

Last Sunday's Record - June 21, 2020

Offering: \$21,940.79

January 1, 2020

Requirements: \$653,971.75

Receipts: \$647,931.51

Deacon of the Week

6/28 - Jim Lauderdale

7/5 - Greg Snowden 7/12 - Lee Rogers

7/19 - Reed Scarbrough 7/26 - Brian Sellers

Sermon for June 28

"Our Father in Heaven"

Matthew 6:9-13

CONTINUING PRAYER NEEDS

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

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

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

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

Alan Akin (6/1/20)

Lorie Anderson (6/5/20)

Ginger Richardson (6/3/20)

Adam Foreman (6/10/20)

Frances Dickson (6/14/20)

NEW PRAYER REQUESTS THIS WEEK

Pat McCubbin (6/22/20)

Mike Covert (6/23/20)

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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OUR Heavenly FATHER
KNOWS WHAT WE NEED
BEFORE WE ASK HIM!

Matthew 6:8



Church Family,

Last Sunday, we began a new sermon series on what is usually called the “Lord’s Prayer.” Having examined Jesus’ instructions on how NOT to pray (Matthew 6:5-8), next Sunday we begin exploring His teaching on how we should (Matthew 6:9-13). As we mentioned Sunday, Jesus is less concerned with the precise words we use and focuses rather on the posture of hearts before God. I believe this is why Jesus begins by teaching us to pray relationally, addressing God as “Our Father.” Pause for a moment. Can our hearts even imagine what a blessing we have to call on the Almighty God of Heaven as “Our Father”?

In college, I participated in an inner-city ministry in Jackson on Monday nights that had a format similar to VBS. One Monday night, I was asked to teach the evening’s Bible lesson on the Lord’s Prayer. I began by asking our group of fifteen school-age boys what it meant to call God “Father.” To my complete surprise, there was no feedback whatsoever. I asked them what came to mind when they thought of their own fathers. My shock intensified and my heart sank. Of the fifteen boys in my group, only four had a father figure. At the time, I had no idea about the national decline in fatherhood and the rise of various social maladies in the wake of that reality. All I knew was that I DID have a father—one who was accessible to me. That night, I could not sleep. Everything in me wanted to talk to my father. I got out of bed in the middle of the night and called my parents (they probably thought I was calling from prison given the late hour...). Overcome with gratitude at a blessing I had long taken for granted, I apologized for all of the times I had challenged them and thanked them for raising me to love and serve God. The sentiment is captured perfectly by a quote from Mark Twain: “When I was a boy of 14, my father

PRAYER MEETING

PRAYER MEETING RESUMES

Wednesday, July 1

5:30 p.m. FBC Sanctuary



Children's Church

CHILDREN'S CHURCH RESUMES

Sunday, July 5

10:30 a.m. - Fellowship Hall
Children ages 4 years to 2nd grade

was so ignorant I could hardly stand to have the old man around. But when I got to be 21, I was astonished at how much the old man had learned in seven years.” This may (not) surprise you, but I was the most contentious of the three children my parents raised. As a result, my father seemed like a stern disciplinarian during my adolescent years (he reminds me that there was a cause-effect relationship for discipline in our household...).

You can probably guess the rest of the story: my new perspective gradually transformed my relationship—and my communication—with my father. As I have matured over time, I have come to know my father far more intimately as a mentor, professor, colleague, and friend. None of these relational facets undermines his primary role as my father; to the contrary, they enrich it. I’m certain this is a central facet of what Jesus wanted His followers to understand about prayer. Prayer is not a one-sided entreaty to a cold and detached cosmic deity. Prayer is communication within a relationship—a relationship with a God who loved us enough to send His Son to die for sinners. In teaching us to pray to God as our Father, Jesus invites us to see the blessing that has been there all along.

Blessings,
Nathan VanHorn

Memorials...

Music Fund

In memory of: Margaret Harrison
Jerry Heblon (*Sherry Snowden's mother*)

Benevolence

In memory of: Jerry Heblon

Missions and Ministry

In memory of: Margaret Harrison

FOOD COLLECTION FOR LBA CRISIS CENTER

DON'T FORGET YOUR NON-PERISHABLES!

There is a collection box in the Welcome Center
by the door.



Thank you!

YOUTH STUFF...



Mondays – 12:30 p.m. @ FBC GUYS BIBLE STUDY

Tuesdays @ Noon All YOUTH – Lunch Gatherings
(check your messages for WHERE!)

Wednesdays @ 6:00 p.m. ALL YOUTH – Locations TBA

Thursdays –12:30 p.m. @ FBC GIRLS BIBLE STUDY

F260 WEEK 27 READING beginning 6/28/20

Monday - Zechariah 1:1-6, 2, 12

Tuesday - Ezra 7-8

Wednesday - Ezra 9-10

Thursday –Esther 1-2

Friday – Esther 3-4

Memory Verses: Zephaniah 3:17, 1 Peter 3:15

Thank you to all the faithful givers of FBC!

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