

**Last Sunday's Record - December 6, 2020**

Offering: \$36,311.91

**January 1, 2020**

Requirements: \$1,281,784.63

Receipts: \$1,172,279.74

Lottie Moon Offering: \$10,998.62

**Deacon of the Week**

12/13 - Lee Rogers

12/20 Reed Scarbrough 12/27 - Brian Sellers

**Sermon for December 13**

*"Witness to the Light"*

John 6:1-8

**Sr. Adult Prayer Meeting and Luncheon**

*will resume on*

*Wednesday, January 20, 2021.*

**VOLUNTEER MINISTRY - December 13**

**Preschool Extended Session**

Dana Foreman

**LAUNCH**

Mark and Kelley Davis

**Worship Welcome**

Benny Harrison

Leslie and Susan Dunn

**Security Team 5**

Jim Anderson, Leslie Dunn, Brad Sykes,

Bernie Mitchell, Allan Tolleson

**WEEKLY CALENDAR**

**SUNDAY, December 13**

10:30 - Morning Worship

*No Sunday Evening Activities.*

**FUDGE PICKUP**



*If you have ordered fudge from one of our FBC Youth, you may pick it up at the table in the WELCOME CENTER*

**THIS SUNDAY, December 13.**

**REMINDER**

*All 2020 contributions must be received in the offering plate by Sunday, December 27<sup>th</sup> or paid ONLINE or postmarked by Tuesday, December 31<sup>st</sup> in order to be included in your 2020 contribution statement. Thank you.*

*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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*Light of the World*

*There was a man sent from God whose name was John.*

*He came as a witness to testify concerning that Light, so that through him all might believe.*

*John 1:6-8*



### The Chrismon Tree

Each year, our FBC Flower Committee puts up the beautiful Chrismon Tree in the Welcome Center. You might want to take a moment to look at the unique ornaments and reflect on their meaning.

**“Chrismon” (Kriz’mon)** is a combination of parts of two

words: **CHRIST** and **MONogram**. A Chrismon is just that, a monogram of Christ. They were fashioned after sketches found of Chrismons that were designed, carved or drawn by some of the earliest Christians. The monograms were found in many places – some on jewelry and utensils, others on doors or in catacombs or in buildings. Early Christians used them to identify themselves to one another, to designate meeting places of the church, and sometimes, to show unbelievers where they stood. By using these early symbols of our faith to decorate the tree in our Welcome Center, we show the real reason we celebrate Christmas. It adds to our spirit of worship and of family, as this unique Christmas tree becomes a focal point in many of our FBC family Christmas pictures each year.

All Chrismons are made in a combination of white and gold. White, the liturgical color for Christmas, refers to our Lord’s purity and perfection; the gold, to His majesty and glory. The evergreen tree, which symbolizes the eternal life which our Savior has won for us, is a meaningful background for the tiny white lights.

During this Advent season, may these lights lead us to Christ— the Light of the world. May the symbols placed on our tree continually remind us of God’s greatest gift to us all, Jesus Christ.

# ⊙ Holy Night!

## Christmas Eve Communion Service

Thursday,  
December 24  
5:00 p.m.




**LOTTIE MOON**

Christmas Offering for  
International Missions  
FBC Goal: \$50,000

**WE HAVE GIVEN:**  
\$10,998.62

**F260 WEEK 51 READING** beginning 12/13/20

**Monday - 1 Peter 3-4**

**Tuesday - 1 Peter 5, 2 Peter 1**

**Wednesday - 2 Peter 2-3**

**Thursday - 1 John 1-3**

**Friday - 1 John 4-5**

*Memory Verses: 1 Peter 2:11, 1 John 4:10-11*

### FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH FAMILY!

Please help us compile a directory of our church members! During your Christmas holidays, simply take a picture of your family and email it to [sherry@fbcmeridian.org](mailto:sherry@fbcmeridian.org). Make sure that you include all your names and updated information (such as phone #s, addresses or emails).

Watch for more details!

### Memorials...

#### Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

In memory of: Margaret Harrison  
 Jimmy Crane      Jack Jackson  
 Harry Causey      Jim Sanders  
 James E. McGinnis, Jr.  
 Myles Frank

In honor of: Joe Kieronski  
 FBC Church Staff

Mr. and Mrs. David Horn and family  
 Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Horn and family  
 Miss Ellen Horn

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Davidson  
 Ms. Bobbe Williams

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Cunningham  
 Mr. and Mrs. Joe Covais  
 Ms. Peggy Mars

Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Martinez  
 Dr. and Mrs. Brent Grimes

### *Christmas Poinsettias*

Poinsettias will again grace our sanctuary during the Christmas season in honor or in memory of someone special. Please send in this order form with your payment. **(\$10.00 each)**

Given by: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Poinsettias: \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please pick up your poinsettias after the Christmas Eve service.*