

Last Sunday's Record - January 3, 2021

Offering: \$12,539.00
Prepaid Offering for 2021: \$43,672.00

January 1, 2021

Requirements: \$26,480.77
Receipts: \$56,211.00
Lottie Moon to Date: \$55,704.74

December 31, 2020

Requirements: \$1,360,261.00
Receipts: \$1,353,978.18

Deacon of the Week

1/10 - George Hill 1/17 - Brad Henry
1/24 - Randy Chesney 1/31 - Ray Denton

Deacon's Breakfast

Sunday, January 24

8:00 a.m. Fellowship Hall

Sermon for January 10

"Taking God at His Word"

John 4:43-54

Sr. Adult Prayer Meeting and Luncheon
will tentatively resume on
Wednesday, February 3, 2021.

VOLUNTEER MINISTRY - January 10

Preschool Extended Session

John and Kristin Anderson

LAUNCH

Elliot and Betsy Brewer

Worship Welcome

Tommy and Marcia Brewer

Joey and Melissa Mabry

Security Team 5

Jim Anderson, Leslie Dunn, Brad Sykes,
Bernie Mitchell, Allan Tolleson

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY, January 10

10:30 - Morning Worship

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).

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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*A New Sermon Series
for a New Year...*

SIGNS

What Jesus' Miracles Mean

from The Gospel of
JOHN

SIGNS: WHAT Jesus DOES shows WHO Jesus IS



Church Family,

I pray this new year finds you well. In previous weeks, we have promoted tentative dates for resuming Sunday School, small groups, and our modified Wednesday schedule. Originally, those dates were scheduled on Sunday, January 17, and Wednesday, January 20, respectively; however, after prayer and consultation with our staff, deacon officers, and local medical professionals, we have decided to postpone those dates as follows:

- We will resume Sunday School and small groups in-person on **Sunday, February 7**. I am aware that several classes are utilizing Zoom, but many are not. In order to bridge this gap, Caitlin (children), Zach (students), and I (adults) will be putting out weekly videos for study, reflection, and discussion in family or individual contexts. My videos will be utilizing the weekly passages from the material prepared by Dr. John Temple. Though I am increasingly convinced that nothing can replace gathering together in person for fellowship, discipleship, and worship, we hope these temporary efforts will minister in a meaningful way to the spiritual needs of our church family.
- We will resume our Wednesday activities on **Wednesday, February 3**. As in the fall, Wednesdays will consist of a lunchtime prayer meeting and Bible study as well as a modified schedule on Wednesday evenings from 5:45-6:30 with meals-to-go.

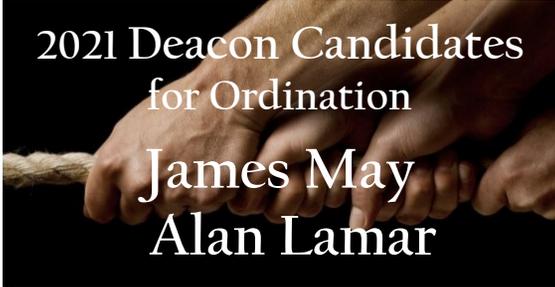
By way of announcement/reminder, our **quarterly church conference** will take place during the noon gathering on Wednesday, February 3.

We are currently working to upgrade the wi-fi capabilities on our church campus, expanding our capacity to utilize internet technology for Sunday school, small groups, and Bible studies as this unique season continues. In the meantime, I cannot communicate adequately how grateful I am for your faithfulness—and how honored I am to be your pastor. I am praying for you and for us.

May God be glorified through His people at First Baptist Meridian.

*Blessings,
Nathan VanHorn*

The Disciple's Study Calendar
Week 3 - (January 11-15) - John 2
Sunday School Lesson for January 17



**2021 Deacon Candidates
for Ordination**
James May
Alan Lamar

Mark you calendars for
Sunday, January 17
Deacon Council-3:30 p.m.
Deacon Ordination - 5:00 p.m.

Memorials...

Lottie Moon

In memory of: Jack Jackson
Joyce Jones Sarah Moore
Margaret Harrison
In honor of: Rose Ellen Reid
Fonda Holladay Lydia Sanders
JoAnn Braddock Blanche Harmon
Janet and Wallace Heggie
Nathan VanHorn
Janice Jones

Music Ministry

In honor of:
David Bishop Miriam Chesney
Barry Germany

Children's Ministry

In honor of:
Caitlin Braud Julie Holloway

Youth Ministry

In honor of: Zack DePriest

Trinidad Ministry Fund

In memory of: Ellen Rogers



LOTTIE MOON
*Lottie Moon Christmas
Offering for
International Missions*
FBC Goal: \$50,000
Praise! We have given:
\$55,704.74

If you would like to place flowers in our sanctuary in memory or honor of someone or to commemorate a special occasion, the following dates are open:

February 14	June 13	July 18
February 28	June 20	September 5
May 2	July 4	November 28
May 30		