

**Last Sunday's Record**

Sunday School: 219 Offering: \$12,315.68

**January 1, 2023**

Requirements: \$ 442,257.55  
 Receipts: \$ 445,953.31  
 Annie Armstrong: \$ 15,449.92

**DEACON OF THE WEEK**

Apr. 30 - James May

May 7 - Don Evans      May 14 - Earl Aycock  
 May 21 - Leslie Dunn      May 28 - Leonard Cobb

**Sermon for Sunday, April 30**

*"Rules of Engagement" Genesis 32:24-32*  
 Dr. Will Wall

**FAMILY NIGHT SUPPER - May 3**

Chicken Fajitas, Mexican Rice, Refried Beans,  
 Salad Bar and Dessert

**KIDS:** Soft Taco and Chips

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

**SERVERS:** Nancy Gibson,

Robert and Janet Berg, Shayne Garrett

**VOLUNTEER MINISTRY - April 30**

**PRAYER LINE Volunteer - Helen Webb**

<b>Preschool Ext. Session</b> Timothy and Candice Maloney	<b>Launch</b> Leslie and Jill Williams
<b>Worship Welcome</b> Philip and Amy Price Adam and Dana Foreman	<b>Greeters</b> Greg and Kathryn Monsour Richard and Laura Abney
<b>Security Team 5</b> Jim Anderson Leslie Dunn Brad Sykes Bernie Mitchell Alan Tolleson	<b>Counting Committee</b> Kathy Stehle, <i>chmn</i> Dana Foreman Don Evans

**WEEKLY CALENDAR**

**SUNDAY, April 30**

9:15 - Sunday School  
 10:30 - Morning Worship  
 3:00 - Acteens  
 4:00 - Uninvited Bible Study/*E. Holloway*

**TUESDAY, May 2**

7:00 - Youth Bible Study/*Hardee's*  
 4:30 - Ladies' Bible Study/*R. Scarbrough*

**WEDNESDAY, May 3**

10:30 - Round Table Book Club  
 4:00 - WMU Council  
 5:00 - FAMILY NIGHT SUPPER  
 5:30 - YOUTH CHOIR  
 - Young Ringers  
 - CENTRI-KID Parent Meeting/*Private Dining Room*

6:00 - Preschool and Children's Choirs

6:30 - MISSIONS RECOGNITION

**THURSDAY, May 4**

7:00 - Youth Bible Study/*Piggly Wiggly*

**Mark your calendars!**



**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

June 19 - 23

8:30 am to 12:00 noon

**For kids who have completed Pre-K 4 to Sixth Grade**

**USHERS FOR APRIL**

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, Leslie Williams



*Dr. Will Wall, 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*

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**THE MESSENGER**

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**MISSIONS RECOGNITION WEDNESDAY, MAY 3**

6:30 p.m.



The spirit of CHRIST

is the spirit of missions.

The nearer we get to Him,  
 the more intensely missionary we become.

God is pursuing with omnipotent passion a worldwide purpose of gathering joyful worshipers for Himself from every tribe and tongue and people and nation.

**GO Forward!**



**We are Ambassadors for Christ!**



I have stored your word in my heart,  
 that I might not sin against you.

Psalm 119:11



## GOD IS MY REFUGE AND STRENGTH

*"Though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult."*

*Psalm 46:3*

I am not sure when Psalm 46 became my favorite psalm, but as far back as I can remember, it has been right there on top for me. For one thing, it describes in such vivid terms our world today. Roaring waters and trembling mountains are not daily occurrences, but they certainly represent the kind of unstable world in which we live.

The Psalmist also offers the reassurance that God is still in control of this world. This promise comes as good news to me. At times we need to be reminded of it, however. Life can be brutal. We experience grief and watch others experience sudden calamities. There are tornadoes, fires, and suffering. Broken dreams are common.

Behold, there is hope. God is dependable through all of life's problems. In a society that declares that we can solve our own problems and urges us to pull ourselves up by our own bootstraps, we need to hear the psalmist declare that God is dependable. God is our shoulder to lean on through all of our difficulties.


So, today you may not hear any roaring waters or feel any mountains tremble, but there will be problems. You can bank on it. But, you can also bank on the presence of God as your strength and refuge.

*"God, thank you for being there for us in a noisy world."*

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*Our Church Family  
is cordially invited to attend an  
Adolescents Recognition and Reception  
Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup>  
3:00 p.m. Chapel*

**HAMBURGER & HOT DOG  
FUNDRAISER**  
to benefit our Centri-Kids!  
Wednesday, May 10 5:00 pm  
Donations are appreciated!



**Spring Sing**  
Wednesday, May 10  
6:30 pm  
FBC Sanctuary  
presented by the  
Children's Choir  
and Young Ringers



**BEYOND THE SURFACE**  
**CENTRI-KID PARENT MEETING**  
WEDNESDAY, MAY 3 5:30 P.M.  
FBC PRIVATE DINING ROOM

### Memorials...

#### Benevolence

In memory of: Maedelle Covert

### 2023 High School Graduates

Paden Avera - Northeast

Houston Cobb - Lamar

Kaitlyn Foreman - Northeast

Lee Garrett - Lamar

Ryan Kennedy - West Lauderdale

Jack Sellers - West Lauderdale

Jackson Wall - Oak Grove



*If you have a college graduate that you would like to recognize for their achievement, please contact the church office with details of their graduation.*

 **MISSIONS LUNCHEON**  
Monday, May 8 12:00 noon  
Guest Speaker: John Maxey  
Lauderdale Baptist Association

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