:45 - G.A.s (Adult 3 Gathering Space)

R.A.s (Seeker Classroom)

Missions Friends/Preschool Choir (Children's Hall)

Youth Worship (Youth Room)

BIBLE STUDY/VanHorn (Chapel)

SANCTUARY CHOIR/Bishop (Fellowship Hall)

SATURDAY, February 26

9:00 - The Gospel Conversational Church
(FBC Fellowship Hall)

This event is sponsored by LBA.

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).*

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

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH MERIDIAN

FEBRUARY 21, 2021 VOLUME 93, NUMBER 8

THE GOSPEL CONVERSATIONAL CHURCH



with Dr. Sam Greer

March 6, 2021

FBC Meridian Fellowship Hall

9:00 am - 3:00 pm

LUNCH PROVIDED

Sponsored by the
Lauderdale Baptist Association

Please register by
Friday, February, 26
by calling 601-483-1419



REDEMPTION

"We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to His purpose." Romans 8:28

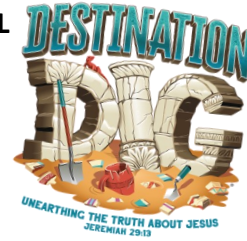
Possibly it is a commentary on the condition of our times, but I continue to hear more and more discussions, and in some cases questions, of whether things really do work together for good. Certainly, the issue has to do with the desperate attempt by so many people to find purpose in their living, their work, and their existence in general. Paul's words to the Roman Christians provide a framework of faith that has gotten us through tough times.

We must not assume that all things are good. The verse must be seen as a whole and not chopped up and taken out of context. All things are not good, and God does not cause all things. To believe otherwise is a cop-out on our part and an attempt to credit God with some of our own blunders. The verse does not say that everything that happens to us is the direct will and intent of God. We have freedom in our existence, and many of the bad things that happen to us are the result of our mistakes or those of someone else.

The central issue is not what causes all things. The theme of the verse and the basis of our faith is that God is working through all things to bring about good regardless of who or what caused them. The person who has responded to God's call will discern the divine hand working continually to turn bad things into good, a small part of a larger work called **redemption**.
David Bishop

PARENTS...MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
For KIDS who have completed Pre-K - 6th grade
DATES: June 21-25



Volunteers Needed - Call Caitlin!

VBS 2021 is headed to present-day Israel where discovery awaits at **DESTINATION DIG!** Kids will unearth more than dirt as they dig up exciting evidence that proves biblical events were not just stories. As junior archaeologists, kids will explore real-life archaeological finds that have helped to uncover the truth about Jesus!

The Disciple's Study Calendar

Week 9 - (February 22-26) John 6
Sunday School Lesson for February 28

Parents of FBC Children!

your input is needed!

You should have received a questionnaire via email from Caitlin regarding potential renovation to our FBC Children's Building. You can fill out this form on-line or pick up a copy at the Welcome Center counter.

We need your thoughts regarding priorities for renovation and what types of spaces or features that you would like to see incorporated in the changes. Are there areas that you have noticed that need repair or attention? Our goal is to provide functionality, security, and accessibility and we need your help. Questions? Call Caitlin.

Memorials...

Trinidad Ministry Fund

In memory of: Connie Thompson
(Michael Thompson's mother)



Sunday, March 7 - 10:30 a.m.

Brian Hood, guest speaker

Monday, March 8- 10:00 a.m.

Week of Prayer Program - Chapel

If you would like to place flowers in our sanctuary in memory or honor of someone or to commemorate a special occasion, the following dates are open:

March 28 May 2 May 30 September 5



Lenten Schedule for 2021

Thursday Services at 12:00 noon

February 25 - St. Paul's Episcopal Church

March 4 - First Baptist Church

March 11 - Central Methodist Church

March 18 - First Presbyterian Church

March 25 - First Christian Church

Masks and social distancing will allow us to gather, but, regretfully, no lunch this year.