## Last Sunday's Record

Sunday School: 224 Offering: \$33,146.49

**January 1, 2023** 

Requirements: \$ 676,393.90 Receipts: \$ 638,951.08

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

July 2 - Freddie Poitevent July 9 - Walter Rogers, Sr. July 16 - Scott Sills July 23 - Tommy Allen July 30 - Greg Snowden

## Sermon for Sunday, July 2

"Still One Thing" John 9:1-41 Will Wall

# Wednesday Nights in the SUMMER 5:30 p.m.

Prayer Meeting and Bible Study plus Youth Worship and Fellowship and Children's Activities (\*Nursery available.)

Launch

# **VOLUNTEER MINISTRY - July 2**

**PRAYER LINE Volunteer - Ben Webb** 

**Preschool Ext. Session** 

#### Jason and Caitlin Braud Jim and Melissa Anderson **Worship Welcome** Greeters Celeste Little Pam Grav Allan and Diane Tolleson Don and Donia Evans John and Gaile Culpepper **Counting Committee Security Team 4** Van Goodman Sharon McMullen. chmn Landry Adkins Scott Sills Davis Miller Don Evans Daphne Calhoun **Greg Monsour**

## **WEEKLY CALENDAR**

#### SUNDAY, July 2

9:15 - Sunday School 10:30 - Morning Worship

Church Office will be closed July 3 - July 4 in observance of Independence Day.

#### **TUESDAY, July 4**

6:00 - Prayer Shawl Ministry (Aldersgate)

#### WEDNESDAY, July 5

No Wednesday Night Activities

# **THURSDAY, July 6**

8:30 - Children's Ministry Trip to Grand Paradise Waterpark/Collins, Mississippi (return to FBC at 4:30 p.m.)

#### FRIDAY, July 7

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

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Friday, July 7 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.
Birth through 6th Grade

Make reservations by contacting Julie Holloway
@ 601-934-0803 by Sunday, July 2

#### **USHERS FOR JULY**

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



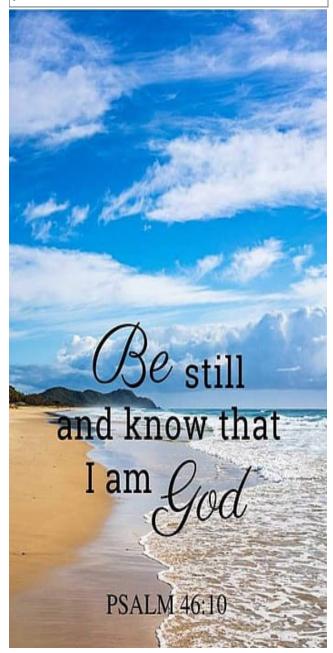
Dr. Will Wall, Pastor Rev. David Bishop, Associate Pastor for Music Noah Greer, Youth Minister Caitlin Braud, Director of Children's Ministries Sydney Harrison, Ministry Intern

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# To the Saints of FBC Meridian,

What an incredible response you've had to a very tumultuous time in our church and community. I am grateful for your words of encouragement and your acts of kindness. I am confident God is at work and has an incredible plan for this church. I pray that Sunday's service helped to bring about unity and healing that only comes from the Lord. Please continue to pray as we move through waters that are uncharted. However, let's be honest, each day brings about uncharted waters. Sometimes those paths are smooth, but many times they feel treacherous. God promises His mercies are new every morning and we are to trust Him. I will ask you to continue to pray, continue to serve, and continue to seek the heart of our Father, who is in heaven.

On Sunday, I invite you to join us for communion. There is no better time to share this incredible act of worship with your church family. The ordinance of "communion" cannot exist without "community", and this community needs you and our church. Please prayerfully prepare your hearts for this time of sacred worship with a Holy God who desires a relationship with His creation. I look forward to seeing you and am honored to serve you.

Will

CHURCH CONFERENCE WEDNESDAY, JULY 26 5:30 p.m. Ordination Service
for Noah Greer
Sunday, August 6
6:00 p.m.
Ordination Council 4:00 p.m.
Reception to follow

# Vacation Bible School 2023

As I told the children Friday, as we changed plans for dismissal and put a hold on our end of the week celebration, it seemed ironic that our Vacation Bible School theme this year was about how life is full of Twists & Turns! Our VBS week certainly ended with some unexpected twists and turns. But if I was not already so incredibly grateful for our volunteers (which I was), I certainly was on Friday! They all did a phenomenal job in ensuring the safety of our kids and preserving calm in the midst of a difficult situation!

We want to say a HUGE thank you to each of you who served! From praying to counting offering, to decorating, leading and teaching, chauffeuring, and even feeding hungry kids (and workers), VBS this year was successful because of **your help!** For each and every one of you who took time out of your week to make VBS happen, we are grateful!

We had 72 children registered with nearly 70 in attendance each day, and almost 60 adults each day too! The gospel was preached, hearts were touched, and \$911.97 was raised for the gospel to continue to go forward outside of our walls! If you've not been connected to VBS before, I promise you are missing out, and there is always a way to plug in. Join us now in praying for follow-up with our visiting children and families.

Caitlin, Julie, & Shea

# Memorials...

# **Missions and Ministry**

In memory of: Ellen Rogers In honor of:

The Prayer Shawl Ministry Team

# FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON



Tuesday, July 18 12:00 noon

BEAT THAT! Cost: \$5.00

featuring a



# Mystery Guest Emcee

# **Make reservations NOW**

by calling the church office (601.484.4600) or signing the list in the Welcome Center.

# FBC FAMILY FISH FRY

Wednesday, July 19 Fellowship Hall 5:30 p.m. VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Call the church office (601-484-4600) to let us know how you will help and plan to join your church family for this fun event!

Children's Ministry Trip
Grand Paradise Waterpark /
Collins, MS
Thursday, July 6

Leave FBC @ 8:30 a.m. and return 4:30 p.m.

<u>Cost:</u> \$32 + Lunch Money (approx. \$10-\$15), extra concessions available/no outside food or drinks permitted.

<u>Bring:</u> swimsuit, towel, sunscreen & a change of clothes