

Last Sunday's Record - January 10, 2020

Offering: \$14,513.50

Lottie Moon to Date: \$68,237.37

January 1, 2021

Requirements: \$52,961.54

Receipts: \$70,724.50

Deacon of the Week

1/17 - Brad Henry

1/24 - Randy Chesney

1/31 - Ray Denton

2/7 - Mike Jones

2/14 - Larry Roberts

2/21 - David McCubbin

2/28 - Davis Miller

Deacon's Breakfast

Sunday, January 24

8:00 a.m. Fellowship Hall

Sermon for January 17

"Troubled Waters"

John 5:1-9a

Sr. Adult Prayer Meeting and Luncheon

will tentatively resume on

Wednesday, February 3, 2021.

VOLUNTEER MINISTRY - January 17

LAUNCH

Justin and Emily Anders

Worship Welcome

Faye Bruner Dee Dee Fouts

Bobby and Patty Ann Bogue

Security Team 1

Walter Rogers, Jr. , Justin Anders,

Wallace Heggie, Neil Henry

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY, January 17

10:30 - Morning Worship

3:30 - Deacon Council

5:00 - Deacon Ordination

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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DEACONS

*If anyone serves me, he must follow me;
and where I am, here will my servant be also.*

*If anyone serves me,
the Father will honor him.*

John 12:26

**2021 Deacon Candidates
for Ordination**

**Alan Lamar
James May**

Sunday, January 17

Deacon Council - 3:30 p.m.

Deacon Ordination - 5:00 p.m.

BE STRONG!



THAT IS WHY, FOR CHRIST'S SAKE, I DELIGHT IN WEAKNESSES, IN INSULTS, IN HARDSHIPS, IN PERSECUTIONS, IN DIFFICULTIES. FOR WHEN I AM WEAK, THEN I AM STRONG.
2 CORINTHIANS 12:10

From this verse we might get the idea that Paul had a sick need to experience pain, but that definitely was not the case. Paul found no more pleasure in suffering than any other person. Instead, he was able to grow from it and even become stronger than if he had not experienced hardship.

Several years ago, Dr. Marie Benyon Ray made an interesting study of the relationship between handicaps and achievement. She developed an assumption as a result of her study. "No one succeeds **without** a handicap. No one succeeds **in spite** of a handicap. Everyone succeeds **because** of a handicap." One might surmise from this study that attainment does not come from the absence of struggle but can always be traced to it. In other words, the things that work against us are sometimes good for us.

Paul made this discovery. Through his own experience he concluded that the limitations under which he labored were actually his assets. They pushed him forward. This is not to suggest that we go around seeking troubles, but rather that we should seek to let our troubles serve some kind of good in our lives and in God's kingdom.

David Bishop

WELCOME BACK

Welcome Back to Wednesdays
is tentatively scheduled for February 3.
We are updating our Lunch Reservations and Evening Take Out Reservations and ask that you help us. If you have not made a previous reservation, and want a meal, please call Tammy at the church office (601.484.4600). THANKS!

Sunday morning Sermon Series...

SIGNS

What Jesus Does SHOWS Who Jesus Is.

**FIFTH SUNDAY OFFERING
FOR TRINIDAD
SUNDAY, January 31**

Additional Sunday School Lessons on line...
Check out our FBC Facebook page or YouTube for your weekly Sunday School lessons provided by Nathan (Adults), Zach (Youth) and Caitlin (children). If you have trouble accessing your lesson, reach out to our staff for help. Some classes are continuing their Zoom meetings.

**Stay in the WORD until we can meet again
IN PERSON!**

The Disciple's Study Calendar
Week 4 - (January 18-22) - John 3
Sunday School Lesson for January 24

Sympathies to...
David and Helen Webb and family
in the death of her brother-in-law,
Joe White.

Memorials...
Music Fund
In memory of:
Louise Ellis (*John Ellis' mother*)
Joe White (*Helen Webb's brother-in-law*)

**LOTTIE MOON
PRAISE!**

We have exceeded our goal
of \$50,000!

Our FINAL Lottie Moon
Christmas Offering
Total for 2020
is
\$68,237.37.

A Great *MultiFide* + You
Rev. 7:9

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 28	May 30	September 5
May 2	July 4	September 12