

**Last Sunday's Record - October 13, 2019**

First Baptist SS: 225    Offering: \$24,325.14

**January 1, 2019**

Requirements: \$1,062,622.83

Receipts: \$ 1,021,177.49

**Deacon of the Week**

10/20 - Landry Adkins    10/27 - Tommy Allen  
11/3 - Randy Carroll    11/10 - Charles Garrett  
11/17 - Don Evans    11/24 - Bobby Berg

**Deacon's Breakfast**

**Sunday, October 20    8:00 a.m.**

**Sermon for October 20**

***"Exposed"***

***Revelation 3:14-22***

**FAMILY NIGHT SUPPER**

**October 23**

Fried Chicken, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy,  
Buttered Corn, Biscuits, Salad Bar, Dessert

**KIDS:** Chicken Strips and French Fries

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

**SERVERS**

Jody and Ginger Richardson  
Micki Harrison

**VOLUNTEER MINISTRY for October 20**

**PRESCHOOL EXT. SESSION**

Justin and Emily Anders

**LAUNCH**

Caitlin Braud    Bo and Kacey Bailey

**WORSHIP WELCOMERS**

JoAnn Braddock    Bill Simcox  
Blanche Harmon    Denise Lewis

**GREETERS**

Benny Harrison    Earl Laird  
Brian and April Sellers

**SECURITY**

Van Goodman    Davis Miller

**SUNDAY, October 20**

9:15 - Sunday School  
10:00 - Library Open  
10:30 - Morning Worship  
4:00 - Acteens  
    - Co-Ed Bible Study/Berg  
5:00 - Bible Skills and Drills (Youth and Children)  
    - D-Group Training/VanHorn  
6:00 - Outburst Praise Band Practice

**MONDAY, October 21**

9:45 Hodgins WMU/Denise Lewis'

**TUESDAY, October 22**

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

**WEDNESDAY, October 23**

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  
    - D-Group Leader Training/Temple  
6:30 - Prayer Meeting/Ephesians  
    *(Presentation from Student Minister Search Committee)*  
    - G.A.s, R.A.s and Mission Friends  
7:30 - Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

**COUNTING**

John Anderson, Susan Hill, Greg Monsour,  
Kathy Stehle, chairman

**TV MINISTRY**

Jet Scarbrough, Reed Scarbrough, Connie Calhoun, Brad  
Henry, Ben Allison, Trey Long, Turner Rogers, Mark Wil-  
liams, Sam Garrett

**USHER TEAM 1 - OCTOBER**

Allen, Bailey, Carpenter, Foreman, B. Garrett, Harrison,  
Jones, Little, T. Maloney, Mims, Sellers, R. Smith,  
Tolleson, Vaughn, L. Williams

*Dr. Nathan VanHorn, Pastor  
Rev. David Bishop, Associate Pastor for Music  
Caitlin Braud, Director of Children's Ministries  
Libby Waite, Interim Minister with Students  
Dr. Raymon Leake, Pastor Emeritus  
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# THE MESSENGER



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**Church Family...  
MARK YOUR CALENDARS!  
NEXT**

**Sunday, October 27**

**Bonita Lakes Boat Ramp**

**3 to 5:00 p.m.**

**Bring friends or a new family  
in our community!**

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**FOR ALL AGES!**

**Good Food...Rock Wall...**

**Petting Zoo...**

**Pony Rides...**

**Blowups!**



## Church Family,

Our by-laws require written notification at least one week in advance of bringing a potential staff minister in view of a call, so I am thrilled to write this brief letter. Though we are not sharing all of the details just yet, I am excited to announce on behalf of our Student Minister Search Committee that **we will be bringing a candidate in view of a call on Sunday, October 27.**

October 27 represents months of weekly meetings and scores of resumes obtained through seminars, Baptist colleges, state convention boards, private submissions, and referrals. During that time, we prayed (thank you for joining us in prayer!), interviewed multiple candidates, checked references, and ate a good meal once or twice. I have been so blessed to work alongside our dedicated committee: Kacey Bailey, Elliot Brewer, Jeremy Hill, Trey Long, and Cassie Rogers. Be sure to communicate our collective appreciation to the committee and their families for their efforts.

This is my sixth time to work alongside a search committee, and each process—though distinct—has shared one commonality: all began with some anxiety as the pastor, church, and committee sought to discern and assess exactly what was “needed” in a candidate, and all ended in celebration and anticipation when God gave us more than we requested.

Regarding the timeline of that weekend, **we will be presenting and introducing our candidate on Wednesday night, October 23**, immediately following the “business” portion of our quarterly Church Conference in the Fellowship Hall. **If all goes according to plan, our candidate will be WITH US on Wednesday evening so that all present have an initial opportunity to meet him.**

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That **Sunday morning, October 27**, we will have breakfast in the fellowship hall for the candidate, committee, youth, parents, and soon-to-be youth/parents in the fellowship hall to spend some time getting to know our candidate beyond what will be feasible on Wednesday night. Our candidate will share with us briefly during morning worship, and we will have a special business meeting at the conclusion of morning worship to vote on him as our next Minister to Students. I hope you are excited. I am.

*God bless you,  
Pastor Nathan*

## “Meet and Greet” Breakfast

with Prospective Student Minister  
for all Youth, Youth Parents and  
Upcoming Youth and Parents  
**Sunday, October 27**  
9:15 a.m. Fellowship Hall  
(during the Sunday School Hour)

## CHURCH CONFERENCE

**Wednesday, October 23 6:30 p.m.**  
*Fellowship Hall*



## **YOUTH STUFF...**

**Wednesday, October 23 – 6:30 p.m.**  
Youth in Church Conference  
for Prospective Student Minister Presentation  
**Holy Ghost Halloween Party**  
**Wednesday, October 30 @ 6:30 p.m.**

## YOUTH FUDGE SALE

**Order NOW through November 6**  
**PICK UP – December 8**

**2 Sizes \$7 tubs**  
**Chocolate**  
**Cookies 'n Cream**

**\$14 tins**  
**Chocolate Pecan**  
**Peanut Butter**



## *Sympathies to...*

Arlene Campbell and family  
in the death of her nephew,  
John Coture.

Family and Friends of  
Lera Cowart.

## **IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN!**



Please help us provide  
turkeys for L.O.V.E.'s Kitchen for the holidays.  
Donations can be given directly to  
Julie Holloway or dropped off in the church  
office. We'll need to gather **TURKEY BUCKS**  
by **November 10.**



## **CENTRI-KID INTEREST MEETING**

**Wednesday, November 6**

**@ 5:30 p.m. in FBC Private Dining Room**  
General camp info and fundraising opportunities  
will be discussed! **PARENTS...check it out!**

## **WE NEED CAKES...**

**HOMEMADE or “STORE-BOUGHT”**  
for the **CAKE WALK** at the Fall Festival.  
If you can help us with this, you may bring  
your cake to church on Sunday morning,  
**OCTOBER 27** and we will transport it to the  
Bonita Boat Ramp location. **THANK YOU!**

If you would like to help with a  
Bridal Tea Shower honoring  
Jamie Matthews, Bride Elect of Jeffery Lundy,  
contact Miriam Chesney or Carolyn Harrell  
or sign the sheet in the Welcome Center.  
**Date: Sunday, November 17**

