

**Last Sunday's Record - August 25, 2019**

First Baptist SS: 267    Offering: \$13,915.35

**January 1, 2019**

Requirements: \$881,199.42  
Receipts: \$865,390.99

**Deacon of the Week**

9/1 - Jet Scarbrough    9/8 - Larry Roberts  
9/15 - Jim Williamson    9/22 - David McCubbin  
9/29 - Ray Denton

**Sermon for September 1**

***"The Heart of the Matter"***  
Revelation 2:1-7

**FAMILY NIGHT SUPPER**

**September 4**

Chicken Alfredo Penne Pasta, Steamed Broccoli,  
Garlic Breadsticks, Salad Bar and Dessert  
KIDS: Pizza

Adults: \$5.00    KIDS (12 and under): \$3.00  
Family Maximum \$20.00

**SERVERS**

Denise Lewis    Pam Gray  
Wallace and Janet Heggie

**VOLUNTEER MINISTRY for September 1**

**PRESCHOOL EXT. SESSION**

Leslie and Jill Williams

**LAUNCH**

Caitlin Braud    Ryan and Casey Haarala

**WORSHIP WELCOMERS**

Joe and Judy Pettey  
Tommy and Mary Emma Allen

**GREETERS**

Pam Maloney    Richard and Laura Abney

**SECURITY**

Clifford Holloway    Greg Monsour

**SUNDAY, September 1**

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

**MONDAY, September 2**

*Church Office Closed  
in observance of Labor Day*

**TUESDAY, September 3**

7:00 - Men's Prayer Group  
9:30 - Ladies' Bible Study/Laird  
4:30 - Tuesday Hospital Ministry  
6:00 - Prayer Shawl Ministry/Aldersgate

**WEDNESDAY, September 4**

11:30 - WMU Round Table Salad Luncheon/Pat McCubbin's  
4:30 - English as Second Language  
5:00 - Family Night Supper  
- YOUTH HANDBELLS  
- WMU Council  
5:30 - Young Ringers  
- YOUTH CHOIR  
6:00 - Preschool/Children's Choirs  
6:30 - Prayer Meeting/Ephesians  
- G.A.s, R.A.s and Mission Friends  
- THE REFUGE Youth Worship  
7:30 - Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

**COUNTING**

Davis Miller, John Anderson, Tyler Covington,  
Ward Calhoun, Louise Williamson, *chairman*

**TV MINISTRY**

Jason Braud, Connie Calhoun, Brad Henry, Mark  
Fairbanks, Benny Harrison, Tim Maloney,  
Jeremy Hill, Fred Porter

**USHER TEAM 3 - SEPTEMBER**

Adkins, J. Anders, J. Anderson, Covington, Dunn,  
Ellis, R. Garrett, Haarala, Heggie, G. Hill, Pettey,  
L. Rogers, W. Rogers, Sills, B. Williams

*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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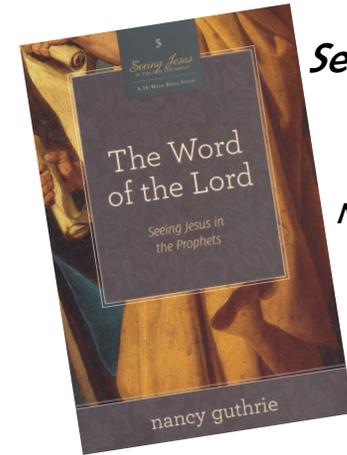
**THE MESSENGER**  
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Meridian

September 1, 2019

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**Two New Bible Studies...  
beginning this week.**

***The Word of the Lord***



***Seeking Jesus  
in the  
Prophets  
by  
Nancy Guthrie***

**Ladies' Bible Study**

***beginning Tuesday,  
September 3  
at 9:30 a.m.***

***Cornelia Laird, facilitator***

**CO-ED Bible Study**

***beginning Sunday,  
September 8  
at 4:00 p.m.***

***Janet Berg, facilitator***

### Church Family,

On Sunday, September 8, we will recognize Dr. Raymon Leake as Pastor Emeritus of First Baptist Meridian during our morning worship time. The word "Emeritus" comes from Latin and initially referred to veteran soldiers who served faithfully for a sufficient duration so as to earn, or "merit," their discharge from the service.

Dr. Leake faithfully served as pastor of our church family for over two decades. To put that in perspective, the average tenure of a pastor is currently about six years, which is substantially longer than the mid-1990s (when Dr. Leake came to Meridian). At that time, the average pastoral tenure had dropped to roughly three-and-a-half years.

During his time as our pastor, Dr. Leake was a healer following a season of controversy. He also led the "Restoring for Tomorrow" campaign, which raised five million dollars to renovate various facets of our church campus. He baptized many of your children and grandchildren. He married young couples and buried faithful servants. He preached the Word and pastored the flock. So on Sunday, September 8, we honor a veteran soldier of the army of the Lord by making him "Pastor Emeritus." And, in good Southern Baptist fashion, we will have a potluck meal following morning worship. We are likely to have several guests from the Leake family and from Bucatunna Baptist Church (Raymon's present pastorate), so we are asking FBCM members to bring a substantial side dish and dessert for the meal. The church will provide chicken and drinks. I hope to see you there.

*Blessings,  
Your Pastor*

### BRUNCH @ the VANHORNS

We just have a few spots left for brunch at the VanHorns. They will also be opening up new brunch times in January, 2020, if you weren't able to attend this fall. Watch for the new schedule.

### DEADLINE TO SIGN UP

### September 1

### FALL FOLIAGE TOUR NIAGARA FALLS, ONTARIO! October 5 - 12



**FBC Youth Worship**  
Wednesdays @ 6:30 p.m.  
**UNDERDOG - Week 4**  
SHIPRAH and Puah



**MISSIONS LUNCHEON**  
Monday, September 9 at 12:00 noon  
Guest Speaker: Dr. Tammy Anderson,  
State WMU Director



### FBC Family Potluck Luncheon Sunday, September 8

11:30 a.m.

(immediately after morning worship)

### Special Guests

### Raymon and Gloria Leake, their Family and Guests

*in celebration of Dr. Leake being named  
Pastor Emeritus of First Baptist Church Meridian*

Bring your favorite side dish and dessert  
and join us in the Fellowship Hall.  
(FBC will provide meat and tea.)



**September** ...is our month to supply the shelves of the LBA Crisis Center. Boxes are placed in the Preschool/Children's area or the Welcome Center.

### Students

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

### Adult I

Long, Mabry 5 lb. cornmeal  
Foreman, Brewer 5 lb. plain flour

### Adult II

Fellowship, Ross, Adkins 48 oz. oil

### Adult III

Snowden, Davis, Leake, Seekers 5 lb. sugar

### Adult IV

Encouragers 00 tea bags/24 family  
Deweese, Pilgrim/Tinnin/Lydia money/meats

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