

**Last Sunday's Record - November 7, 2021**

Offering: \$27,553.83

Sunday School: 201

**January 1, 2021**

Requirements: \$1,191,634.65

Receipts: \$1,238,773.85

**Deacon of the Week**

11/14 - Charles Naylor 11/21 - Freddie Poitevent

11/28 - Ray Denton 12/5 - Mark Williams

12/12 - Bobby Berg 12/19 - James May

12/26 - Don Evans

**Sermon for Sunday, November 14**

***"Steady Rhythms" 1 Peter 4:7-11***

**Family Night Supper**

**Wednesday, November 17**

Sliced Turkey Breast, Cornbread Dressing, Sweet Potato Casserole, Green Beans, Cranberry Sauce, Yeast Roll

KIDS: Corn Dog and Chips

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

**SERVERS**

Jim Williamson, Benny Harrison, Cathy Carpenter

**VOLUNTEER MINISTRY - November 14**

**Preschool Ext. Session**

Chet and Anniston Williams

**Launch**

Haley VanHorn  
Christie Daugherty

**Worship Welcomers**

Leonard and Betsy Cobb  
Wallace and Janet Heggie

**Greeters**

Greg and Kathryn Monsour  
Christie Daugherty

**Security Team 4**

Van Goodman, Landry Adkins, Davis Miller, Michael Thompson, Greg Monsour

**Counting Committee**

Melissa Mabry, chairman  
Don Evans  
Melanie Carroll  
John Ellis

**WEEKLY CALENDAR**

**SUNDAY, November 14**

9:00 - Reception honoring David and Valerie Bishop

9:15 - Sunday School

10:30 - Morning Worship

4:30 - Bible Drills/ Youth

5:30 - Youth Bible Study

- Bible Skills and Drills/Children

- Beautiful Resistance/H. VanHorn

- A Long Obedience/N.VanHorn

**TUESDAY, November 16**

7:00 - YOUTH BIBLE STUDY/Jack's

9:30 - Elijah/C. Laird

**WEDNESDAY, November 17**

5:00 - FAMILY NIGHT SUPPER

YOUTH BELLS

5:30 - YOUTH CHOIR

Young Ringers

6:00 - Preschool and Children's Choirs

6:15 - Prayer Meeting, Bible Study,

Sanctuary Renovation Proposal

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

YOUTH WORSHIP

7:15 - Sanctuary Choir

**THURSDAY, November 18**

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

**USHERS FOR NOVEMBER**

Tommy Cason, Leonard Cobb, Chris Dean, Van Goodman, J.B. Griffith, Alan Lamar, Jim Lauderdale, Ben Leake, Joey Mabry, Davis Miller, Greg Monsour, Freddie Poitevent, Larry Roberts, Brad Sykes, Gary Wilkinson, Jim Williamson

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

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**CROWN OF THORNS  
ON THE CROSS**



*One of our new ornaments for this year's Chrismon Tree, the Crown of Thorns on the Cross, is very unique. The symbolism of the cross is the most well known and most often used symbol of Christianity. Here it is combined with a crown of thorns, another poignant symbol of Jesus' suffering for us. Our tree will be up in the Welcome Center the first Sunday of December. Please drop by, pick up a guide and enjoy the monograms of Christ this Christmas... and watch for a preview of other Chrismons each week in the Messenger.*

LET'S CELEBRATE  
THE BISHOPS  
25 YEARS OF  
MINISTRY AT  
FIRST BAPTIST  
CHURCH!



**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14**

RECEPTION AT 9:00 TO 10:00 A.M.  
MORNING WORSHIP AT 10:30 A.M.

**Church Family,**

As of September 15, David and Valerie Bishop have been serving the Lord and sharing life with our church family for twenty-five years. It would be an understatement to say that the impact of their ministry has been multigenerational—in my earliest days as pastor here, church members in their teens, 20s, 30s, 40s, 50s, 60s, 70s, and 80s stopped by my office to communicate to me how much they love and value the ministry of David and Valerie Bishop. Not only did I “get the message”—I soon came to share the sentiment.

There is a much longer version of this letter. Perhaps I will give it to David and Valerie directly. In their honor, I will be direct and to the point here. David Bishop is not a perfect man, but he has been a near-perfect partner in ministry. He has blessed me as he has blessed our church. David and Valerie are gifted in many ways, but their importance to our church body cannot be reduced to an itemized list of their weekly ministry contributions. They love the Lord and His People, and their

service springs from a deep sense of calling, conviction, and commitment. Serving alongside David humbles me because many of his strengths highlight my weaknesses. At the same time, however, I am so encouraged by the way God brings complimentary parts of the body of Christ together to serve side by side. I am proud to serve the Lord alongside David and Valerie Bishop, and I am immensely grateful for all of the ways that God uses them to strengthen the First Baptist Meridian church body. Join me in celebrating them as we worship Jesus together this weekend.

*God bless,  
Nathan VanHorn*

**Sanctuary Renovation Proposal**  
Wednesday, November 17  
6:15 p.m.  
**Special Called Business Meeting**  
to approve Sanctuary Renovations  
Wednesday, December 1  
6:15 p.m.

**The Disciple's Study Calendar**  
**Week 47 (November 15-19) Colossians 1**  
*Sunday School Lesson for November 21*



**CENTRI-KID SMOKED MEAT FUNDRAISER**

Whole Turkey - \$35 Turkey Breast - \$30  
Boston Butts - \$30 Half Ham - \$35  
Pork Loin - \$25 Rack of Ribs - \$25

**DEADLINE TO ORDER:**

**Sunday, November 14**

**PICK-UP: Wednesday, November 24**

**FBC Welcome Center TIME: 12:00 to 5:30 p.m.**

***Memorials...***

**Lottie Moon**

In memory of: Lenelle Simmons

**Benevolence**

In memory of: Loyd Miller  
*(Davis Miller's father)*

**Music**

In honor of: Barry Germany

**First Sunday of Advent, November 28**  
Join us as we begin to light the candles of the Advent Wreath in anticipation of the Coming of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

**Sunday, December 5**  
**The Sounds of Christmas**  
presented by the Sanctuary Choir and Orchestra  
Youth and Children's Choirs  
6:00 p.m.

**Sunday, December 12**  
Children's Happy Birthday, Jesus Party  
9:15 a.m.  
**The Festival of 9 Lessons,  
Carols and Candles**  
6:00 p.m.

**Wednesday, December 15**  
**Children Sing of Christmas**  
Children's and Youth Choirs, Preschool Choirs  
Young Ringers, Youth Bells  
6:30 p.m.

**Monday, December 24**  
**Christmas Eve Communion Service**  
5:00 p.m.