



**Last Sunday's Record**

Sunday School: 216 Worship: 263  
Offering: \$25,704.39

**January 1, 2023**

Requirements: \$ 962,560.55  
Receipts: \$ 940,158.22  
Margaret Lackey \$3,516.00

**DEACON OF THE WEEK**

Sept. 17 - Alan Lamar Sept. 24 - Benny Harrison  
Oct. 1 - Tommy Brewer Oct. 8 - George Hill

**Deacon's Meeting - September 24**

8:00 a.m. Fellowship Hall

**Sermon for Sunday, September 17**

*"Smyrna" Revelation 2:8-11*

**FAMILY NIGHT SUPPER - September 20**

Chicken Alfredo with Penne Pasta, Broccoli,  
Breadsticks, Salad Bar and Dessert  
KIDS: Pizza and Fruit Cup  
ADULTS: \$5 KIDS (12 and under): \$3 Family Maximum \$20

**SERVERS:** Jim Williamson,

Cathy Carpenter, Cary and Faith Vaughn

**VOLUNTEER MINISTRY - September 17**

**PRAYER LINE Volunteer - Helen Follis**

<b><u>Preschool Ext. Session</u></b> Chet and Anniston Williams	<b><u>Launch</u></b> Tyler and Amy Covington
<b><u>Worship Welcome</u></b> Landry and Fay Adkins Leslie and Jill Williams	<b><u>Greeters</u></b> Greg and Kathryn Monsour Richard and Laura Abney
<b><u>Security Team 5</u></b> Jim Anderson Leslie Dunn Brad Sykes Bernie Mitchell Allen Tolleson	<b><u>Counting Committee</u></b> Marcia Brewer, chmn David Miller Greg Monsour

**WEEKLY CALENDAR**

**SUNDAY, September 17**

9:15 - Sunday School  
10:30 - Morning Worship  
3:15 - Acteens  
4:30 - Children's Bible Skills and Drills  
Youth Bible Drills and supper

**TUESDAY, September 19**

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 20**

5:15 - FAMILY NIGHT SUPPER  
- Adult/Youth 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 21**

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



MARK YOUR CALENDARS ...

**October 28**

**BONFIRE AND/OR COOKOUT**  
@ Noah and Kelsey's

**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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**Letters to the  
7 Churches**

And unto the angel of  
the church in Smyrna  
write; These things  
saith the first and the  
last, which was dead,  
and is alive;

*Revelation 2:8 KJV*

**Sermon Series continues with the  
church in Smyrna...**

**Sunday, September 17**  
**10:30 a.m.**



In the spring of 1986 the world became familiar with the word "Chernobyl". A nuclear energy reactor, situated on the Pripyat River, near the city of Chernobyl, Ukraine, went out of control, caused an explosion, and a subsequent release of a deadly radioactive cloud and fumes. News of the event was slow to be released from the Soviet controlled state. The rest of the world anxiously waited to see how the disaster would affect other nations in Europe as the radioactive cloud expanded and moved toward the atmosphere. Buses were eventually brought in to evacuate those living near the facility. Many boarded the buses thinking they would be able to return in a few short days, not understanding the towns would be abandoned forever. Workers desperately attempted to assess the situation and control the reactor that was in full "meltdown". Later, a shelter structure, commonly referred to as "the sarcophagus", was constructed using 14 million cubic feet of concrete. Experts hoped the structure would last 20-30 years. A larger and updated structure was placed in service in 2016 at the cost of nearly 2.1 billion dollars. People know the name "Chernobyl". Lives were changed forever. Generations who will never have witnessed the power plant producing energy will still know the name "Chernobyl" because maintenance will NEVER end for that facility. What caused the disaster? Two main contributions led to the meltdown at Chernobyl. 1. Faulty design and 2. Poorly trained workers. History tells us those two factors are a recipe for disaster. What does that have to do with church? Why are we looking at the 7 churches who received letters in the book of Revelation? Because the same is true for church! If we have a faulty design and do a poor job of training our "workers" (volunteers), we will leave a mark on those who come after

us that will not be positive. Christ gives warnings to the churches in Asia minor about their design and function. He also encouraged their workers (members, participants, volunteers) to be trained to keep their focus on Him. No, we aren't heading for nuclear meltdown, but we need to make sure our design and training stay on track. I am looking forward to walking through these letters with you.



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

**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

**Memorials...**

**Margaret Lackey State Offering**

In memory of: Lynn Combest  
Jackie Belcher  
(Jena Sim's father)

**DEACON NOMINATIONS**  
**Sunday, September 24**

The Committee on Committees is seeking your input as they nominate persons to serve on the Deacon Body for the coming year. On Sunday, September 24, you will receive a nominating form for you to suggest those people that you believe would serve effectively. Please make this process a matter of prayer. Thank you.



Sign up **NOW** for our next Fellowship Luncheon  
**Tuesday, September 26**

**12:00 noon**

and help us welcome **Jane Massey** on the subject of...  
**BALANCE.**



**Centri-Kid Interest Meeting**  
**Wednesday, October 4**  
**5:30 p.m.**

**Private Dining Room**  
**Centri-Kid 2024 Dates: July 1 - 5, 2024**

**Sunday School Teachers Meeting**

**ADULT/YOUTH TEACHERS**  
**Wednesday, September 20**

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

