

Last Sunday's Record - September 12, 2021

Offering: \$83,327.09

Sunday School: 195

January 1, 2021

Requirements: \$ 979,788.49

Receipts: \$1,011,237.23

Margaret Lackey: \$ 6,339.62

Deacon of the Week

9/19 - George Hill 9/26 - Brad Henry

10/3 - Randy Chesney 10/10 - Ray Denton

Deacon's Breakfast - September 19

8:00 a.m. Fellowship Hall

Sermon for Sunday, September 19

"MASTER-PIECE" Ephesians 2:1-10

Family Night Supper

Wednesday, September 22

Fried Chicken, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy,
Garden Peas, Buttered Biscuit and Banana Pudding

KIDS: Chicken Strips and French Fries

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

SERVERS

Ronnie and Merrie Smith, Micki Harrison,
Lydia Sanders

VOLUNTEER MINISTRY - September 19

<u>Preschool Ext. Session</u> Erin Whitt	<u>Launch</u> Leslie and Jill Williams
<u>Worship Welcomers</u> Landry and Fay Adkins Leslie and Jill Williams	<u>Greeters</u> Pam Maloney David and Helen Webb
<u>Security - Team 1</u> Walter Rogers, Jr., Justin Anders, Wallace Heggie, Neil Henry	<u>Counting Committee</u> Marsha Brewer, chairman Ward Calhoun, Ryan Haarala, Chris Lauderdale

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY, September 19

9:15 - Sunday School

10:30 - Morning Worship

1:00 - Quarterly Family Fellowship/Children's Museum

(Meet at Wendy's on 22nd Avenue for lunch

immediately after worship service.)

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 20

11:00 - WMU Salad Luncheon/McCubbin's
for Hodgins and Beaman Groups

TUESDAY, September 21

7:00 - YOUTH BIBLE STUDY/Jack's

9:30 - Elijah/C. Laird

WEDNESDAY, September 22

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 23

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

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FBC FAMILIES...

**JOIN US FOR OUR FIRST
QUARTERLY FAMILY FELLOWSHIP**

Sunday, September 19



**1:00 p.m.
at MISSISSIPPI
CHILDREN'S
MUSEUM**

**Cost of admission:
A minimum of 1 item per
family member
for the LBA Food Pantry
(see inside of Messenger for items
requested by age group)**

**plus
OPTIONAL LUNCH MONEY**

if your family would like to

"MEET & EAT"

@ Wendy's

on 22nd Avenue

following morning worship!

CHURCH FAMILY,

“I knew him/her when...”. This phrase captures that men and women of achievement often had much humbler beginnings. We sometimes say the phrase concerning people who go on to “bigger and better” things in life. For example, on Sunday, Evan McPherson kicked a game-winning field goal in overtime to clinch the season opener for the Cincinnati Bengals; *but I knew him when* he was a kid in the student ministry who acted out goofy parts in the yearly spring youth dramas. On Monday afternoon, I drove to Clinton and taught a seminary class on Baptist Heritage to students who called me “Dr. VanHorn,” but earlier in the day I saw Dr. Tammy Anderson at the WMU lunch. Tammy leads women’s ministries for the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. A few decades ago, however, Tammy *knew me when* I was a bratty little professor’s kid during our family’s seminary’s days. She was our babysitter. In Mark 6:4, Jesus observes, “A prophet is not without honor except in his hometown, among his relatives, and in his household”—in other words, among the people who *knew him when*. We almost cannot help ourselves: our experience with others in the past shapes our perceptions of them in the future.

This also captures something wonderful and unique about God. God knows us *better* than anyone else—including ourselves! In the opening verses of Psalm 139, the psalmist observes, “¹LORD, you have searched me and known me. ²You know when I sit down and when I stand up; you understand my thoughts from far away. ³You observe my travels and my rest; you are aware of all my ways. ⁴Before a word is on my tongue, you know all about it, LORD.” He also knew us *before* anyone else—including ourselves! In verses 13-16, the psalmist continues, “¹³For it was you who created my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother’s womb. ¹⁴I will praise you because I have been remarkably and wondrously made. Your works are wondrous, and I know this very well. ... ¹⁶Your eyes saw me when I was formless; all my days were written in your book and planned before a single one of them began.” “But, perhaps most importantly, God also loves us

beyond anyone else—including ourselves! The rhythm of Scripture does not suggest that God finds us at our best only to say “I knew him/her when...”, but rather a God who stands by us at our lowliest and worst, saying, “I’ll know him/her when...”

God knows the kid in the youth group who will, one day, play in the NFL and use that platform to bring praise and glory to God. God knows He won’t give up on the bratty preacher/professor’s kid whom He will call to pastoral ministry one day. The psalmist, who realizes this, thus concludes by entreating God, “²³Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my concerns. ²⁴See if there is any offensive way in me; lead me in the everlasting way.” You can trust God because He knows you **better**; He knew you **before**; but He also loves you **beyond** what you can imagine. God, thank you for loving us like you do. Help us love others the same way you love us.

*Blessings,
Nathan VanHorn*

The Disciple’s Study Calendar
Week 39- (September 20—24) 2 Timothy 2
Sunday School Lesson for September 26



Dance for the Lord
 G.A. Mother Daughter Camp
 at Garaywa
 Nov. 5-6 **OR** Nov. 12-13
 Call Caitlin for more info.
 Deadline to register
September 29
 \$55 per person
 FBC will cover half of the cost.

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



The FBC Church Family
 is cordially invited to attend a

Bridal Shower

honoring

Brittney Harrison,
 Bride elect of Brandon Harkins

Sunday, October 3

2 to 3 o’clock p.m.

First Baptist Church

Welcome Center

Deacon Recommendations

You may pick up a nomination card at the Welcome Center Desk or call the church office (601.484.4600) with your recommendations **prior to September 19.**

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
Adult III	
Snowden, Davis/Williamson	Money for Meat
Leake, Seekers	5 lbs. sugar
Adult IV	
Pilgrim Class	100 tea bags/24 family