

**Last Sunday's Record**

Sunday School: 194    Worship: 262  
Offering: \$21,276.75

**January 1, 2024**

Requirements: \$ 199,212.86  
Receipts: \$ 304,873.49

**DEACON OF THE WEEK**

Feb. 25 - Randy Carroll    Mar. 3 - Davis Miller  
Mar. 10 - Freddie Poitevent  
Mar. 17 - Walter Rogers    Mar. 24 - Scott Sills  
Mar. 31 - Tommy Allen

**Sermon for Sunday, February 25**

"Blessed are those that Mourn"    Matthew 5:4

**FAMILY NIGHT SUPPER - February 28**

Bacon Wrapped Chicken, Steamed White Rice, Roasted Asparagus, Yeast Roll, Salad Bar and Dessert

**KIDS:** Chicken Tenders and French Fries

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

**SERVERS:** Micki Harrison, Melissa Mabry, and Rachael Scarbrough

**VOLUNTEER MINISTRY-February 25**

**PRAYER LINE Volunteer** - Van Goodman

**Preschool Ext. Session**

Bobby and Patty Ann Bogue

**Medical Response Team**

Pam Maloney  
Dana Foreman

**Worship Welcome**

Jimmy and Tammy Matthews  
Neil and Amanda Henry

**Greeters**

Benny Harrison  
Earl Laird  
David and Helen Webb

**Security Team 4**

Van Goodman,  
Landry Adkins, Davis Miller, Greg Monsour, and Armond Williams

**Counting Committee**

Melissa Mabry, *chmn*  
Ward Calhoun  
Scott Sills

**WEEKLY CALENDAR**

**SUNDAY, February 25**

9:15 - Sunday School  
10:30 - Morning Worship  
2:30 - Shower for CPC hosted by the G.A.s  
3:00 - Acteens  
4:30 - Children's Bible Skills and Drills  
- Youth Drills and Supper  
5:30 - A Study in Philippians/  
S. Allison, E. Holloway, facilitators

**TUESDAY, February 27**

7:00 - YOUTH Bible Study (*Jack's*)  
9:00 - Ladies' Bible Study/Jane Moseley, facilitator  
9:30 - GriefShare/John Temple, facilitator  
12:00 - Fellowship Luncheon  
6:00 - Prayer Shawl Ministry (*Aldersgate*)

**WEDNESDAY, February 28**

5:00 - YOUTH BELLS  
5:15 - FAMILY NIGHT SUPPER  
5:30 - YOUTH CHOIR  
- Young Ringers  
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, February 29**

7:00 - YOUTH Bible Study (*The Pig*)  
4:30 - Ladies' Bible Study/Rachael Scarbrough

**USHERS FOR FEBRUARY**

Tommy Cason, Leonard Cobb, Chris Dean, Van Goodman, J.B. Griffith, Alan Lamar, Jim Lauderdale, Ben Leake, Joey Mabry, Davis Miller, Greg Monsour, Freddie Poitevent, Larry Roberts, Brad Sykes, Gary Wilkinson, Jim Williamson



*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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**THE MESSENGER**

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Please help us Shower the Center for Pregnancy Choices with LOVE

and support the mission project of our First Baptist G.A.s

Sunday, February 25  
2:30 to 3:30 p.m.  
FBC Welcome Center

Please bring needed hygiene items for both

Baby and Mom...

such as diapers, wipes, formula, lotions, body wash, deodorant, disposable razors, laundry detergent (free and clear)



Spring is in the air, and I am eagerly anticipating our church gathering to celebrate Easter. On Sunday, I announced a specific emphasis of “Praying for our City”, and drew your attention to each zip code....39301, 39305, and 39307 (although I mistakenly included 39303). From now until Easter, as we gather each Sunday morning in worship, it is with a renewed sense of purpose and dedication to our community that we focus on praying for our beloved city, Meridian. Our historic downtown First Baptist Church has long held a tradition of emphasizing the power of prayer, and now more than ever, we feel compelled to lift up our city in prayer.

Meridian, with its rich medical history, academic achievements, and influential business enterprises, stands in need of spiritual healing. Recognizing the unique needs of different neighborhoods, we have embarked on a journey to pray for each zip code of our city individually. Through our prayers, we seek not only to address the immediate concerns facing our community but also to invoke God's transformative power to bring about lasting change and renewal. Together, let us continue to intercede for Meridian, trusting in the promise that through prayer, God can work miracles and bring about healing and restoration to our beloved city. May God use our church, and others, to be a lighthouse to those lost and suffering in darkness. May God answer our prayers by allowing us to see that our brightest days are ahead of us. Join me in praying, partnering, and participating in the mission God has given to us!

**FEBRUARY is our month to supply the shelves at the LBA Crisis Center.**



**REMINDER**

**Help us fill up the boxes by the end of the month with much needed food items!**

**VISITATION TEAM RESET**

We are resetting our **Personal Care/ Nursing Home Visitation Team.**

Team members visit FBCM members and friends that are personal care or nursing home residents on a monthly basis.

**Please notify Philip Price if you'd like to join or continue to be a part of this ministry team.**

**Lenten Service**



**12:00 noon with lunch to follow**

- Thursday, February 29 - Central UMC
- Thursday, March 7 - First Christian Church
- Thursday, March 14 - St. Paul's Episcopal Church
- Thursday, March 21 - St. Patrick Catholic Church

**Prayer Shawl Ministry**

*If you like to knit or crochet and would like to become a part of the Prayer Shawl Ministry team **or** if you have a person who is beginning a difficult journey that you would like to bless with a prayer shawl, please contact Chris Lauderdale.*

**ORGANIZATION MEETING**



**Wednesday, February 28 5:45 p.m. in the Private Dining Room**

*Join a new ministry team where members will periodically visit senior adult ladies at their home, apartment or nursing home for one-on-one chats as they “do their nails”. Professional skills not required; high school-age to 99 year olds are invited to join this team.*



Welcome to our newest member...

**Russell Anderson**

**Sympathies to...**

Family and Friends of Virginia McGinnis

Ralph Severance and family in the death of his son-in-law, Tim Rutland

**Memorials...**

**Capital Improvements**

- In memory of: Gay Anderson Hill *(John Anderson's sister)*
- Donald Leake *(Raymon Leake's brother)*
- Martha Neal *(Willard Green's mother)*
- Lisa Dickson *(sister-in-law of Marcia Brewer)*

**Benevolence**

In memory of: Martha Neal

**If you would like to help with a Bridal Tea Shower for Anna Kate Henry, bride elect of Eli Eakes, please sign the sheet in the Welcome Center, call the church office or contact Fay Adkins.**



**DATE: Sunday, April 14, 2024 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.**

**Week of Prayer for North American Missions Luncheon**

**Monday, March 4 11:30 a.m. /CHAPEL Sign up for your Chick-fil-a Box lunch today in the Welcome Center. COST: \$10 Deadline to sign up: Friday, March 1**