Last Sunday's Record

Sunday School: 214 Worship: 285 Offering: \$64,106.99

January 1, 2023

Requirements: \$ 1,326,772.65 \$ 1,344,164.38 Receipts: Lottie Moon Offering: \$ 25,347.82

DEACON OF THE WEEK

Dec. 24 - Timothy Maloney Dec. 31 - Bobby Berg

Sermon for Sunday, December 24 "JOY" Luke 2:8-12

FAMILY NIGHT SUPPER Schedule

There will be no Family Night Supper or regularly scheduled Wednesday Night activities during the Christmas Holidays. We will resume Family Night Supper and ALL Wednesday activities on January 10, 2024.

VOLUNTEER MINISTRY-December 24

PRAYER LINE Volunteer - Helen Follis

<u>Preschool Ext. Session</u> Tanner and Callie Waite	Medical Response Team Pam Maloney Dana Foreman
Worship Welcome Benny Harrison Bill Simcox Denise Lewis	<u>Greeters</u> Christmas Eve No Sunday School
Security Team 4 Van Goodman Landry Adkins Davis Miller Greg Monsour	Counting Committee Freddie Poitevent Ward Calhoun Scott Sills

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY, December 24

10:30 - Morning Worship

5:00 - Christmas Eve Communion Service

Church Office is closed Monday, December 25 through Monday, January 1 for Christmas Holidays.



REMINDER

All 2023 contributions must be received in the offering plate by Sunday, December 31st or paid ONLINE or postmarked by Sunday, December 31st in order to be included in your 2023 contribution statement. Thank you.

USHERS FOR DECEMBER

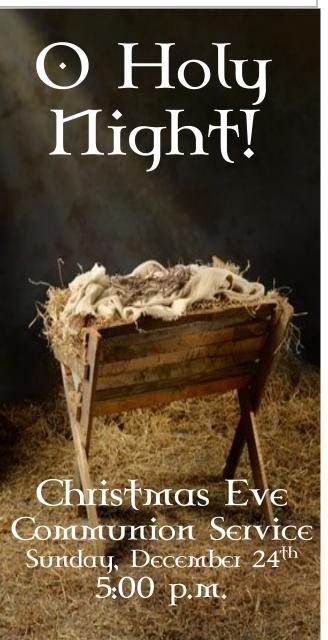
Landry Adkins, Justin Anders, John Anderson, Tyler Covington, Leslie Dunn, John Ellis, Riley Garrett, Ryan Haarala, George Hill, Lee Rogers, Walter Rogers, Jr., Scott Sills, and Brad Williams



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 701 26th Avenue Meridian, MS 39301 601.484.4600 www.fbcmeridian.org



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FBC CHRISMON TREE

Each year, our FBC Flower Committee puts up the beautiful Chrismon Tree in the Welcome Center. These ornaments have all been hand made with love and care through the years by members of First Baptist Church dating back to the 1980s. If you have not already had the time, please take a moment to look at the unique ornaments and reflect on their symbolism. It adds to our spirit of



worship and of family, as the Christmas tree becomes a focal point in many of our FBC family Christmas pictures each year. "Chrismon" is a combination of parts of two words: CHRIST and MONogram. A Chrismon is just that, a monogram of Christ and created using sketches found of Chrismons that were designed, carved or drawn by some of the earliest Christians. These early Christians used these symbols to identify themselves to one another, to designate meeting places of the church, and sometimes, to show unbelievers where they stood. Using these early symbols of our faith on our beautiful tree, we show the real reason we celebrate Christmas.

We added a new Chrismon to the top of the tree last year, the large gold crown known as The Crown of Ten Commandments. It symbolizes the Kingship of Jesus Christ, the King of Kings. The ten points of the Crown represent the Ten Commandments given to Moses by GOD. May this, and the other symbols placed on our tree continually be a reminder of God's greatest gift to us, Jesus Christ.

Join us for a new sermon series as we take a look at

LIVING THE DREAM

beginning Sunday, January 7

WHAT IS ADULTS VBS?

THEME: FIND US FAITHFUL FOR THE GENERATIONS

WHO: Adults 55 +

WHEN: January 22 through 25 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m

WHERE: First Baptist Church GYM

WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO?

Coffee and greetings available at 8:45 a.m. and we'll do a little stretching to start our day...then on to BIBLE STUDY led by Will Wall... MUSIC and WORSHIP led by David Bishop... FUN RECREATION led by Noah Greer...and CRAFTS to include Planting and Painting and a special treat with Jane Moseley (Wednesday and Thursday) helping us all create a canvas to keep. A LIGHT LUNCH will follow and we'll be on our way by 12:30 p.m.

THINK ABOUT JOINING US AND BE READY



TO SIGN UP <u>January 7th in the</u> Welcome Center. Come one day or every day and feel free to invite your friends!

May all who come behind us find us faithful!

Sympathies to...

Brandon and Brittney Harkins and family in the death of his great-grandmother Barbara Jean Knight.

The beautiful poinsettias in the Sanctuary are also in memory of...



Ellen Rogers by Walter Rogers And in honor of...

Cassie Rogers by Walter Rogers Melissa Rogers by Walter Rogers

Memorials...

Lottie Moon

In memory of:

Gay Anderson Hill (John Anderson's sister)

Maureen Jackson JoAnn Braddock

Lamar Reid

In honor of: Shawn Temple Dorothy Shank

James and Charlotte Mann Cornelia Laird

Associate Pastor Search Committee

Please pray for the following people who were elected to serve on this committee:

Jonda Henry Betsy Brewer Landry Adkins Clint Walker Gary Wilkinson

