

**Last Sunday's Record - September 4, 2022**

Sunday School: 154 Offering: \$21,809.50

**January 1, 2022**

Requirements: \$957,166.56

Receipts: \$877,046.77

Margaret Lackey: \$ 2,107.00

**DEACON OF THE WEEK**

September 11 - Earl Aycok

September 18 - Leonard Cobb

September 25 - Leslie Dunn

**Deacon's Breakfast - September 25**

8:00 a.m. Fellowship Hall

**Sermon for Sunday, September 11**

"The Challenge" 1 Samuel 17:24-40

**Family Night Supper - Wednesday, Sept. 14**

Meatloaf, Macaroni and Cheese, English Peas,  
Cornbread, Salad Bar and Dessert

KIDS: Hamburger and Chips

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

**SERVERS:**

Benny Harrison, J.B. and Theresa Griffith, Bill Simcox

**VOLUNTEER MINISTRY - September 11**

**PRAYER LINE Volunteer** - Faith Vaughn

<p><b><u>Preschool Ext. Session</u></b> Travis and Erin Whitt</p>	<p><b><u>Launch</u></b> Clifford and Erika Holloway</p>
<p><b><u>Worship Welcomers</u></b> Brandon and Brittney Harkins Leslie and Susan Dunn</p>	<p><b><u>Greeters</u></b> David and Helen Webb Benny Harrison Earl Laird</p>
<p><b><u>Security Team 2</u></b> John Calhoun Steve Gressett Brad Henry Ben Webb</p>	<p><b><u>Counting Committee</u></b> Kathy Stehle, <i>chairman</i> Davis Miller Dana Foreman</p>

**WEEKLY CALENDAR**

**SUNDAY, September 11**

9:15 - Sunday School

10:30 - Morning Worship

2:00 - Bridal Tea Shower

*honoring*

*Hannah McPherson and Greyson Calhoun*

3:00 - ACTEENS

4:30 - YOUTH BIBLE DRILLS

- UNINVITED/*E. Holloway, facilitator*

- BIBLE & BOARD GAMES

5:30 - CHILDREN'S BIBLE DRILLS

**MONDAY, September 12**

12:00 - Missions Luncheon

**TUESDAY, September 13**

7:00 - Youth Bible Study/Jack's

9:30 - TRUSTWORTHY/*C. Laird, facilitator*

**WEDNESDAY, September 14**

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 (G.A.s R.A.s, and Mission Friends)

- YOUTH WORSHIP

7:15 - Sanctuary Choir

**THURSDAY, September 15**

7:00 - Youth Bible Study/Piggly Wiggly

4:30 - Ladies' Bible Study/*R. Scarbrough*

**FRIDAY, September 16**

**USHERS FOR SEPTEMBER**

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

*Dr. Daniel P. Caldwell, Interim Pastor*

*Rev. David Bishop, Associate Pastor for Music*

*Caitlin Braud, Director of Children's Ministries*

*Noah Greer, Interim Youth Minister*

*Dr. Raymon Leake, Pastor Emeritus*

*Rev. David McCubbin, Associate Pastor Emeritus*

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**THE MESSENGER**

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Noah and Kelsey Greer

**Special Called  
Business Meeting**

**Sunday, September 11**  
immediately after morning worship

For the purposing of  
voting to call

**Noah Greer**

as Youth Pastor of First Baptist Church

**(See inside The Messenger for a report  
from the Youth Pastor Search Team.)**

**Dear Church Family,**

The Youth Pastor Search Team has diligently been pursuing God’s direction over the last 6+ months as we have solicited candidate referrals, communicated with candidate references, and examined resumes. Such processes are not always completed quickly—and our search was not the exception. The deeper our team went in the pursuit process, the more evident it became that God was leading us to a candidate much closer to home.

Noah Greer has been serving as Interim Pastor of Students and has become a beloved addition to the FBCM family along with wife, Kelsey. Over this time Noah and Kelsey have led weekly boys and girls Bible studies, met regularly with students for lunches over the summer, kept Wednesday night activities rolling, led the students in assisting with mulch replacement in our church playground, accompanied students on Youth Choir Tour and Super Summer at MS College, and joined the students in fun activities such as Top Golf in Birmingham.

Despite serving during this “interim” period, Noah has demonstrated a genuine desire to develop deep relationships with our students, has labored to ensure that Scripture remains the cornerstone for instruction and teaching, and has shared his longing that our students more fully embrace the unmerited Grace that Christ has gifted us—that it is undeserved and unearned-- an amazing gift that changes how we live and relate to others throughout every aspect of life.

Noah and Kelsey Greer have been married for 5 years in September. They are expecting their first child in January. They both have been in Meridian their entire lives and were both members of Russell Baptist Church for nearly 30 years. Noah was a deacon and they both were active in helping with youth ministry for many years. Noah was part of

the baseball program at Russell Christian Academy where he served as head coach for 2 years. Kelsey has been a Speech Language Pathologist at Southeast Elementary for 7 years. They relate that they have both enjoyed serving the students here at FBCM and have felt so welcomed by the church body. They both look forward to what God has in store for His church here at FBCM.

Please join us in confirming Noah’s call to FBCM and come alongside him and Kelsey as we all strive to disciple the students at FBCM!

*John Anderson, Jr., Jeremy Hill, Shea Leake, Candice Maloney and Brian Sellers*

**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 11** 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 11.**

*A Taste of Kentucky Fall Foliage Tour*

**PLEASE NOTE:**

The dates for the Fall Foliage Tour have been changed to **OCTOBER 24 - 29**

We have **EXTENDED** the date to sign up to: **Wednesday, September 14**

*Revised itineraries are on the Welcome Center Desk.*

*Please contact David Bishop if you would like to join us.*



**Memorials...**

**Margaret Lackey State Offering**

In memory of: Lamar Reid  
JoAnn Braddock  
Ellen Rogers  
Lynn Combest

**Sympathies to...**

Buddy and Gina Laughlin and family in the death of his brother-in-law, Denny Behm.

Faye Bruner and family in the death of her brother, Jimmy Griffin.

**Something new for ADULTS of all ages!  
BIBLE & BOARD GAMES**

**starts Sunday, September 11  
4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Chapel  
Bring your favorite game.**



*...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