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" Psalm 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 Lee and Melissa Rogers

Worship Welcome Philip and Amy Price Charles and Georgene Garrett

Brian and April Sellers Christie Daugherty Debra Porter

Greeters

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. Paymon Locke, Pastor Emerity

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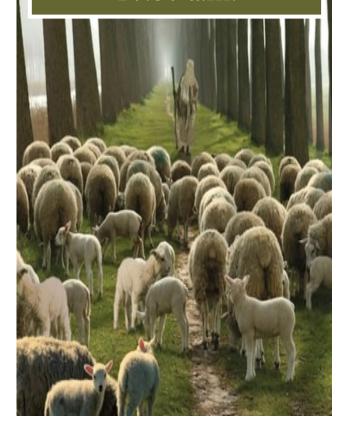


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The Good Shepherd

Sunday, July 23rd 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 pickup 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 23rd
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 23rd 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, stride elect of Brock Williams,

please sign the sheet in the Welcome Center, call the church office or contact Fay Adkins or Joni Miller.

<u>DATE: Sunday, August 20, 2023</u> 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.

