

**Last Sunday's Record - November 15, 2020**

Offering: \$21,097.62

Sunday School: 182

**January 1, 2020**

Requirements: \$1,203,308.02

Receipts: \$1,108,499.61

**Deacon of the Week**

11/22 - Walter Rogers    11/29 - Jet Scarbrough  
12/6 - Jim Williamson    12/13 - Lee Rogers  
12/20 Reed Scarbrough    12/27 - Brian Sellers

**Deacon's Breakfast (change)**

November Meeting moved to Sunday, December 6  
8:00 a.m. Fellowship Hall

**Sermon for November 22**

**"Dayenu"**

**Psalm 136**

**Wednesday, November 25**

*No Wednesday Noon Bible Study and Luncheon or  
regularly scheduled Wednesday Evening Activities  
due to Thanksgiving Holidays.*

*All activities will resume on  
Wednesday, December 2*

**VOLUNTEER MINISTRY - November 22**

**LAUNCH**

Ryan and Casey Haarala

**Worship Welcome**

Diane Fairbanks    David and Kathy Stehle

**Greeter**

Lydia Sanders    Carolyn Hodgins

Jena Sims    Susan Hill

**Security Team 2**

John Calhoun    Steve Gressett

Brad Henry    Ben Webb

**WEEKLY CALENDAR**

**SUNDAY, November 22**

9:15 - Sunday School  
10:30 - Morning Worship  
3:30 - Acteens  
4:30 - Youth Bible Drills

**TUESDAY, November 24**

9:30 - Even Better than Eden/Laird

**WEDNESDAY, November 25**

*No Wednesday noon or evening activities  
due to Thanksgiving Holiday Schedule.*

*Church Office will be closed  
Wednesday, Thursday and Friday,  
November 25-27  
for Thanksgiving Holidays.*



**Remember our  
FBC SENIORS!**



*Make a call or visit,  
send a card, offer to help with a seasonal  
project...and pray for them.  
They are our church's greatest blessing!*

*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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**First Baptist Church  
Meridian**

November 22, 2020

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**GIVE THANKS  
TO THE LORD,  
FOR HE IS GOOD,  
— FOR HIS —  
STEADFAST  
LOVE ENDURES  
FOREVER.  
PSALM 136: 1**



**CHOOSING GRATITUDE**

*“As you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody...”*

*Ephesians 5:19*

According to a presidential proclamation, the fourth Thursday in November shall be declared a day of national Thanksgiving, commemorating the first such observance. Thanksgiving Day is a fine custom because, for many of us (especially in the midst of a pandemic), gratitude does not come easily. We can learn a valuable lesson from our Pilgrim ancestors.

Remember that thanksgiving was not their only choice. Some of the Pilgrims suggested that they set aside a day of mourning, and they had every right to mourn. So many of that original group had died due to all the hardships. Of the eighteen wives on the Mayflower, only five remained alive for the first Thanksgiving Day. For a little bread instead of none, for a slim hold on life in place of death, for a glimmer of hope in an otherwise uncertain future - in those circumstances the Pilgrims gathered, by an act of discipline, to sing and make music in their heart to God for their blessings.

Our Thanksgiving celebrations set in the midst of festive tables surrounded by beautifully decorated homes, provide a rather interesting comparison with that first Thanksgiving.

In our celebration, our gratitude should reflect the abundance of our blessings. We have so much, not just on this day, but every day. Too bad we need a presidential proclamation to make us say “thank you”!

*David Bishop*

**THE SOUNDS OF CHRISTMAS**  
*at*  
*First Baptist Church*  
**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6<sup>TH</sup>**  
**6 O’CLOCK P.M.**  
*presented by the*  
**SANCTUARY CHOIR,**  
**ENSEMBLES AND ORCHESTRA**



**The Festival of 9 Lessons  
Carols and Candles**  
**Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup>**  
**6:00 o’clock p.m.**

***Memorials...***

**Lottie Moon Christmas Offering**

In memory of:

Justin and Brent Cobb

Margaret Harrison Chuck Harmon

Dr. Jim Matthews

**Music**

In honor of:

Miriam Chesney Barry Germany

**LOTTIE MOON**  
**WEEK OF PRAYER**  
 for International Missions  
 beginning December 6  
 Watch for details!

A Great *Multifude* + You

**CENTRI-KID SMOKED MEAT FUNDRAISER**  
**RE M I N D E R**  
**PICK UP TUESDAY, November 24**  
**2:00 to 5:30 p.m.**  
**FBC Welcome Center**

**F260 WEEK 48 READING** beginning 11/22/20  
**Monday - Philippians 1-2**  
**Tuesday - Philippians 3-4**  
**Wednesday - Hebrews 1-2**  
**Thursday - Hebrews 3-4**  
**Friday - Hebrews 5-6**  
*Memory Verses: Philippians 3:7-8, Hebrews 4:14-16*

**Thank you,** FBC Church Family, for your generous gifts to L.O.V.E.’s Kitchen. Because of you we were able to deliver \$905.00 for them to use in purchasing food for their Holiday Meals. **WMU of FBC**