

**Last Sunday's Record - August 22, 2021**

Offering: \$20,519.99

Sunday School: 155

**January 1, 2021**

Requirements: \$900,346.18

Receipts: \$893,861.98

**Deacon of the Week**

8/29 - Alan Lamar

9/5 - Ward Calhoun      9/12 - Tommy Brewer

9/19 - George Hill      9/26 - Brad Henry

**Deacon's Breakfast**

**Sunday, August 29**

8:00 a.m. Fellowship Hall

**Family Night Supper**

**Wednesday, September 1**

Scrambled Eggs, Sausage, Bacon, Grits,

Buttered Biscuit, Cinnamon Rolls

KIDS: Same

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

**VOLUNTEER MINISTRY - August 29**

**Preschool Extended Session**

Leslie and Jill Williams

**Launch**

John Morgan and Anna Mims

**Worship Welcomers**

Jimmy and Tammy Matthews

Neil and Amanda Henry

**Greeters**

Allan and Diane Tolleson

John and Gaile Culpepper

**Security - Team 3**

Clifford Holloway John Anderson Alan Lamar

Jody Richardson Brad Garrett

**Counting Committee**

Louise Williamson, Chairman

Lee Rogers and Susan Hill

**WEEKLY CALENDAR**

**SUNDAY, August 29**

9:15 - Sunday School

10:30 - Morning Worship

**TUESDAY, August 31**

7:00 YOUTH BIBLE STUDY/Hardees

**WEDNESDAY, September 1**

5:00 - FAMILY NIGHT SUPPER

YOUTH BELLS

5:30 - YOUTH CHOIR

Young Ringers

6:00 - Preschool and Children's Choirs

6:15 - Prayer Meeting and Bible Study

6:30 - MISSIONS (R.A.s , G.A.s, Mission Friends)

YOUTH WORSHIP

7:15 - Sanctuary Choir

**THURSDAY, September 2**

6:45 YOUTH BIBLE STUDY/Piggly Wiggly-Collinsville

**The Disciple's Study Calendar**

**Week 36 - (August 30 - September 3) Titus 1**

*Sunday School Lesson for September 5*

**USHERS FOR AUGUST**

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*

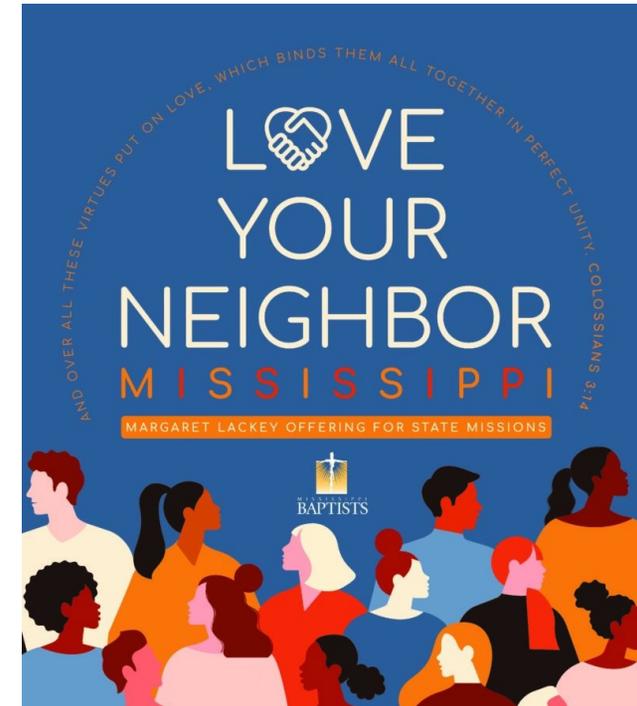
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**THE MESSENGER**

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH MERIDIAN

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**Margaret Lackey Offering  
for State Missions**

**Our Goal: \$9,500**

The Margaret Lackey Offering for State Missions is the primary funding stream for key mission efforts in many different areas:

Garaywa Camp and Conference Center,  
Central Hills Retreat,

Missions Volunteers, Church Multiplication,  
Community Ministry, Disaster Relief,

Criminal Justice Ministries, Collegiate Outreach,  
Christian Women's/Men's Job Corps,

Cross-Cultural Evangelism, Language/Deaf Ministry,  
and Port Ministry.

**BEGINNING AUGUST 29**  
**BODY BUILDERS**  
**FIRST BAPTIST MERIDIAN**  
**FALL SERMON SERIES**

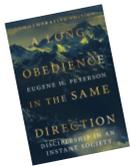
*"A View from Above" Colossians 3:1-4*

**Sign up NOW for Fall Bible Studies**



**Sunday Nights @ 5:30 p.m.**  
**beginning September 12**  
**Women's Study - Beautiful Resistance**  
*by Jon Tyson*  
*Haley VanHorn, facilitator*

**Men's Study - A Long Obedience in the Same Direction**



*by Eugene Peterson*  
*Nathan VanHorn, facilitator*

**TUESDAYS @**  
**9:30 a.m.**

**beginning September 14**  
**Ladies' Bible Study - ELIJAH**  
*by Priscilla Shirer*  
*Cornelia Laird, facilitator*



**WMU Salad Luncheon**  
*for the Hodgins and Beaman WMU Groups*  
**Monday, September 20**  
**11:00 a.m.**  
*Bring a salad to share and join us at Pat McCubbin's.*

**LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR**



In Matthew 22:34-40, Jesus was challenged to identify the greatest of the commandments. He responded that loving God supremely is the most important commandment, and He added that loving our neighbor is the second greatest. Jesus indelibly linked loving God with loving other people. John asserted in 1 John 4:20 that it is impossible to love God without loving other people.

Love is arguably the most abused and misunderstood word in the English language. Love is more than a statement. Love is, in truth, something you do through ministering to the physical and spiritual needs of people. If we focus only on spiritual needs, we compromise the integrity of our love and we forfeit credibility. If we focus only on physical needs, we abandon the opportunity to touch the most important need of all, which is to know Christ.

This year's Margaret Lackey State Missions Offering theme is **LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR**. This offering is focused on meeting both physical and spiritual needs through the State ministries listed on the front of the Messenger. When you give to this offering, you are obeying Christ's call to love your neighbor and demonstrating your love for God!  
**(Our church goal for State Missions is \$9,500.00)**

Join us next summer for a tour of London and Scotland  
**June 23 - July 2, 2022**

**Vox Anima London**

Call David Bishop for additional info and to sign up.  
**DEADLINE: September 30**

The FBC Church Family is cordially invited to attend a  
**Drive Through Wedding Shower**  
 honoring  
**Benjamin and Claire Porter**  
**Sunday, September 12**  
**2 to 3 o'clock p.m.**  
 First Baptist Church

**Sympathies to...**  
 Karen Rush and family  
 in the death of her husband,  
 G.A. "Sonny" Rush.

**Memorials...**

**Benevolence**

In memory of: Jim Cady  
 Owen Jones  
**Margaret Lackey Offering**  
 In memory of: Lodell Johnson  
*(Stephen Johnson's mother)*  
 Helen Brown  
*(Sylvia Follis' mother)*

If you would like to help with a  
 Bridal Tea Shower for  
**Brittney Harrison,**  
**bride elect of Brandon Harkins,**  
 please sign the sheet on the Welcome  
 Center Counter or call the church office.  
**DATE: Sunday, October 3**  
**2:00 - 3:00 p.m.**