

**Last Sunday's Record - March 1, 2020**

First Baptist SS: 233    Offering: \$31,306.71

**January 1, 2020**

Requirements:    \$235,429.83  
Receipts:         \$305,288.77  
Annie Armstrong Offering    \$ 7,917.86

**Deacon of the Week**

3/8 - Charles Naylor

3/15 - Freddie Poitevent    3/22 - Jeremy Hill

**Deacon's Breakfast**

Sunday, March 22    8:00 a.m.

**Sermon for March 8**

*"Trendsetter"*

Genesis 3:21

**FAMILY NIGHT SUPPER**

**Wednesday, March 11**

*No Family Night Supper  
or regularly scheduled activities  
due to Spring Break*

*(Will Resume on Wednesday, March 18)*

**VOLUNTEER MINISTRY for March 8**

**PRESCHOOL EXT. SESSION**

Elliot and Betsy Brewer

**LAUNCH**

Will and Katie Carpenter

**WORSHIP WELCOMERS**

Leonard and Betsy Cobb    Wallace and Janet Heggie

**GREETERS**

Greg and Kathryn Monsour    Brian and April Sellers

**SECURITY TEAM 5**

Jim Anderson    Leslie Dunn    Brad Sykes  
Bernie Mitchell    Allan Tolleson

**TURN YOUR CLOCKS  
UP ONE HOUR  
THIS SATURDAY NIGHT!!!**



**SUNDAY, March 8**

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

*No evening activities at FBC - Spring Break*

**TUESDAY, March 10**

7:00 - Men's Prayer Group  
9:30 - NO Ladies' Bible Study/C.Laird  
4:30 - Tuesday Hospital Ministry  
- F260 Small Group/R. Scarbrough  
6:00 - Prayer Shawl Ministry/Aldersgate

**WEDNESDAY, March 11**

*No Family Night Supper  
or regularly schedule activities  
due to Spring Break*

**THURSDAY, March 12**

12:00 - Lenten Luncheon (St. Paul's Episcopal)



**Lenten Schedule  
for 2020**

**Thursday Services at 12:00 noon**

March 12 **Host:** St. Paul's Episcopal Church  
March 19 **Host:** Central United Meth. Church  
March 26 **Host:** First Baptist Church  
April 2 **Host:** First Christian Church

**COUNTING**

Larry Roberts, Leslie Dunn, John Morgan Mims,  
Sally Wilkinson, chairman

**TV MINISTRY**

Jet Scarbrough, Connie Calhoun, Reed Scarbrough, Jason  
Braud, Benny Harrison, Tim Maloney, Turner Rogers,  
Priscilla Scarbrough, Ray Denton

**USHER TEAM 3 - March**

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**

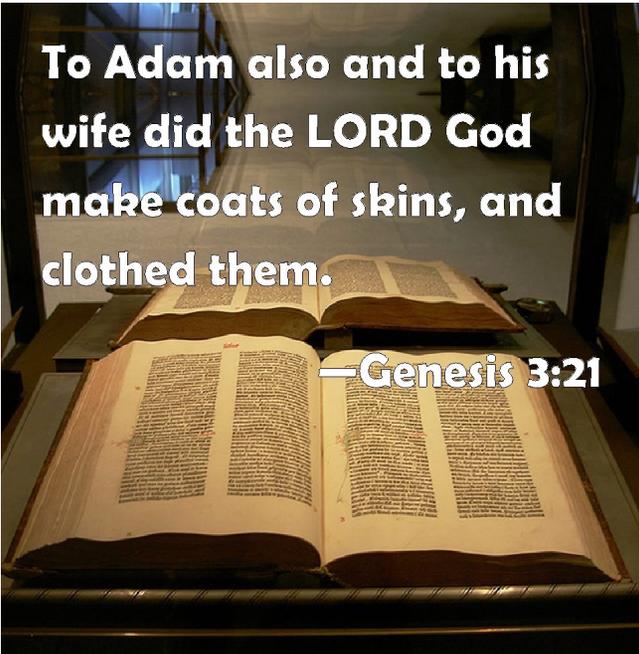


**FBCM**

First Baptist Church  
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**"CLOTHED"**

**A New Sermon Series  
on**

**Sin and Salvation  
beginning**

**March 8**

**10:30 a.m.**

## Church Family,

Last week, I asked my mom to dig up an old year-book picture of me from the fourth grade. It was as bad as I remembered (*Don't worry, you'll get to see it for yourself in an upcoming sermon*). The first thing I noticed were my *clothes*—I remember thinking, "I CAN'T BELIEVE I WORE THAT!" Spoiler alert: I was wearing a purple turtleneck. If there's anything I learned from fourth grade picture day, it's that clothes matter.

With rare and awkward exceptions, clothing is an everyday reality for the vast majority of the world's population. Globally, the retail clothing market is worth almost 1.5 TRILLION DOLLARS! Footwear alone is worth \$366 BILLION. Clothing is far from *purely* functional. Athletes and celebrities receive millions of dollars to endorse certain clothes or clothing brands. Social media "influencers" receive advertising revenue for taking would-be candid (but, in reality, carefully staged) pictures wearing select brands so that their "followers" will flood stores to obtain the latest fashionable apparel.

Our clothing demonstrates how we *want* to be seen and affects how we are seen by others, especially in a culture in which "perception is reality." Even on the professional front, we are told, "Dress for the job you want, not the job you have." So, to claim that "clothes matter" is actually putting it rather mildly. Interestingly, the Bible has a lot to say about clothing, going all the way *back* to the garden of Eden (see Genesis 3) and looking all the way forward to the return of Christ (see 1 Corinthians 15 and Revelation 22:14, for example). This Sunday, we will begin a ten-week sermon series, "CLOTHED," which explores the overarching story of the Bible by giving a closer look at clothing. Spoiler alert: clothes matter.

**Blessings,  
Your Pastor**

**The First Baptist Church Family**  
is cordially invited to celebrate  
**Robert Hill's 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday**  
**Sunday, March 15**  
2:00 to 4:00 p.m.  
Aldersgate Retirement Center



**Annie Armstrong**  
**Easter Offering**  
for North American Missions  
FBC Goal: \$16,000.00  
We have given: \$ 7,917.86

**G.I.F.T.**  
**Friday, March 20 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.**  
Birth through 6th Grade  
Make reservations by contacting Julie Holloway  
@ 601-934-0803 by **Sunday, March 15**



Center for  
Pregnancy Choices



Return bottles  
by Sunday,  
March 16

**Baby Bottle Boomerang**  
A Fundraising Program

**F260 WEEK 11 READING** beginning 3/8/20  
**Monday - Numbers 20, 27:12-23**  
**Tuesday - Numbers 34-35**  
**Wednesday - Deuteronomy 1-2**  
**Thursday - Deuteronomy 3-4**  
**Friday - Deuteronomy 6-7**  
**Memory Verses: Deuteronomy 4:7**  
**Deuteronomy 6:4-9**



**WHAT CHARACTER  
QUALITIES DO YOU  
ADMIRE IN OTHERS?**

Our FBC Acteens have a comment box in the Welcome Center and they would like for you to write the answer to their question and put it in their box.  
(There are slips of paper for this purpose.)

The FBC Church Family  
is cordially invited to attend a  
**Bridal Tea Shower**

honoring  
**Libby Waite**  
bride elect of Brandon Davidson  
**Sunday, March 8**  
2 to 3 o'clock p.m.  
First Baptist Church  
Welcome Center

## Memorials...

### The Music Fund

In memory of: Lynn Combest  
James Matthews  
Anne Furse (*Susan Hill's sister*)  
Pud Merrell Julia Scarbrough  
Paul Brown (*Pam Chatham's father*)  
Sarah Ullrich (*Nathan VanHorn's grandmother*)

### Missions and Ministry

In memory of: Julia Scarbrough  
Mark Fairbanks

### Annie Armstrong

In memory of: Jim Sanders  
Paul Brown

If you would like to help with a  
Bridal Tea Shower honoring  
**Callie Rush and Tanner Waite**  
contact Miriam Chesney or Carolyn Harrell  
or sign the sheet in the Welcome Center.  
**Date: Sunday, March 29**

