

**Last Sunday's Record - October 11, 2020**

Offering: \$23,952.37

Sunday School: 164

**January 1, 2020**

Requirements: \$1,072,513.67

Receipts: \$ 991,776.71

**Deacon of the Week**

10/18 - Trey Long      10/25 - Joey Mabry

**Deacon's Breakfast**

**Sunday, October 25**

**8:00 a.m. Fellowship Hall**

**Sermon for October 18**

Dr. Wayne VanHorn

**MENU for Wednesday, October 21**

*(for Noon Lunch and Evening Take Out)*

Chicken Alfredo with Penne Pasta,  
Broccoli, Garlic Breadstick, Strawberry Cake

**KIDS:** Pizza

Adults: \$5    KIDS (12 and under): \$3    Family Maximum \$20

**VOLUNTEER MINISTRY - OCTOBER 18**

**Preschool Extended Session**

Tyler and Amy Covington

**LAUNCH**

John Morgan and Anna Mims

**Worship Welcome**

Faye Bruner      Dee Dee Fouts

Bobby and Patty Ann Bogue

**Greeter**

John and Gaile Culpepper

Allan and Diane Tolleson

**Security Team 2**

John Calhoun      Steve Gressett

Brad Henry      Ben Webb

**WEEKLY CALENDAR**

**SUNDAY, October 18**

9:15 - Sunday School

10:30 - Morning Worship

3:30 - Acteens

**TUESDAY, October 20**

9:30 - Even Better than Eden/Laird

**WEDNESDAY, October 21**

12:00 - Sr. Adult Noon Day Prayer Meeting, Bible Study  
and Lunch (Fellowship Hall)

1:00 - Joint WMU Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

5:45 - Confronting Christianity/VanHorn, facilitator  
(CHAPEL)

- Worship is a Verb/Bishop, facilitator  
(SANCTUARY)

- Youth Worship

- Children's Ministry

(Grades 1 through 6 - Fellowship Hall)

(3s, 4s, and 5s - Children's Hall)

Nursery Open

**THURSDAY, October 22**

6:30 - Sporting Clays/Five Stand Shoot (Camp Binachi)

***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)).***

*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



## FBCM

First Baptist Church  
Meridian

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## Please welcome



### Dr. Wayne VanHorn

### Sunday, October 18

### 10:30 a.m.

Dr. Van Horn is the Dean of the School of Christian Studies and the Arts at Mississippi College.

He teaches Old and New Testament, Hebrew, and Ministry courses with his area of expertise in biblical languages.

He is also our pastor's father and we are pleased to announce that he will be filling the pulpit at First Baptist Church this Sunday, October 18, in his absence.



## GIVING OR TAKING?

***“Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.”***

**Matthew 3:10b**

In an effort to ease our guilt we frequently say to ourselves, “You’re a good person; you don’t steal, you don’t swear, and you wouldn’t think of killing—well, maybe occasionally. We are telling only half of the story when we evaluate our life performance in terms of what we do not do. In this story about the barren tree, the tree was committing no crime. Yet, it was cut down because it bore no fruit. It was simply existing, using space and air, putting back very little in return. Unfortunately, many of us are guilty of the same thing. We are content to exist and give little concern to the fruit we should produce. We are satisfied to compare ourselves with the thieves and murderers. We feel that since we are not guilty of those crimes we must pass the test.

Are we giving, or are we content to see life in terms of what we can take? Our form of taking is not necessarily illegal. We can never break a law and still be a “taker” in God’s eye. We all have opportunities of influence and input. We can seek to make a contribution, or we can just sit back and criticize the efforts of those who want to help. There are enough takers in this world, people who are content to watch a world of suffering and see it as someone else’s responsibility. Jesus said that if the tree does not bear fruit, it will be cut down. Our world desperately needs fruit!

*David Bishop*



## ATTENTION

### **Adult Sunday School Teachers!**

Don’t forget to make your reservations for the luncheon on

**Sunday, October 25.**

The lunch will be delicious and the info session will be short, but informative. Hope to see you there.

Call the church office (601-484-4600) or email

[sherry@fbcmeridian.org](mailto:sherry@fbcmeridian.org) for reservations.

***Join what God is doing and pick up your box in the Welcome Center, fill it up and bring it back by Wednesday, November 11.***



## **CHURCH CONFERENCE**

**Wednesday, October 28**

**12:00 noon Fellowship Hall**



## ***BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!***

**CENTRI-KID SMOKED MEAT FUNDRAISER BEGINS**

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25!**

**Whole Turkey - \$30 Turkey Breast - \$30**

**Boston Butts - \$30 Half Ham - \$30**

**Pork Loin - \$25 Rack of Ribs - \$25**

**Deadline to Order:**

**Sunday, November 15**

**PICK-UP: Tuesday, November 24**

**FBC Welcome Center**

**TIME: 2:00 to 5:30 p.m.**

***See any Centri-Kid to place your order***

***or call the church office.***

## *Memorials...*

### **Trinidad Ministry Fund**

In memory of: Ellen Rogers

### **Library**

In memory of: Ellen Rogers

### **Benevolence**

In Memory of: Ellen Rogers

Karlen Bagley

### **Margaret Lackey Offering**

In memory of: Ellen Rogers

Karlen Bagley Bruce McGee

Modona Tolleson (*Allan Tolleson's mother*)

Charles L. Harmon

### **World Hunger**

In memory of: Ellen Rogers

Charles L. Harmon Margaret Harrison

**F260 WEEK 43 READING beginning 10/18/20**

**Monday - 1 Corinthians 15-16**

**Tuesday - 2 Corinthians 1-2**

**Wednesday - 2 Corinthians 3-4**

**Thursday - 2 Corinthians 5-6**

**Friday - 2 Corinthians 7-8**

**Memory Verses: Romans 1:16-17, 1 Corinthians 15:3-4**



## **FBC Children's Ministry**

Thank you so much for your help and participation in our

“scaled down” but super-fun Fall

Family Festival last week. Everyone had

such a good time and the cake walk was

a highlight. Thank you to all the FBC

bakers and to those who volunteered to

help with our food and activities. It was

a great way to kick off FALL at FBC.

## **Sporting Clays/5 Stand Shoot**

**(Camp Binachi Shooting Sports Facility)**

**Tuesday, October 22 @ 6:30 p.m.**

**Contact Fred Porter to sign up.**