

## Last Sunday's Record - January 24, 2021

Offering: \$21,974.54

### January 1, 2021

Requirements: \$105,923.08  
Receipts: \$107,039.54

## Deacon of the Week

1/31 - Ray Denton

2/7 - Mike Jones                      2/14 - Larry Roberts  
2/21 - David McCubbin            2/28 - Davis Miller

## Church Conference

Wednesday, February 3

12:00 p.m.

(during the noon Bible study)

## Sermon for January 31

*"Walking on Water"*

*John 6:16-24*

## Menu for Wednesday, February 3

(for Noon Lunch and Evening Take-out)

Chicken Alfredo & Penne Pasta, Steamed  
Broccoli, Garlic Breadstick, Strawberry Cake  
KIDS: Pizza, Fruit Cup and Dessert

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

## VOLUNTEER MINISTRY - January 31

### LAUNCH

Haley VanHorn    Erin Whitt

### Worship Welcome

Ray and Johnnie Jenkins  
Adam and Dana Foreman

### Security Team 3

Clifford Holloway, John Anderson,  
Alan Lamar, Jody Richardson, Brad Garrett

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

### SUNDAY, January 31

10:30 - Morning Worship

### WEDNESDAY, February 3

10:30 - WMU Council Meeting

12:00 - Senior Adult Prayer Meeting, Luncheon and  
Bible Study - CHURCH CONFERENCE  
(Fellowship Hall)

1:00 - WMU Roundtable

5:45 - G.A.s (Fellowship Hall)

R.A.s (Mabry Classroom)

Missions Friends/Preschool Choir (Children's Hall)

Youth Worship (Youth Room)

BIBLE STUDY/VanHorn (Chapel)

SANCTUARY CHOIR/Bishop (Sanctuary)

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

*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)).*

**REMEMBER..  
IN-PERSON SUNDAY SCHOOL  
resumes NEXT Sunday,  
February 7 @ 9:15 a.m.**

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



First Baptist Church  
Meridian

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## Welcome Back to Wednesdays at FBC

*Beginning this week,*

Wednesday, February 3

**12:00 noon**

Senior Adult Prayer Meeting, Luncheon  
and Bible Study/CHURCH CONFERENCE  
Fellowship Hall

**5:45 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.**

### CHILDREN

G.A.s - Fellowship Hall

R.A.s - Mabry Classroom

Mission Friends/Preschool Choir - Children's Hall

### YOUTH

Youth Worship in Youth Room

### ADULTS

Bible Study with Nathan VanHorn (Chapel)  
Sanctuary Choir with David Bishop (Sanctuary)

**Remember...we are masking, social distancing  
and have sanitation stations available for the  
health and safety of others. Thank you.**



**Church Family,**

Ever since I was in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade, Psalm 34:8 has been the verse that I have clung to the most and would probably consider my “life verse.” In it, it says “Oh! Taste and see that the Lord is good! Blessed is the man that takes refuge in him.” The more I have grown in my faith, the more I have fallen in love with that verse. When I think of this past year or so, I cannot count the number of times this verse has come to mind. In the midst of the chaos around us, this verse has reminded me of where my identity should be found. When I think of our incredible teenagers, families, and overall church family, this is a verse that I pray for each of us to fully embrace. It is my prayer that we not only have a head knowledge of God and what He has done in the past, but that we truly taste and see that He is good and that we find our refuge in Him and Him alone. The past couple weeks have been fun as I planned things for our students to participate in this summer. We have choir tour, a mission trip, serving in VBS, a rafting trip, and a student leadership camp for some of our older youth on the calendar as of now. Prayerfully, each of these things will be able to happen this summer. While each individual trip and activity will be fun, the overall goal for all of these events is for our students to grow closer to one another while growing closer to and falling more in love with the God that first loved them. While I hope they walk away from each event with fun memories that they think back on one day, I pray that they to come to a place where they can say they have “tasted and seen” that the Lord is good. I cannot thank you as a church family enough for how you love on teenagers, both in our church and community. It truly is an honor to get to serve alongside each of you as we seek to pour into the lives of our teenagers and their families.

**Zach DePriest**



**February ...is our month to supply the shelves of the LBA Crisis Center. Boxes are placed in Welcome Center.**

**Students**

- Preschool 2 lbs. rice
- Grades 1 - 6 1 lb. spaghetti
- Youth/College 28 oz. spaghetti sauce

**Adult I**

- Long, Mabry 5 lbs. cornmeal
- Foreman , Brewer 5 lbs. plain flour

**Adult II**

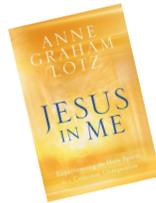
- Fellowship, Adkins 48 oz. oil

**Adult III**

- Snowden, Davis/Williamson Money for Meat

**Adult IV**

- Leake, Seekers 5 lbs. sugar
- Pilgrim Class 100 tea bags/24 family



Join us for  
**Anne Graham Lotz’  
JESUS IN ME  
Ladies’ Bible Study**  
tentatively beginning  
Tuesday, February 9 @ 9:30 a.m.  
*Cornelia Laird, facilitator*

**The Disciple’s Study Calendar**  
**Week 6 - (February 1-5 ) - John 5**  
*Sunday School Lesson for February 7*

**FBC Church Family,**

Help us celebrate the marriage of **Alana Akin and Eli Camp** by dropping off a gift for their new home, a gift card or an expression of support to the church office. We’ll gather your gifts and present them to the young couple prior to their wedding on February 13.



MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM DAVID TILLMAN  
REQUEST YOUR PRESENCE  
AT THE WEDDING  
OF THEIR DAUGHTER  
*Lindsey Marie Tillman*  
to  
*Joshua William Dunn*  
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY TWENTY FIRST,  
TWO THOUSAND TWENTY ONE  
AT THREE THIRTY IN THE AFTERNOON  
*The Barn at Shady Lane*  
290 SUNBELT PARKWAY  
BESSEMER, ALABAMA 35022  
*Reception to follow*

**Sympathies to...**  
Jeremy and Kristen Hill and family  
in the death of her grandmother,  
Leona McAlpin.  
  
Joey and Melissa Mabry and family  
in the death of his father, Joe Mabry.

**Memorials...**

**Benevolence Fund**

In memory of: Lenelle Simmons

**Missions and Ministry**

In memory of: Ileen Carroll  
*(Randy Carroll’s mother)*

**Music**

In memory of: Ileen Carroll  
Louise Ellis *(John Ellis’ mother)*  
Connie Thompson *(Michael Thompson’s mother)*  
Leona McAlpin *(Kristen Hill’s grandmother)*  
Lenelle Simmons