

Last Sunday's Record - March 22, 2020

Offering: \$22,832.75

January 1, 2020

Requirements: \$ 313,906.44

Receipts: \$ 364,935.28

Annie Armstrong Offering \$14,877.61

Deacon of the Week

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 29

"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
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

NEW PRAYER REQUESTS THIS WEEK

Gray Spencer 3/20/20) Pam Gray's cousin's son
Dee Negrete (3/20/20) Joe and Betty Ross' daughter

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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"Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."

ISAIAH 41:10

Church Family,

Jesus reminds us to "seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness" (Matthew 6:33) regardless of the circumstances in which we find ourselves. Taking this to heart, we continue to consult with other churches and local agencies as we prayerfully consider how our church can minister to others during this time. Here are some of the ways you can contribute:

1. **Pray.** Pray, pray, pray. I can't say it enough.
2. **Consider a gift to the benevolence fund.** We have a designated account that allows us to meet some of the local needs that arise in times like these. We have already given \$5000/each to the Boys and Girls Club and Wesley House to assist in their distribution of food, but our Benevolence Fund allows us to address individual needs as the church is approached by community members. You can also check with the **1 John 3:17 Ministry** (contact Trey or Enley Long) to meet needs more directly if you prefer.
3. **Another way we are seeking to minister to others is by offering to provide Wednesday night meals to our seniors so they don't have to get out.** If you would like to be utilized to deliver meals, please let me know through e-mail at vanhorn@fbcmeridian.org.
4. **We are also asking if any of our seniors need assistance with grocery shopping or picking up prescription medications during this time.** This, in turn, requires people to shop for/deliver these supplies. Again, let us know if this is up your alley, and we will utilize you as the need arises.
5. **Local hospitals will be extremely pressed on having enough masks for those working with infectious patients/airborne illnesses. As a result, they are requesting assistance making masks, which can be donated directly at the hospitals or brought to the church (we have placed a box at the entrance of the welcome center). Check YouTube and Pinterest for demonstrations.**

JO-ANN fabrics at Bonita Lakes Mall is even distributing fabric kits to make these masks FOR FREE (I confirmed this by phone earlier this morning). Jena Sims has also found a way to make washable masks which are nearly as effective as surgical masks by utilizing vacuum cleaner bags inserted in to a cloth covering (such as those we will be making). **If you have any vacuum bags you would be willing to donate, you can bring them to the church as well; we will get them to Jena.**

Let us not waste this season lamenting our temporary inability to gather; rather, let us pursue every means at our disposal to **be the Church** as we serve God and our community. I love you. I'm praying for you. I am with you. And God is with us.

**Your Pastor,
Nathan VanHorn**

F260 WEEK 14 READING beginning 3/29/20
Monday - Judges 6-7
Tuesday - Judges 13-14
Wednesday - Judges 15-16
Thursday - Ruth 1-2
Friday - Ruth 3-4
Memory Verses: Joshua 24:14-15, Judges 2:12



CENTRI-KID SMOKED MEAT FUNDRAISER

Unfortunately, we will not be able to do the Smoked Meat Fundraiser at this time.

Thank you to all the faithful givers of FBC!
*As a reminder, you can mail your offering to 701 26th Avenue, Meridian, MS 39301, or give online through our **ShelbyNext app** or through our website (www.fbcmeridian.org).*

MISSIONS SPOTLIGHT

Nego Louis is a North American missionary in Toronto, Ontario. After serving as missionaries in Haiti, God led his family to Toronto. They felt God leading them to plant a new church, but they had no idea where. They were living in a basement apartment, and spent every day looking for Haitians, but never met up with any. When another missionary told them about a house in North Toronto that would be available in a couple of months, they decided to take the place. The second day they were there, they started meeting Haitians. Low and behold, God had moved them into an area with not only people from all over the world, but a huge Haitian community. This was not a coincidence - it was an answer to prayer. The area is made up of low-income families. Nego says one of the most rewarding things about being a pastor is being able to see the changes, miracles, and growth that comes when a person becomes a believer.*

Nego is one of the missionaries supported by the North American mission offering. Our Goal is \$16,000. We have given \$14,877.61.

It's all about the gospel!

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

Memorials...

Benevolence

In memory of: Lionel Ellis (*John Ellis' father*)
Anne Furse (*Susan Hill's sister*)
In honor of: Robert Hill

Music

In memory of: Lionel Ellis