



THE MESSENGER

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH MERIDIAN

SEPTEMBER 10, 2023 VOLUME 95, NUMBER 33

September ...is our month to supply the shelves of the LBA Crisis Center. Boxes are in the Welcome Center.

Students

Preschool 2 lb. rice
Grades 1 - 6 1 lb. spaghetti
Youth 28 oz. spaghetti sauce

Adult I

Calhoun, Smith, Mabry 5 lb. cornmeal
Foreman, Henry 5 lb. plain flour

Adult II

Fellowship, Adkins 48 oz. oil

Adult III

Snowden, Davis/Williamson, and Seekers Meat Money
Leake 5 lb. sugar

Adult IV

Pilgrim Class 100 tea bags/24 family

From the LBA Crisis Center...

We serve over 300 families a month and could not do this without the continued support of our LBA churches. We receive both monetary donations and food donations Monday - Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Over the last 30+ years we have developed relationships with local vendors, as well as Mississippi Food Network. Because of these long-standing relationships and your monetary donations, we are able to purchase food at reduced prices to help meet the feeding and nutritional needs in our community. **Thank You!**

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY, September 10

9:15 - Sunday School
10:30 - Morning Worship
2:00 - Bridal Tea Shower for Edie Long and Carter Keyes
3:15 - Acteens
4:30 - Children's Bible Skills and Drills
Youth Bible Drills and supper

MONDAY, September 11

12:00 - Missions Luncheon

TUESDAY, September 12

7:00 - YOUTH Bible Study (*Jack's*)
9:30 - Ladies Bible Study (*C. Laird*)
4:30 - Ladies Bible Study (*R. Scarbrough*)
6:00 - Prayer Shawl Ministry (*Aldersgate*)

WEDNESDAY, September 13

5:15 - FAMILY NIGHT SUPPER
- Children's Sunday School Teachers Meeting
(Private Dining Room)

5:30 - YOUTH CHOIR

6:00 - Preschool and Children's Choirs
6:30 - Prayer Meeting and Bible Study
- G.A.s, R.A.s, and Mission Friends
- YOUTH WORSHIP

7:30 - Sanctuary Choir

THURSDAY, September 14

7:00 - YOUTH Bible Study (*The Pig*)

SATURDAY, September 16

8:00 - D-LIFE Boot Camp Breakfast with
Camp beginning at 9:00 a.m.
8:30 - Leave FBC for STAND Children's Conference at
Timber Creek

USHERS FOR SEPTEMBER

Landry Adkins, Justin Anders, John Anderson,
Tyler Covington, Leslie Dunn, John Ellis, Riley Garrett,
Ryan Haarala, George Hill, Lee Rogers,
Walter Rogers, Jr., Scott Sills, and Brad Williams



Dr. Will Wall, Pastor
Rev. David Bishop, Associate Pastor for Music
Rev. Noah Greer, Student Minister
Caitlin Braud, Director of Children's Ministries
Dr. Raymon Leake, Pastor Emeritus
Rev. David McCubbin, Associate Pastor Emeritus

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Last Sunday's Record

Sunday School: 212 Worship: 233
Offering: \$19,005.04

January 1, 2023

Requirements: \$ 936,545.40
Receipts: \$ 915,404.18
Margaret Lackey \$1,260.00

DEACON OF THE WEEK

Sept. 10 - Steve Gressett
Sept. 17 - Alan Lamar Sept. 24 - Benny Harrison

Deacon's Meeting - September 24

8:00 a.m. Fellowship Hall

Sermon for Sunday, September 10

"Ephesus" Revelation 2:1-7

FAMILY NIGHT SUPPER - September 13

Pulled Pork Sandwich, Hash Brown Casserole,
Baked Beans, Coleslaw,
Salad Bar and Ice Box Pies

KIDS: Corn Dog and Chips

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

SERVERS: Benny Harrison,

J.B. and Theresa Griffith, Bill Simcox

VOLUNTEER MINISTRY - September 10

PRAYER LINE Volunteer—Faith Vaughn

Preschool Ext. Session Travis and Erin Whitt	Launch John and Kristin Anderson
Worship Welcome Brandon and Brittney Harkins Leslie and Susan Dunn	Greeters John and Debra Anderson Penny McKinnis
Security Team 4 Van Goodman Landry Adkins Davis Miller Greg Monsour	Counting Committee Melissa Mabry, chmn Daphne Calhoun Lee Rogers



ENCOURAGEMENT
(1 Thessalonians 5:11b)

I continually feel a sense of indebtedness to those around me who are always a

source of encouragement. Some people just seem to have that gift. Victor Hugo once said, "We live by affirmations more than bread." How could anyone disagree? Some of the most memorable moments in our lives have been those when we received encouragement at a very critical time. One of the most important gifts we have to give to each other is the gift of encouragement. Through this gift we have the power to lift others up and make a difference, or possibly let someone fall down when it might be avoided.

In his letter to the Thessalonians, Paul told some struggling Christians of the importance of encouraging and building up one another. Encouragement may come as a simple word, a smile, a note, or a pat on the back at just the right time. So much in this world tears down, and many of our friends and family are close to defeat. We need to remember that frequently we hold in our hands the difference between despair and hope. So, today, be mindful of the gifts of encouragement that come your way. Don't take them for granted. Also remember that you hold the same opportunity and gift. Encouragement is one of the few gifts we have that does not diminish by giving it away.

DTB



Check out the Map of Mississippi in the Welcome Center and consider that each county represents \$122 toward reaching our \$10,000 goal. Please help us Cover Mississippi with JESUS and fund these needed ministries in our State.

Sunday School Teachers Meetings

CHILDREN'S TEACHERS

Wednesday, September 13

ADULT/YOUTH TEACHERS

Wednesday, September 20

Pick up Family Night Supper at 5:15 and meet in the Private Dining Room with Will.

SUNDAY SCHOOL
teachers
MAKE A
difference



4th - 6th GRADERS

Call Caitlin for reservations by **Monday, Sept. 11**. Parents are encouraged to join us on **September 16** at Timber Creek Camp \$10 per child. Leave FBC at 8:30 a.m.



FBC will host a D-LIFE BOOT Camp sponsored by the Lauderdale Baptist Association **this SATURDAY, September 16**

9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. (Breakfast at 8:00 a.m.)

Dr. Bill And Rondie Wilks, Trainers

REGISTER ONLINE at lbams.org/dlife



Sign up NOW for our next Fellowship Luncheon

Tuesday, September 26
12:00 noon



MISSIONS LUNCHEON

Monday, September 11
12:00 noon

Guest Speakers: **Matt and Shea Williams**
Southeast Asia

MARK YOUR CALENDARS ...



October 28
BONFIRE AND/OR COOKOUT
@ Noah and Kelsey's