

Last Sunday's Record - March 15, 2020

Offering: \$18,780.67

January 1, 2020

Requirements: \$ 287,747.57

Receipts: \$ 342,102.53

Annie Armstrong Offering \$ 12,948.86

Deacon of the Week

3/22 - Jeremy Hill 3/29 - Mark Williams

4/5 - Joe Kieronski 4/12 - Trey Long

4/19 - Joey Mabry 4/26 - Leslie Dunn

***Regularly Scheduled Deacon's Meeting for
MARCH has been cancelled.***

Sermon for March 22

"Unfiltered"

Mark 9:1-8

CONTINUING PRAYER NEEDS

Louise Ellis (11/20/19) John Ellis' mother
Lisa McGee (11/24/19) Bruce McGee's mother
Jerry Greene (12/1/19) friend of Judy Pettey
Jane Spencer (12/11/19) Amy Presley's mother
Tony Sansone (12/13/19)
Ben Rose (12/17/19)
Glenn Castle (12/19/19) friend of Gaile Culpepper
DeRina Usher (12/1/19) Judy Pettey's friend
Maudie Newsome (12/19/19)
Mel Bounds (12/20/19)
Darron McMullen (12/29/19) friend of Gaile Culpepper
Nancy Taylor Zahn (12/29/19) cousin of Ward Calhoun, Jr.
Jim Patton (1/5/20) friend of Chris Lauderdale
Margaret Roberson (1/8/20) Joe Ross' sister
Julia Joyce Horn (1/8/20) Joyce Frank's granddaughter
Susan Dunn (1/9/20)
Dottie Schachte (1/9/20) friend of Arlene Campbell
Sandra Johnson (1/19/20) friend of Sandra Dennis
Hays Monsour (1/20/20)
Emily Price (7/20/20)
Dorothy and Harry Little (1/20/20)
Les and Liz Prystup (1/20/20)
Rebecca King (1/20/20)
Lisa and Wayne Powell (1/20/20)
Ginger Richardson (1/22/20)

Carole Lewis (1/22/20)
Pat Dalferes (1/26./20) friend of Debi Perkins
Freddie Poitevent (1/28/20)
Robert and Coweela George (1/28/20)
Debra Porter's sister and brother-in-law
Jim and Gloria Addison (1/28/20)
Ken Smith (1/28/20) Linda Smith's brother
The Cobb Family
Kelly Richardson (1/28/20)
Margaret Harrison (1/28/20)
Michelle Spedero (1/28/20) Diane Davison's daughter
Leonard Jones Pam Maloney's father
Mavis Slayton (10/11/19) friend of J.B. and Teresa Griffith
Donna Rainey (10/22/19) Gaile Culpepper's cousin
Joseph Horn (10/29/10) Gaines Harrell's nephew
Jack Follis (10/29/19)
Cindy Howell (1/27/20) Molly Ellis' niece
Danny Hill (2/3/20) friend of Ward Calhoun, Jr.
Maude Grant (2/3/20) Richard Grant's mother (ESL)
Antonia Garza (2/9/20) friend of Lisa Powell
Andrea Powell (2/11/20) friend of the VanHorns
Ellen Rogers (2/12/20)
Candy Meyers (2/12/20) Marilyn Green's niece
Jaeger Cumberland (2/17/20) Dorothy Little's great grandson
Family of Lynn Combest (2/17/20)
Cary Vaughn (2/23/20)
David Monsour (2/24/20) friend of Leonard Cobb
Paulette Hopkins (3/1/20) David Hopkins' mother

NEW PRAYER REQUESTS THIS WEEK

Barbara Cleveland (3/10/20) Ingrid Price's friend
Melba Wesson (3/13/20) Margaret Harrison's friend
Judge Charles Smith (3/16/20) Friend of Leonard Cobb

F260 WEEK 13 READING beginning 3/22/20
Monday - Joshua 5:10-15, 6
Tuesday - Joshua 7-8
Wednesday - Joshua 23-24
Thursday - Judges 2-3
Friday - Judges 4
Memory Verses: Joshua 24:14-15, Judges 2:12

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
701 26th Avenue Meridian, MS 39301 601.484.4600 www.fbcmeridian.org

THE MESSENGER



FBCM

First Baptist Church
Meridian

March 22, 2020

Volume 92, Number 12

God has not
given us a
spirit of fear,
but of *power*
and of *love*
and of a
sound mind.



-2 Timothy 1:7

Church Family,

I pray this message finds you well. Our ministry staff is so very grateful for the prayers and encouragement we have received. Know that we love you and are praying for you as well. We are all navigating somewhat uncharted waters, and I pray that we will continue to do so by grace through faith.

After meeting with our ministry staff for planning and prayer, **we have decided to suspend all regular activities, weekly ministries, and worship services through the month of March.** We will (prayerfully) reassess these suspensions as we enter the month of April and continue to monitor information on the spread of the coronavirus through the CDC, MSDH, and local medical professionals.

We will continue to offer Sunday worship services through our local broadcast and our Facebook livestream by utilizing our worship ministry staff and musical ensembles. On Wednesdays, Caitlin and Zach will be posting content for parents of children and youth on their respective Facebook pages, and I will post full-length Bible studies to our website and church Facebook page in addition to our daily F260 videos. Even though we cannot fellowship **in person**, we encourage you to maintain worship as an intentional priority in your homes. Getting in the Word is among the best things we can do to prepare for getting back out into the world after this situation passes. "The grass withers, and the flowers fade, but the Word of our God endures forever" (Isaiah 40:8).

For the time being, the church office will remain open, and someone from our staff will be available to you during all routine office hours. Naturally, your pastor is always available by phone as needed. We will do our best to keep you informed regarding any prayer and ministry needs within our

church, and we continue to urge you to be cautious about going out in public.

We are still prayerfully considering some ways that we can minister to our community (or assist in efforts led by others) while taking proper precautions, and we encourage you to *be the church* in the midst of this by reaching out to check on each other by phone; keeping your family engaged through online content; remaining faithful in giving (**online through our website – fbcmeridian.org – or by mail**) as well as alerting our leaders to material needs within our church family and community; using social media as a platform for faith, hope, and love; and praying for this church, community, nation, and world. There is much to be done, even from home.

We love you. We are praying for you. We are here for you. To God be the glory! **Blessings,**

Your Pastor

Sympathies to...

John and Molly Ellis and family
in the death of his father, Lionel Ellis.

Memorials...

Benevolence

In memory of: Sarah Johnston
Anne Furse (*Susan Hill's sister*)



Please welcome Tammy Lucas to our FBC Ministry Team. She and her husband, Scotty, live in Meridian and are members of FBC Stonewall. When our church life is "back to normal", please stop by the Welcome Center and meet Tammy.

MISSIONS SPOTLIGHT

Anders Snyder is a replanting pastor at Calvary Church in Nampa, Idaho. This means he is helping to revitalize a long-standing neighborhood church. Calvary Church has been in the neighborhood for many years, but has had some rough times in recent years. Instead of just closing its doors, as some churches do, Calvary Church decided to walk through a process called **replanting**. The church is surrounded by an established neighborhood with a mix of people - culturally, economically, and generationally. Some rich, some poor, some educated, some not, some young, some old. There are many broken homes, many needy families. Anders endeavors to lead the "old timers" in the church to be good neighbors and to be missionaries right where they are.

Anders asks that we pray to God that He will provide unity and perseverance to these people. He asks that we pray that the church people "not get too comfortable."

Anders Snyder is one of the missionaries supported by the North American mission offering. Have you given?

Annie Armstrong

Easter Offering

for North American Missions

FBC Goal: \$16,000.00

We have given: \$12,948.86

It's all
about the
gospel

**The Bridal Tea Shower honoring
Callie Rush and Tanner Waite
has been postponed until May 24th.**