

Last Sunday's Record - July 28, 2019

First Baptist SS: 226 Offering: \$24,046.00

January 1, 2019

Requirements: \$777,528.90

Receipts: \$723,107.93

Deacon of the Week

8/4 - Joey Mabry	8/11 - Fred Porter
8/18 - Wayne Powell	8/25 - Walter Rogers
9/1 - Jet Scarbrough	9/8 - Larry Roberts
9/15 - Jim Williamson	9/22 - David McCubbin
	9/29 - Ray Denton

Deacon's Breakfast

Sunday, August 25 8:00 a.m.

Sermon for August 4

"Uncomfortable"

Jonah 4:5-8

Dr. Nathan VanHorn

FAMILY NIGHT SUPPER

Family Night Supper and all regularly scheduled activities are suspended for the summer and will resume on

Wednesday, August 14

PRAYER MEETING SUMMER SCHEDULE

5:30 p.m. CHAPEL

VOLUNTEER MINISTRY for August 4

PRESCHOOL EXT. SESSION

Dana Foreman

LAUNCH

Caitlin Braud James and Donna May

WORSHIP WELCOMERS

Tommy and Marcia Brewer

Joey and Melissa Mabry

GREETERS

Jena Sims Lydia Sanders

SECURITY

Alan Lamar Charles Garrett

SUNDAY, August 4

9:15 - Sunday School
10:00 - Library Open
10:30 - Morning Worship

MONDAY, August 5

6:30 - YOUTH B2SB - Back to School Bash!
(Woodview Swim Club)

TUESDAY, August 6

7:00 - Men's Prayer Group
4:30 - Tuesday Hospital Ministry
6:00 - Prayer Shawl Ministry/Aldersgate

WEDNESDAY, August 7

5:30 - Prayer Meeting/Bible Study
6:30 - Outburst Praise Band Practice

ATTENTION:

PRESCHOOLERS, CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Meet in your regular Sunday School Class for one last time **THIS SUNDAY**...and, at the end of the Sunday School hour, meet your new teachers for 2019-2020!
(New Sunday School year begins August 11.)

COUNTING

Susan Hill, Chris Lauderdale, Davis Miller,
Leslie Dunn, Neil Henry, *Chairman*

TV MINISTRY

Jet Scarbrough, Connie Calhoun, Jason Braud,
Brad Henry, Edie Long, Isabell Long, Elisha Allison,
Priscilla Scarbrough, Fred Porter

USHER TEAM 2 - AUGUST

T. Cason, Cobb, Dean, Goodman, Griffith, O. Jones,
Lamar, Lauderdale, Leake, Mabry, Miller, Monsour,
Poitevent, L. Roberts, Sykes, Wilkinson, Williamson

Dr. Nathan VanHorn, Pastor

Rev. David McCubbin, Associate Pastor Emeritus

Rev. David Bishop, Associate Pastor for Music

Caitlin Braud, Director of Children's Ministries

Libby Waite, Interim Minister with Students

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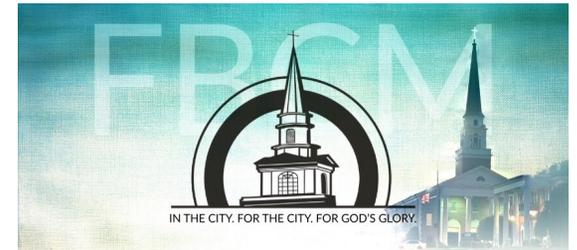
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**What
is
D-Group
Strategy?**



**Disciples Who Make
Disciples**

**VISION
STRATEGY
OPPORTUNITIES**

(See inside article for details)



Church family,

You'll hear me say this more than once (probably more than 100x): we need to make Jesus' last words our first priority. In the Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20), we are called to make *disciples* of all nations, 1) baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, 2) teaching them to obey everything Jesus commanded us, and 3) relying on God's presence and power with us in that pursuit. We Baptists are sometimes guilty of telling ourselves "Mission accomplished!" when someone comes to faith and/or gets baptized, but Jesus' vision for His followers entails much more.

The goal is more than eventually becoming disciples ourselves—it is becoming disciples who *make disciples*. I've always been amazed by how many letters the words "disciple" and "discipline" share. Takeaway: growing in our faith involves some work, just like growing in any other area of life. It doesn't *just happen*. But Paul tells us that even as we work out our salvation, God is also at work—in us—to will and to work for His good purposes (Philippians 1:6, 2:12-13). This is not just something God wants *from us*. This is something God wants *for us*.

My passion for you is to become more like Jesus and more effective for Jesus—disciples who make disciples.

For the next four Sundays, I will be addressing our Sunday School classes by department. George Hill (our Sunday School Director) and I—or both of us—will be contacting your teacher about which Sunday we will meet with your class. During that time, I will set forth 1) the overall vision of this initiative, 2) the strategy we will pursue, 3) and opportunities for training and involvement.

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Personal favor to your pastor: please be there, and be praying about how you can be part of what God wants to do in your life, in your home, in this church family, in our community, and to the ends of the earth. Growing in your faith is a vital step in growing God's Kingdom.

*Praying for you,
Your Pastor*



**It's almost time!
Fall Schedule
begins**

Wednesday, August 14

- 4:30 - English as Second Language
- 5:00 - Family Night Supper
 - YOUTH HANDBELLS
- 5:30 - Young Ringers
 - YOUTH CHOIR
- 6:00 - Preschool/Children's Choirs
- 6:30 - Prayer Meeting/Bible Study
 - G.A.s, R.A.s and Mission Friends
 - THE REFUGE Youth Worship
- 7:30 - Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

B2SB MONDAY, AUGUST 5
6:30 to 9:00 p.m.
YOUTH BACK-TO-SCHOOL
BASH

WOODVIEW SWIM CLUB/7993 State Blvd. Extension



G.I.F.T.

Friday, August 9 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Birth through 5th Grade

Make reservations by contacting Julie Holloway
@ 601-934-0803 by **Sunday, August 4**



Welcome to our newest members...

Jim and Melissa Anderson

Sympathies to...

Family and Friends of Jerry Adcock

Memorials...

Missions and Ministry

In memory of: Melton McCarty
(Glaniece Roberts' brother)



Surrendering the Secret *beginning August 19*

Healing the Heartbreak of Abortion

Call-Text Beth Sharp @ 601.527.8829

(Center for Pregnancy Choices)

A 9 week Bible Study...

All contacts and inquiries are confidential.

Mark your calendars!

FALL FOLIAGE TOUR

NIAGARA FALLS,

ONTARIO!

October 5 - 12

\$100 deposit secures your seat on the bus.

Check the Welcome Center for itineraries!



If you would like to help with a Bridal Tea Shower



honoring Alana Jones,

Bride Elect of Phillip McDonald,

contact Miriam Chesney or Carolyn Harrell

or sign the sheet in the Welcome Center.

Date: Sunday, September 15.