

Last Sunday's Record - May 31, 2020

Offering: \$ 22,771.51

January 1, 2020

Requirements: \$575,495.14

Receipts: \$574,088.68

Deacon of the Week

6/7 - Adam Foreman

6/14 - Tommy Hurtt 6/21 - Jody Richardson

6/28 - Jim Lauderdale

Sermon for June 7

"Beachhead or Victory?"

Joshua 4:1-3

Dr. John Temple

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

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)

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

NEW PRAYER REQUESTS THIS WEEK

Lowry Rush (5/28/20) Jill Williams' father

Alan Akin (6/1/20)

Lorie Anderson (6/5/20)

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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BEHOLD, I AM

DOING A NEW THING;

now it springs forth

DO YOU NOT PERCEIVE IT?

I WILL MAKE A WAY IN THE

WILDERNESS AND

RIVERS IN THE DESERT.

Isaiah 43:19

Mark your calendars!

**IN-PERSON
WORSHIP SERVICE AT FBC
BEGINS NEXT WEEK!**

**SUNDAY, JUNE 14
10:30 A.M.**

**USHER SEATING BEGINS
AT 10:00 A.M.**

**MORE DETAILS INSIDE
MESSENGER**

Greetings, Church Family!

By way of reminder, we will resume corporate worship on Sunday, June 14. Even so, we are still very much in the midst of an ongoing pandemic, so we want to utilize our immediate situation in pursuit of our ultimate goal. As a result, we have chosen to adopt the following measures for the time being to increase the safety of our gatherings:

- **We request that you wear a mask, especially while entering and exiting the facility.** We will have masks as needed in addition to sanitizer stations. Please avoid congregating too closely in the parking lot or welcome center. Please refrain from making physical contact beyond your immediate family. We will actively encourage social distancing even outside of the sanctuary.
- **We will utilize every other pew in the sanctuary.** In the middle section, we will utilize even-numbered pews. On the outside sections, we will utilize odd-numbered pews. We know everyone is ready to sit in their usual spot, but please assist us with this measure for the current season.
- **We will seat worship attenders as though you were at a wedding.**

Greeters/ushers will be stationed at the front and rear entrances to the sanctuary. We will have overflow seating in the fellowship hall if needed or desired.

Greeters/ushers will be masked, gloved, and ready to seat you. Please sit with your immediate family so that we can maximize our utilization of space while maintaining appropriate distance between groups.

Greeters/ushers will provide you with as many bulletins or children's activity pages as you need.

- **We will begin seating at 10:00 AM.** During this current season, David is utilizing the 9:00-10:00 hour for rehearsals with our various ensembles. As a result, we will begin seating worship attenders at 10:00. ***Please arrive closer to 10:00 so that we do not "bottleneck" in the Welcome Center and have plenty of time to seat families prior to worship.***
- **For the immediate future, the musical portion of our worship will be led by our various ensembles, but we will not have congregational singing.** Without question, this was among the most difficult - and among the **most informed** - stances we have taken. Naturally, we cannot and will not force anyone to refrain from singing, but we humbly request your adherence to this measure. David and I would be happy to provide more information or resources if anyone (understandably) has questions.
- **At the conclusion of worship, we will dismiss the congregation by section.**
- **During this time, we will not pass the offering plate during the offertory.** When we are leaving worship, our greeters/ushers will have collection plates for anyone desiring to contribute on their way out. Additionally, you can continue giving through the ShelbyNext app, by clicking the "Give" tab on our website, by utilizing the drop box in the welcome center, or through mailing tithes and offerings directly to the church office.

We realize that these measures may seem invasive to some and insufficient to others. We humbly submit them to you as the fruit of our best thought, discussion, and prayer as we navigate the unknowns of this episode.

We also understand completely that some will decide to continue worshipping from home due to being "at-risk" or due to potential complications

created by navigating some of the temporary measures we are adopting/promoting. We love you. We miss you. And we understand completely.

I am so thankful to be your pastor, and I am so proud to call you my church family. I cannot tell you how much I have missed what we call "normal." But, by the grace of God, we will get through this. May He bless us with hearts to love well, souls to trust well, minds to think well, and strength to serve well as we do so. And may He find us faithful in all things.

Your Pastor,
Nathan VanHorn

Memorials...

Benevolence

In memory of: Margaret Harrison

Missions and Ministry

In memory of: Margaret Harrison

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 24 READING beginning 6/7/20
Monday - 2 Kings 17-18
Tuesday - 2 Kings 19-21
Wednesday - 2 Kings 22-23
Thursday - Jeremiah 1-3:5
Friday - Jeremiah 25, 29
Memory Verses: Proverbs 29:18, Jeremiah 1:15