



**Last Sunday's Record**

Sunday School: 217 Offering: \$18,595.13

**January 1, 2023**

Requirements: \$ 754,439.35

Receipts: \$ 712,499.46

**DEACON OF THE WEEK**

July 23 - Tommy Allen July 30 - Greg Snowden  
August 6 - Fred Porter August 13 - David Webb

**Deacon's Meeting - July 23**

8:00 a.m. Fellowship Hall

**Sermon for Sunday, July 23**

*"The Good Shepherd"*  
*Psalms 23*

**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.)*

**VOLUNTEER MINISTRY - July 23**

**PRAYER LINE Volunteer - Faith Vaughn**

**Preschool Ext. Session**

Tommy and Mandy Hurtt

**Launch**

Lee and Melissa Rogers

**Worship Welcome**

Philip and Amy Price  
Charles and Georgene  
Garrett

**Greeters**

Brian and April Sellers  
Christie Daugherty  
Debra Porter

**Security Team 2**

John Calhoun  
Steve Gressett  
Brad Henry  
Ben Webb

**Counting Committee**

Marcia Brewer, *chmn*  
John Morgan Mims  
Tyler Covington

**WEEKLY CALENDAR**

**SUNDAY, July 23**

9:15 - Sunday School  
10:30 - Morning Worship  
5:00 - Prayer Gathering for Hays Monsour  
(FBC Sanctuary)

**TUESDAY, July 25**

6:00 - Prayer Shawl Ministry (*Aldersgate*)

**WEDNESDAY, July 26**

5:30 - Prayer Meeting and Bible Study  
CHURCH CONFERENCE  
- Youth Worship and Fellowship  
- Children's Activities  
(Nursery Available)

**CHURCH CONFERENCE**

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 26**

**5:30 p.m.**

**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*  
*Dr. Raymon Leake, Pastor Emeritus*  
*Rev. David McCubbin, Associate Pastor Emeritus*

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**The Good Shepherd**  
Sunday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>  
10:30 a.m.





### **Long Winding Path**

About 10 years ago I found myself 10,000 (literally) miles away from Mississippi crammed into a small pick-up truck with 4 other grown men traveling on mud roads in the Indonesian jungle. Along the way, we'd stopped and encouraged pastors and were able to worship with friends we made in previous journeys. The sweet fellowship and worship with fellow believers was refreshing and encouraging, and a picture of every tribe and tongue confessing Jesus as Lord. Before our journey ended, our team was asked to travel several hours to the coastal region to meet with some college graduates desiring for a church in the area. The students agreed to meet us for dinner, which meant the five of us loaded up in the pick-up truck and headed out. The roads were treacherous, bumpy, rocky, narrow, muddy, and some would have said dangerous. I vividly remember having to detour several times because of rockslides blocking the passageway. Hours in a small truck with other grown men proved to be difficult and it wasn't just the rear-end of the truck that seemed to be breaking apart. We finally arrived in time for dinner and met with the college students. We had prayed that perhaps they would feel a calling and urgency to start a church in that region or maybe God would raise them up to be leaders to share the Gospel with those around them. It did not take long into our dinner that we realized there was a miscommunication regarding our mission. The graduates assumed we were coming to the area to start a new church and we assumed the graduates were looking to be trained in church

You are invited to gather for a time of prayer for

**Hays Monsour**  
**Sunday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
**5:00 p.m.**

**First Baptist Church Meridian**

*For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.*

planting....none of us were on the same page. We left that dinner engagement a little frustrated and wondering why God would lead us all the way to the coastal region wasting days of our precious time and mission trip. We found a place to stay for the night and then our guide asked if we wanted to go to the beach the next morning, to which we agreed. It was early the next morning, just as the sun was coming up, that our guide took us just a few blocks from where we stayed and we saw the most amazing sunrise anyone could ever imagine. We were standing on a caramel colored beach watching the waves of the Indian Ocean crash into the shore. My view of oceans, sand, and beach has never been the same. I was quickly reminded of how incredible and magnificent God is. Sometimes He takes us on the long route just to remind us of His goodness. Perhaps you are being made to lie down in the green pastures today, or just maybe God is leading you beside still waters. It might be that you are walking through the valley of the shadow of death. Don't ever forget that God is with you. He is the good shepherd who knows your path and wherever you are is for His glory, not yours. Join us Sunday as we discover the 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm!

**Will Wall**

### **Memorials...**

#### **Missions and Ministry**

In memory of: Alan Akin  
 Billie Jenkins (*Merrie Smith's mother*)

#### **Music**

In memory of: Billie Jenkins

#### **Benevolence**

In memory of: Mary Belle Rawlings

The FBC Security Committee is seeking to implement an

### **Emergency Medical Team.**

*If you are interested in serving on this team, please contact the church office for additional details.*

*If you would like to help with a Bridal Tea Shower for*  
**Lauren Hunt,**  
*bride elect of Brock Williams,*  
*please sign the sheet in the Welcome Center, call the church office or contact*  
*Fay Adkins or Joni Miller.*  
**DATE: Sunday, August 20, 2023**  
**2:00 - 3:00 p.m.**



**Ordination Service**  
**for Noah Blake Greer**  
**Sunday, August 6**  
**6:00 p.m.**  
**Ordination Council 4:00 p.m.**  
**Reception to follow**

