

Last Sunday's Record - December 8, 2019

First Baptist SS: 264 Offering: \$32,505.29

January 1, 2019

Requirements: \$1,269,963.87
Receipts: \$1,208,739.46
Lottie Moon Offering: \$10,912.00

Deacon of the Week

12/15 - Ward Calhoun
12/22 - Mark Williams 12/29 - Freddie Poitevent

REMINDER

All 2019 contributions must be received in the offering plate by Sunday, December 29th or paid ONLINE or postmarked by Tuesday, December 31st in order to be included in your 2019 contribution statement. Thank you.

FAMILY NIGHT SUPPER

December 18

BBQ Sandwich, Cheesy Bacon Potatoes,
Baked Beans, Salad Bar
KIDS: Corndog/fries
Adults: \$5.00 KIDS (12 and under): \$3.00
Family Maximum \$20.00

SERVERS

Jim Williamson, Benny Harrison, Sharon McMullen

VOLUNTEER MINISTRY for December 15

PRESCHOOL EXT. SESSION

Dana Foreman

LAUNCH

Caitlin Braud Lee and Melissa Rogers

WORSHIP WELCOMERS

Mark and Diane Fairbanks David and Kathy Stehle

GREETERS

Lydia Sanders Carolyn Hodgins Jena Sims

SECURITY

Trey Gray John Calhoun

SUNDAY, December 15

9:15 - Sunday School
10:00 - Library Open
10:30 - Morning Worship
6:00 - THE FESTIVAL OF 9 LESSONS, CANDLES AND CAROLS

TUESDAY, December 17

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

WEDNESDAY, December 18

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 - CHILDREN SING OF CHRISTMAS

Sermon for December 15

"No Place Like Home"
Matthew 1:12-17

COUNTING

Larry Roberts, John Morgan Mims, Melanie Carroll,
Kathy Stehle, chairman

TV MINISTRY

Bobby and Janet Berg, Jet Scarbrough, Jason Braud,
Connie Calhoun, Tim Maloney, Turner Rogers,
Jeremy Hill, Sam Garrett

USHER TEAM 3 - DECEMBER

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 Bishop, Associate Pastor for Music

Zach DePriest, Minister of Youth 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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**First Baptist Church
Meridian**

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**The Festival
of**



**9 Lessons
Carols and Candles
Sunday, December 15th
6:00 o'clock p.m.**

Church Family,

On December 30th, we will commence a church-wide, year-long Bible reading challenge utilizing the F260 reading plan. A few chapters a day, five days a week. To assist with your reading and study, we have several resources:

1. Small groups with trained leaders. We don't just want you to come and hear. We want to equip you to go and tell. This Sunday, we will present several men and women from our church family who have gone through small group leader training this fall and are looking to start groups. We will pray over them at the end of morning worship, and we will have a signup table in the foyer for anyone interested in joining a group. I can't urge you strongly enough to find a small group!

2. Several of our Sunday school classes are utilizing the F260 reading plan as their weekly curriculum. To assist with that, Dr. John Temple has gone through all 260 readings (!!!) and has provided sample discussion questions for each day as well as a weekly devotional for all 52 weeks. If you would like to obtain this file, let us know on Sunday or call the church office, and we will get the information to you.

3. By way of reminder, if you use the YouVersion Bible reading app, you can set up F260 as a daily reading plan. It will even give you push notifications to remind you daily about your readings.

4. Replicate Ministries has prepared a reading journal for the F260 reading plan with daily insights and questions to assist your journey. Copies of this FOUNDATIONS book can be obtained through the church office for \$15. Those who go through the disciple-making training get a FREE copy!

5. We will be doing daily postings on our website and Facebook to assist with understanding each day's reading. Additionally, all year long, our Wednesday night Bible studies will correspond with our F260 reading plan.

I look forward to going deeper in God's Word with you so that we may serve more faithfully and fruitfully in God's world.

Blessings,
Your Pastor

Children Sing of Christmas

**Wednesday,
December 18th**

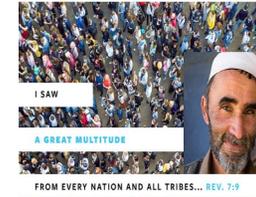
6:30 p.m.

**presented by
Preschool Choir 1
Preschool Choir 2
Children's Choir
Young Ringers**



Would you like to be a part of an F260 Small Group?
Sign Up NOW in the Welcome Center and you will be contacted with details!
Bible Readings begin December 30!
If you would like to do F260 as a personal Bible Study, pick up a reading schedule in the Welcome Center (Regular and LARGE Print available).
A Devotional Guide to Read the Bible in One Year
by John Temple
is available in a pdf by e-mail.
Contact the church office if you would like to obtain this file.

Memorials...
Lottie Moon Christmas Offering
 In memory of: Jim Sanders
 Justin and Brent Cobb
 In honor of: Steve and Cheryl Gressett
 Mr. and Mrs. Bob Gray
 (Denise Lewis' sister and brother-in-law)



Lottie Moon Offering for International Missions
OUR GOAL: \$58,000



Christmas Smoked Meat Pick-up
Monday, December 23
2 to 5:30 p.m. - Welcome Center
Last day to order
Sunday, December 15

Christmas Poinsettias
 Poinsettias will again grace our sanctuary during the Christmas season (\$7.00) each in honor or in memory of someone special. Please send in this order form with your payment.

Given by: _____

Number of Poinsettias: _____

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

Please pick up your poinsettias after the Christmas Eve service.