

**Last Sunday's Record - April 18, 2021**

Offering: \$16,407.00

Sunday School: 209

**January 1, 2021**

Requirements: \$423,692.32

Receipts: \$501,601.26

**Deacon of the Week**

4/25 - Earl Aycock

5/2 - Leonard Cobb 5/9 - Leslie Dunn

5/16 - Jim Williamson 5/23 - John Anderson, Sr.

5/30 - Tommy Cason

**Deacon's Breakfast**

**Sunday, April 25**

8:00 a.m. Fellowship Hall

**Sermon for April 25**

*"More Than Meets the Eye"*

John 20:24-31

**Menu for Wednesday, April 28**

***(for Noon Lunch only and Evening Take-out)***

Hamburger Steak and Gravy, Mashed Potatoes,  
Garden Peas, Buttered Biscuit and Dessert

**KIDS:** Hamburger and Tater Tots, Dessert

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

**VOLUNTEER MINISTRY - April 25**

**Preschool Extended Session**

Taylor Thomas

**Launch**

Haley VanHorn Erin Whitt

**Greeters**

Debra Porter Jeremy and Kristen Hill

**Worship Welcomers**

Fred and Debra Porter

Charles and Georgene Garrett

**Security - Team 5**

Jim Anderson, Leslie Dunn, Brad Sykes,

Bernie Mitchell, Allan Tolleson

**WEEKLY CALENDAR**

**SUNDAY, April 25**

9:15 - Sunday School

10:30 - Morning Worship

3:30 - Acteens

4:30 - Youth Bible Drill

6:00 - SYMPHONY OF PRAISE

**WEDNESDAY, April 28**

12:00 - Senior Adult Prayer Meeting, Luncheon and

Bible Study - (Fellowship Hall)

CHURCH CONFERENCE

5:45 - G.A.s (Adult 3 Gathering Space)

R.A.s (Seeker Classroom)

PINEWOOD DERBY Event/Gym

Missions Friends/Preschool Choir (Children's Hall)

Youth Worship (Youth Room)

BIBLE STUDY/VanHorn (Chapel)

**USHERS FOR APRIL**

Tommy Allen, Bo Bailey, Will Carpenter, Adam Foreman, Brad Garrett, Benny Harrison, Michael Jones, Dave Little, Timothy Maloney, John Morgan Mims, Brian Sellers, Ronnie Smith, Allan Tolleson, Cary Vaughn and Leslie Williams

*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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# Symphony of Praise



at First Baptist Church

Sunday, April 25<sup>th</sup>

6:00 p.m.

Sanctuary Choir  
and Orchestra  
Ensembles

## THE SOUND OF SILENCE

*"The Lord is in his holy temple;  
let all the earth keep silence!"*

**Habakkuk 2:20**

I have a great appreciation for a little book written by Wayne E. Oats entitled, *Nurturing Silence in a Noisy Heart*. I struggle with silence a great deal myself. Dr. Oats reminds his readers that silence is like growing camellias. Camellias must be given proper care, nurturing, and the opportunity to grow. Then, they do the rest themselves.

Silence, too, must be given proper nurturing and the opportunity to grow. Sound silly? I hope not, because dealing with silence is a very important part of anyone's life. Otherwise, we will never get in touch with a part of our existence.

Most of us are afraid of silence. It makes us confront ourselves, and most of us structure our lives so that we can avoid that most feared of all persons. Who knows? Maybe we won't like ourselves. Then, what would we do? Without dealing with ourselves, we are only half alive. We do not fully exist. Silence gives perspective.

Even Jesus recognized the need in his own life for silence and often retreated from the noise of the moment. Are you afraid of silence? If you are, don't be. Silence can be beautiful and vital to happiness. Most of all, silence can be your friend. Nurture it carefully, like a flower.

**David Bishop**



**Baccalaureate Service**

**Sunday, May 2**

**10:30 a.m.**

**2021 High School Seniors**

Katie Grace Culpepper	Meg Little
Chloe Davis	Morgan Mitchell
Hayden Farrar	Isabel Price
Evan Garrett	Benjamin Sills
Sydney Harrison	Matt Smith

***We would also like to honor our college graduates as well. If you know a member of our church family who is graduating, please call the church office with this information. Thank You.***

### **ATTENTION COLLEGE STUDENTS!**

***J. G. And Mellie T. Repsher Scholarship***

***William B. Crooks Scholarship***

***Brandon Scholarship***

Scholarship applications are available at the Welcome Center Desk or may be secured by e-mail. They must be completed and returned to the church office **on or before Sunday, June 13.**



**Photography Appointments** are available for our in-house Pictorial Directory on Wednesdays and Sundays. Please call the church office (601.484.4600) or sign up on the sheets at the Welcome Center Counter.

## ***Memorials...***

### **Music**

In memory of: Ken Little  
Kenneth Smith (*Linda Smith's brother*)

### **Trinidad Ministry Fund**

In memory of: Ellen Rogers  
Joe Ross

### **Missions and Ministry**

In memory of: Ken Little

### **The Disciple's Study Calendar**

**Week 18 - (April 26 - 30) John 12**

*Sunday School Lesson for May 2*

### **CHURCH CONFERENCE**

**Wednesday, April 28**

**12:00 noon (Fellowship Hall)**

***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**).*



*The Chrismon Committee is gearing up to make additional ornaments for our church's Chrismon Tree. **We need help** in assembling kits and making ornaments. NO SEWING IS REQUIRED! If you are interested in participating or have any questions about this special project, please text or call:  
Laura Abney (601-527-9513)  
or Lorraine Long (601-527-2117)*