

**Last Sunday's Record - May 9, 2021**

Offering: \$26,582.25

Sunday School: 206

**January 1, 2021**

Requirements: \$503,134.67

Receipts: \$575,441.61

**Deacon of the Week**

5/16 - Jim Williamson

5/23 - John Anderson, Sr.

5/30 - Tommy Cason

**Deacon's Breakfast**

**Sunday, May 23**

8:00 a.m. Fellowship Hall

**Sermon for May 16**

*"World Changers"*

*Exodus 20:1-2*

*Senior Adult Prayer Meeting, Bible Study and Luncheon will suspend for two weeks.*

*See you all back again on Wednesday, June 2!*

*No new reservations are necessary.*

**VOLUNTEER MINISTRY - May 16**

**Preschool Extended Session**

Leslie and Jill Williams

**Launch**

John Morgan and Anna Mims

**Greeters**

Greg and Kathyn Monsour

Brian and April Sellers

**Worship Welcomers**

Leonard and Betsy Cobb

Wallace and Janet Heggie

**Security - Team 3**

Clifford Holloway John Anderson Alan Lamar

Jody Richardson Brad Garrett

**WEEKLY CALENDAR**

**SUNDAY, May 16**

9:15 - Sunday School

10:30 - Morning Worship

2:00 - RECEPTION

Celebrating Acteens and Bible Drill Participants

**USHERS FOR MAY**

Tommy Cason, Leonard Cobb, Chris Dean, Van Goodman,

J.B. Griffith, Alan Lamar, Jim Lauderdale, Ben Leake,

Joey Mabry, Davis Miller, Greg Monsour,

Freddie Poitevent, Larry Roberts, Brad Sykes,

Gary Wilkinson, Jim Williamson

*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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**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
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AND FAMILIES OF OUR

**ACTEENS**

**AND BIBLE DRILL  
PARTICIPANTS**

ARE CORDIALLY INVITED  
TO ATTEND A

**RECEPTION**

**SUNDAY, MAY 16  
2 TO 4:00 P.M.**

**FBC WELCOME CENTER**

HONORING

**ELISHA ALLISON**

**GINA GARRETT**

**LEE GARRETT**

**HAILEY FOREMAN**

**KAITLYN FOREMAN**

**MALLORY CLAIRE LEAKE**

**GRACE ROGERS**

## BLESS THE LORD, O MY SOUL...



*"Bless the Lord,  
O my soul,  
and all that is within  
me, bless his holy  
name."  
Psalm 103:1*

Someone has appropriately reworded this psalm to read, "Bless the Lord by not forgetting all His benefits." Not a bad thought, but can we afford to slow down long enough to be mindful of anything? We are too busy trying to survive.

Recently, I saw a sign that read: "Blessed are those who run around in circles for they shall be called wheels." The sign seemed to reflect the kind of hectic lifestyle most of us live. We all need moments in our lives when we can gain a sense of perspective of what life is all about. We should occasionally take a longer look. The psalmist was taking that longer look. To praise God and to be in touch with all that we have been given is so vital to life, but we have to consciously stop and take a moment to think about it. A little humility helps, too.

There's an old adage that says, "Show me a self-made man, and I'll show you an example of unskilled labor." Whenever we have the attitude that we have fully earned and deserved all that we have, our lives are getting out of focus and we need to get in touch with how much we have been given. In other words, "Bless the Lord by not forgetting all His benefits." Right now might be a good time.

*David Bishop*

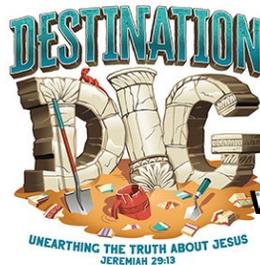
## ATTENTION COLLEGE STUDENTS!

*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.

**New Sunday Morning Sermon Series  
beginning this Sunday, May 16**

**X: The Ten Commandments  
Week 1 - "World Changers"  
Exodus 20:1-2**



## VBS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

*Call Caitlin if you  
would like to help.*

**We have openings for  
Classroom Helpers  
Rotation Leaders**

**Snacks (children and teachers)**



## 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.

Saturday appointments are now available.

## Sympathies to...

Leslie and Jill Williams and family  
in the death of her father, Lowry Rush.

The Family and Friends of  
Sara Swarengen.

## Memorials...

### Music

In memory of: Jack Follis

### Missions and Ministry

In memory of: Jack Follis

Tim Thesman (*Carol Wink's brother*)

### Benevolence

In memory of: Jack Follis



## The Disciple's Study Calendar

**Week 21 - (May 17-21) Joel 2**

*Sunday School Lesson for May 23*

**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)).