

## Last Sunday's Record - March 29, 2020

Offering: \$25,189.23

### January 1, 2020

Requirements: \$340,065.31

Receipts: \$390,124.51

Annie Armstrong Offering \$15,327.61

## Deacon of the Week

4/5 - Joe Kieronski      4/12 - Trey Long  
4/19 - Joey Mabry      4/26 - Leslie Dunn  
5/3 - Walter Rogers, Sr.    5/10 - Jet Scarbrough  
5/17 - Jim Williamson    5/24 - John Anderson, Sr.  
5/31 - Tommy Cason

## Sermon for "Coats"

**Matthew 21:1-11**

## **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  
Judge Charles Smith (3/16/20) Friend of Leonard Cobb  
Gray Spencer 3/20/20) Pam Gray's cousin's son  
Dee Negrete (3/20/20) Joe and Betty Ross' daughter

## NEW PRAYER REQUESTS THIS WEEK

Emily Olander (3/28/20) Gary and Sally Wilkinson's niece  
Pete and Julie Bertrand (3/31/20) Albert Alston's friend  
Brook Davis (3/31/20) Jennifer Williams' husband's cousin  
Pete Denton (4/1/20) Ray Denton/Cathy Carpenter's father

*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

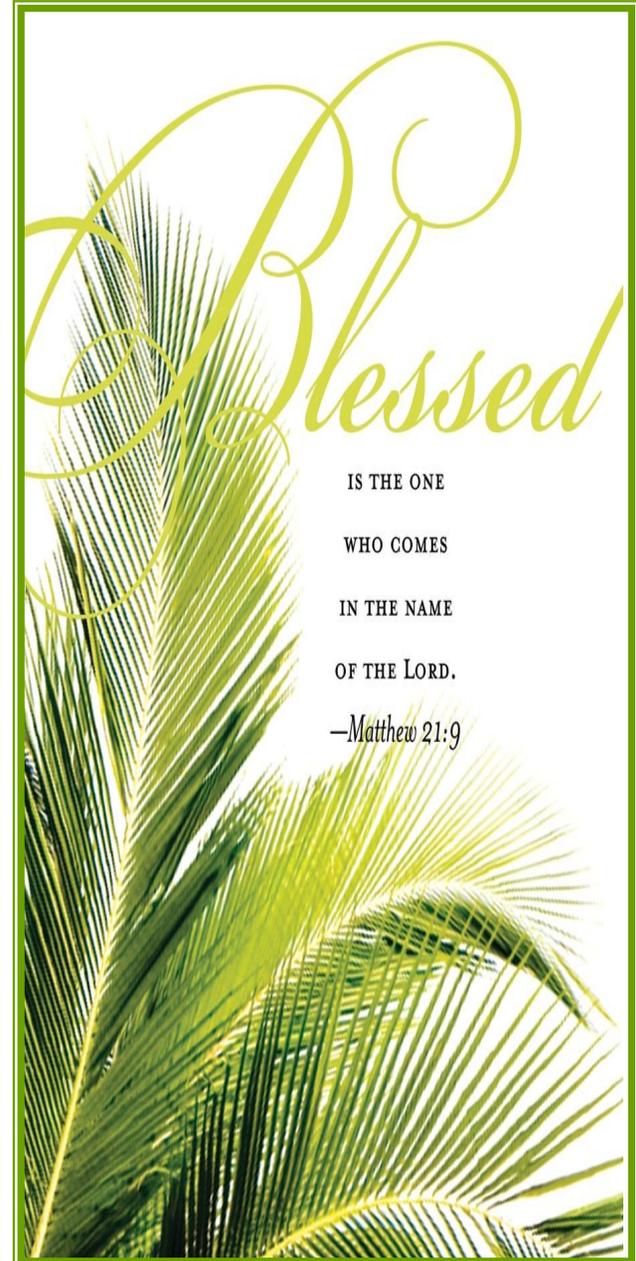


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## Church Family,

During my devotional time this morning, a somewhat familiar passage from the Gospel of Mark came to mind: *Now a woman suffering from bleeding for twelve years<sup>26</sup> had endured much under many doctors. She had spent everything she had and was not helped at all. On the contrary, she became worse.<sup>27</sup> Having heard about Jesus, she came up behind him in the crowd and touched his clothing.<sup>28</sup> For she said, "If I just touch his clothes, I'll be made well."<sup>29</sup> Instantly her flow of blood ceased, and she sensed in her body that she was healed of her affliction. ...<sup>34</sup> "Daughter," he said to her, "your faith has saved you. Go in peace and be healed from your affliction."* <sup>Mark 6:25</sup>

You know the story: the woman who was healed when she *touched* Jesus. But that's the catch. Given her illness, she was "unclean"—*she wasn't supposed to touch anybody*. And yet, cut off from human contact, just *touching* the hem of Jesus' garment made this woman well. "Your faith has saved you," he told her. "Go in peace and be healed."

The present chapter of life is an odd one, to be sure. We feel like exiles as our indefinite quarantine continues. We don't want to transmit the virus to anyone unknowingly and unintentionally, so we are urged to take every precaution. As a result, we aren't supposed to *touch*. I am amazed at how much I have taken handshakes, hugs, or just a pat on the shoulder/back for granted over the years. Those simple gestures become invaluable when you aren't allowed to *touch*.

And I think of all our medical professionals who risk exposure daily by treating—by *touching*—those who are sick. I think of those giving full-time care to "at risk" populations such as our seniors. I think of those businesses deemed "essential", whose employees continue to interact with customers. Despite the personal risks, these people

continue to *touch*. God bless them. Pray for them.

Then I think of Jesus, our great high priest, who knowingly entered into a human condition and climate plagued by Sin. He is God's ultimate point of contact—*touch*—with us. Hebrews 4:15, which I shared Sunday, says that he "has been tempted in every way as we are, yet without sin." Jesus knowingly risked exposure in each act of healing, forgiveness, and restoration. 2 Corinthians 5:21 says that He was without Sin, yet became Sin for us. The uncontaminated One died to be our cure, as the old poem goes: *Life is short, death is sure; sin the cause, Christ the cure.*

As this saga continues, continue praying for those who making daily *touches* to heal and to help others. Even in quarantine, make *touches* of your own—through prayers, encouraging cards, phone call to members of your church family, etc. And, in the midst of all this, praise God that Jesus is never *untouchable*. If the hem of his garment was enough to heal her, how much more powerful is His body and blood on the cross for us. God bless you.

**F260 WEEK 15 READING** beginning 4/5/20

Monday - 1 Samuel 1-2

Tuesday - 1 Samuel 3, 8

Wednesday - 1 Samuel 9-10

Thursday - 1 Samuel 13-14

Friday - 1 Samuel 15-16

*Memory Verses: 1 Samuel 15:22, 1 Samuel 16:7*

**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](http://www.fbcmeridian.org)).

**During this time of  
"Sheltering-in-Place", you can  
continue to reach the staff of FBC at  
601.484.4600.**

## Memorials...

### Benevolence Fund

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

Lionel Ellis (*John Ellis' father*)

In honor of: Our FBC Staff



## Congratulations to...

Reed and Priscilla Scarbrough  
on the birth of their newborn daughter,  
Paisley Dallas Scarbrough.  
Jet and Racheal Scarbrough are the  
proud grandparents.

## MISSIONS SPOTLIGHT

Daniel Huskey is a church planter/pastor of the Parish Church, Petalume, California. Besides preaching, counseling and leading Bible Studies, Daniel is also responsible for planning needed small groups and leading outreach ministries, and sometimes leading the music on Sundays. He meets with a small group of nine Christians each week to discuss life, culture, politics, etc. Many of the group have attended Sunday Services.

"Sonoma County is one of the most expensive and culturally progressive areas of the country. It's becoming more and more difficult for faithful believers to plant roots here and live as missionaries," says Daniel. "But this is what God has called us to do. We are so thankful to God for sending us to Sonoma County to love, serve and tell about Jesus to the folks here, breaking down the barriers between Christ and Culture. As we try to live out the *Sermon on the Mount*, pray for us."

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