

Last Sunday's Record - September 5, 2021

Offering: \$16,806.76

Sunday School: 178

January 1, 2021

Requirements: \$953,307.72

Receipts: \$927,910.14

Margaret Lackey: \$2,441.00

Deacon of the Week

9/12 - Tommy Brewer

9/19 - George Hill

9/26 - Brad Henry

Deacon's Breakfast - September 19

8:00 a.m. Fellowship Hall

Sermon for Sunday, September 12

"SYMPHONY" Romans 1:8-12

Family Night Supper

Wednesday, September 15

Spaghetti, Roasted Squash and Zucchini,

Breadstick, Chocolate Cobbler

KIDS: Same

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

VOLUNTEER MINISTRY - September 12

Preschool Extended Session

Tyler and Amy Covington

Launch

Timothy and Candice Maloney

Worship Welcomers

Benny Harrison

Susan and Leslie Dunn

Greeters

John and Debra Anderson

Freddie Poitevent

Security - Team 5

Jim Anderson, Leslie Dunn, Brad Sykes,

Bernie Mitchell, Allan Tolleson

Counting Committee

Melissa Mabry, chairman

Henry Wilson, Scott Sills, John Ellis

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY, September 12

9:15 - Sunday School

10:30 - Morning Worship

3:15 - Acteens

4:30 - Bible Drills/ Youth

5:30 - Youth Bible Study

- Bible Skills and Drills/Children

- Beautiful Resistance/H. VanHorn

- A Long Obedience/N. VanHorn

MONDAY, September 13

12:00 - Missions Luncheon

TUESDAY, September 14

7:00 - YOUTH BIBLE STUDY/Jack's

9:30 - Elijah/C. Laird

WEDNESDAY, September 15

5:00 - FAMILY NIGHT SUPPER

YOUTH BELLS

5:30 - YOUTH CHOIR

Young Ringers

6:00 - Preschool and Children's Choirs

6:15 - Prayer Meeting and Bible Study

6:30 - MISSIONS (R.A.s , G.A.s, Mission Friends)

YOUTH WORSHIP

7:15 - Sanctuary Choir

THURSDAY, September 16

6:45 - YOUTH BIBLE STUDY/Piggly Wiggly-Collinsville

5:30 - CWJC (Fellowship Hall)

USHERS FOR SEPTEMBER

Landry Adkins, Justin Anders, John Anderson,
Tyler Covington, Leslie Dunn, John Ellis, Riley Garrett, Ryan
Haarala, Wallace Heggie, George Hill, Joe Pettey, Lee Rogers,
Walter Rogers, Jr., Scott Sills, and Brad Williams

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

SEPTEMBER 12, 2021 VOLUME 93, NUMBER 38



dance
for the
Lord

**GA Mother Daughter Camp 2021
at Garaywa!**

Moms (or Mom substitutes)
and daughters Grade 1-6

**TWO WEEKENDS TO
CHOOSE FROM**

November 5-6...

or November 12-13

**TIME: 5:00 p.m. Friday to
3:00 p.m. Saturday**

Contact Caitlin to register ASAP!

Cost: \$55 per person

(FBC will cover half of this cost.

Payment is required to hold spots.)

Deadline: Wednesday, September 29

**Spots are limited
and fill up quickly!**



CUTTING TO THE CHASE

“Then he began to speak to them in parables.

‘A man planted a vineyard, put a fence around it.’”

Mark 12:1a

This verse is taken from Jesus’ well-known parable of the tenants. This parable must have been important to Jesus and the recorders of the Gospels because it is found not only in Mark’s Gospel, but also in Matthew and Luke—exactly the same story. This parable is full of important truths. Here are a few that jump out at me:

***God is generous.** The vineyard was equipped with everything that was necessary to make the work of the cultivators profitable.

God also gives us all that we need.

***God trusts us.** The owner left the cultivators to run the vineyard themselves. God trusts us enough to give us freedom to run much of life as we choose.


***God is patient.** Not once or twice, but many times the master gave the cultivators the chance to pay the debt they owed. He treated them in a way they did not deserve.

God gives us more chances than we deserve.

***God’s justice will ultimately triumph.** People might take advantage of the patience of God, but in the end comes judgement and justice. God may bear long with disobedience and rebellion, but in the end, God acts.

***God gives us the freedom of rejection.** Forced love is never love at all.

David Bishop



QUARTERLY FAMILY FELLOWSHIP
 Sunday, September 19 1:00 p.m.
 MS Children's Museum Meridian
 Cost of admission: minimum 1 item
 for the LBA Food Pantry per family member
 (see Messenger for items requested by age group)
plus OPTIONAL LUNCH MONEY
 if you'd like to meet & eat @ Wendy's
 on 22nd Ave following morning worship!

The Disciple’s Study Calendar
Week 38 - (September 13 - 17) 2 Timothy 1
Sunday School Lesson for September 19

Join us next summer for a tour
of London and Scotland
June 23 - July 2, 2022

Call David Bishop for additional
info and to sign up.
DEADLINE: September 30



September ...is our month to supply the
shelves of the LBA Crisis Center.
Boxes are placed in Welcome Center.

Students

Preschool	2 lbs. rice
Grades 1 - 6	1 lb. spaghetti
Youth/College	28 oz. spaghetti sauce

Adult I

Co-Ed 1, Mabry	5 lbs. cornmeal
Foreman, Henry	5 lbs. plain flour

Adult II

Fellowship, Adkins	48 oz. oil
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Adult III

Snowden, Davis/Williamson	Money for Meat
Leake, Seekers	5 lbs. sugar

Adult IV

Pilgrim Class	100 tea bags/24 family
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The FBC Church Family
is cordially invited to attend a
**Drive Through
Wedding Shower**
honoring
Benjamin and Claire Porter
Sunday, September 12
2 to 3 o'clock p.m.
First Baptist Church

Memorials...

Margaret Lackey State Missions

In memory of: Sonny Rush Jim Cady
Margaret Harrison


Tim Snowden (*Sherry Snowden’s husband*)

Missions and Ministry

In memory of: Jim Cady Sonny Rush

Music

In memory of: Tim Snowden



Salad Luncheon
for the Hodgens and Beaman WMU Groups
Monday, September 20 at 11:00 a.m.
Bring a salad to share...at Pat McCubbin’s.

Deacon Recommendations

The Committee on Committees is seeking your input as they nominate persons to serve on the Deacon Body for the coming year. A card will be in the Order of Worship on **Sunday, September 12** for this purpose. You may also pick up a card at the Welcome Center Desk or call the church office (601.484.4600) with your recommendations **prior to September 19.**