#### Last Sunday's Record

Sunday School: 141 Offering: \$12,617.01

#### January 1, 2023

Prepaid Offering \$ 30,600.00 Requirements: \$ 26,015.15 42,617.01 Receipts:

#### **December 31. 2022**

Requirements: \$1,382,574.00 Receipts: \$1,449,589,93

#### **DEACON OF THE WEEK**

Jan. 8 - Alan Lamar Jan. 15 - Benny Harrison Jan. 22 - Tommy Brewer Jan. 29 - George Hill

# Sermon for Sunday, January 8

"Being Faithful in the Difficult Times" Jeremiah 1:1-10

### **FAMILY NIGHT SUPPER - January 11**

Hamburger Steak and Gravy, Rice, Lima Beans, Yeast Rolls and Dessert

**KIDS:** Hamburger and Chips

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

#### **SERVERS**

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

# **VOLUNTEER MINISTRY - January 8**

PRAYER LINE Volunteer - Faith Vaughn

| Preschool Ext. Session Jason and Caitlin Braud                          | <u>Launch</u><br>Jim and Melissa<br>Anderson                                     |
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| Worship Welcome Tommy and Marcia Brewer Joey and Melissa Mabry          | <u>Greeters</u><br>Brian and April Sellers<br>Christie Daugherty<br>Debra Porter |
| Security Team 4  Van Goodman  Landry Adkins  Davis Miller  Greg Monsour | <u>Counting Committee</u> Kathy Stehle, <i>chairman</i> Daphne Calhoun Don Evans |

### **WEEKLY CALENDAR**

### SUNDAY. January 8

9:15 - Sunday School

10:30 - Morning Worship

5:30 - Bible Drills and Skills

#### MONDAY, January 9

12:00 - Missions Luncheon

#### **TUESDAY, January 10**

10:30 - Round Table Book Club

#### Wednesday, January 11

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

### FRIDAY, January 13

6:00 - G. I. F. T.



#### **USHERS FOR JANUARY**

Tommy Allen, Bo Bailey, Will Carpenter, Adam Foreman, Brad Garrett, Benny Harrison, Michael Jones, Dave Little, Timothy Maloney, John Morgan Mims, Brian Sellers, Ronnie Smith, Allan Tolleson, Cary Vaughn and Leslie Williams



Dr. Daniel P. Caldwell, Interim Pastor Rev. David Bishop, Associate Pastor for Music Noah Greer. Youth Minister Caitlin Braud, Director of Children's Ministries Dr. Raymon Leake, Pastor Emeritus Rev. David McCubbin, Associate Pastor Emeritus 701 26th Avenue Meridian, MS 39301 601,484,4600 www.fbcmeridian.org

THE MESSENGER FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH MERIDIAN

**IANUARY 8, 2023 VOLUME 95, NUMBER 1** "Don't remember the prior things; don't ponder ancient history. Look! I'm doing a new thing; now it sprouts up; don't you recognize it? I'm making a way in the desert, paths in the wilderness." **ISAIAH 43:18-19** 

# The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us.

When rainy days and gray skies surround us, we might raise the question, "How can a being such as God, who has no limits to power, know what it is like to be weak and limited?" How can one who created time and space understand the dilemma of being a slave to time and space? The people of the Old Testament continually dealt with the problem of feeling distant from God. God was real but also a powerful being to be feared.

You and I have an advantage over people of biblical times. We have a different understanding of God since we are on the other side of Jesus' arrival. Because of the incarnation through a man from Nazareth more than 2,000 years ago, everything has changed. No compromise was involved. God lived among us and discovered first-hand that life is not easy. In fact, at times it is downright difficult. God experienced first-hand the pain of rejection and misunderstanding. In the form of Jesus, God laughed, cried, walked, talked, and loved.

Christmas is not just a pretty story; it is a historical fact. Because of the fact of Christmas, one question has been answered forever. How can God appreciate our human frailty? God has been here and because of Christmas, understands and relates to life's bumps, bruises and cuts. Now the Divine can truly intervene and help us. I can't think of a better reason for us to go boldly into this new year!

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# FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON

# Tuesday, January 24 12:00 p.m.

Cost: \$5.00

Please make reservations by calling the church office (601.484.4600) or signing the sheet in the Welcome Center.

# **FBC Pastor Search Committee**

Please keep the Pastor Search Committee in your prayers.

Tommy Allen, chairman Fay Adkins Kacey Bailey Elliot Brewer Leonard Cobb Chris Lauderdale Joni Miller

# **FAMILY NIGHT SUPPER**

and all other regularly scheduled Wednesday night activities resume Wednesday, January 11

starting at 5:00 p.m.











#### G.I.F.T.

Friday, January 13 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Birth through 6th Grade
Make reservations by contacting Julie Holloway
@ 601-934-0803 by Sunday, January 8

# Sympathies to...

The Family and Friends of Brigadier General Sam Forbert, Jr.

Fred and Debra Porter and family in the death of her sister,

Coweela George.

Ron and Pam Maloney and family in the death of her father,
Leonard Jones.

# Memorials...

# **Lottie Moon Offering**

In memory of: J.W. Jones
Skip Haley (Louise Williamson's brother)
Manning Pharis (former member of FBC)
Howard and Peggy Lamar
In honor of: FBC Staff

Ladies' Bible Study
will begin
Tuesday, Tanuary 17 at 9:30 a.m.
Watch for details!

## REMINDER

Offering Envelopes are available to be picked up in the Welcome Center for those who give in that manner.

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:

January 22 May 28 September 3 February 12 June 18 October 22 April 2 June 25 November 5