

Last Sunday's Record - May 24, 2020

Offering: \$ 13,41.29

January 1, 2020

Requirements: \$549,336.27

Receipts: \$551,317.17

Deacon of the Week

5/31 - Tommy Cason 6/7 - Adam Foreman
6/14 - Tommy Hurtt 6/21 - Jim Lauderdale
6/28 - Jody Richardson

Sermon for May 31

"Still/Moving"

Ezekiel 1:1-3, 28

CONTINUING PRAYER NEEDS

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

Family of Lynn Combest (2/17/20)

Cary Vaughn (2/23/20)

David Monsour (2/24/20) friend of Leonard Cobb

Louise Ellis (3/1/20) John Ellis' mother

Tony Sansone (3/1/20)

Maudie Newsome (3/1/20)

Mel Bounds (3/1/20)

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

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

Raymon Leake (4/1/20)

Michelle Weatherford (4/8/20) friend of Shea Leake

Jim Harris (4/8/20) Tammy Matthews' father

Debbie Adams (4/15/20) Caitlin Braud's mother

Tim Thesman (4/15/20) Carol Wink's brother

JoAnn Braddock (4/21/20)

Julia Parker (4/24/20) friend of Micki Harrison

Richard Lewis (4/27/20) Micki Harrison's father

Georgene Garrett (4/28/20)

Ted Rayborn (5/30/20) Tommy Allen's brother-in-law

Maria Allen (5/30/20) Tommy Allen's niece

Candy Cornish (5/7/20) Lorie Anderson's friend

Nelda Dearman (5/7/20) Gaile Culpepper's cousin

Family of Margaret Harrison (5/18/20)

Family of Ron Parmerton (Mary Emma Allen's brother-in-law)

Jim Singley (5/18/20)

Margaret Roberson (5/21/20) Joe Ross' sister

Sandra Johnson (5/21/20) friend of Sandra Dennis

Hays Monsour (5/21/20)

Emily Price (5/21/20)

Dorothy and Harry Little (5/21/20)

Les and Liz Prystup (5/21/20)

Rebecca King (5/21/20)

Lisa and Wayne Powell (5/21/20)

Carole Lewis (5/21/20)

Freddie Poitevent (5/21/20)

Robert and Coweela George (5/21/20)
Debra Porter's sister and brother-in-law

Jim and Gloria Addison (5/21/20)

Ken Smith (5/21/20) Linda Smith's brother

The Cobb Family

Kelly Richardson (5/21/20)

Michelle Spedero (5/21/20) Diane Davison's daughter

Leonard Jones (5/21/20) Pam Maloney's father

Donna Rainey (5/21/20) Gaile Culpepper's cousin

Jack Follis (5/21/20)

NEW PRAYER REQUESTS THIS WEEK

Charlie Jones (5/21/20) friend of Ginger Richardson

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,

This past Sunday, I preached from Lamentations, a book consisting of five poems that reflect upon the most devastating realities of the prophet Jeremiah's life. Yet, in the middle section of the middle chapter of his lament—the HEART of the book—Jeremiah gives one of the greatest affirmations of God's faithfulness in all of Scripture: "Because of the Lord's great love we do not perish, for his mercies never end. They are new every morning—great is your faithfulness! I say, 'The Lord is my portion!' Therefore, I put my hope in Him. The Lord is good to those who wait for Him, to the one who seeks Him. It is good to wait quietly for salvation from the Lord."

In the midst of the ongoing pandemic and the broad spectrum of public and political responses to it, I commend Jeremiah's faith to you. True faith does not deny the disappointing or devastating realities of life, but rather affirms the power, purpose, and provision of God in the midst of them. The world could use more of that in this season.

As people continue to navigate and process this chapter of life differently, I encourage you to be gracious with one another and steadfast in prayer for our community, country, and world.

At the close of Sunday's sermon, I read the following poem. Several people requested a copy, so I have reproduced it:

Although things are not perfect
Because of trial or pain
Continue in thanksgiving
Do not begin to blame
Even when the times are hard
Fierce winds are bound to blow
God is forever able
Hold on to what you know
Imagine life without His love
Joy would cease to be
Keep thanking Him for all the things
Love imparts to thee
Move out of "Camp Complaining"
No weapon that is known
On earth can yield the power
Praise can do alone
Quit looking at the future
Redeem the time at hand
Start every day with worship
To "thank" is a command
Until we meet Jesus
Victorious in the sky
We'll run the race with gratitude
Xalting God most high
Yes, there will be good times and yes some will be bad, but...
Zion waits in glory...where none are ever sad!

-Author Unknown

Memorials...

Music Fund

In memory of:

Margaret Harrison Jeannie Barnett
Elaine Brown (*Julie Sharp's cousin*)
Ron Parmerton
(*Mary Enna Allen's brother-in-law*)
Elouise George
(*JoAnn Braddock's sister-in-law*)
Tom Gilbert
(*Buddy and Gina Laughlin's son-in-law*)

Virginia Covington

(*Tyler Covington's grandmother*)

Benevolence

In memory of: Margaret Harrison

State Missions

In memory of: Margaret Harrison

Missions and Ministry

In memory of: Margaret Harrison
Harry Causey

FBC Scholarship Applications
must be completed and returned to the
church office on or before [Sunday, June 15.](#)

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).

F260 WEEK 21 READING beginning 5/31/20

Monday - Isaiah 6, 9

Tuesday - Isaiah 44-45

Wednesday - Isaiah 52-53

Thursday - Isaiah 65-66

Friday - Micah 1, 4:6-13, 5

Memory Verses: Isaiah 53:5-6, 1 Peter 2:23-24