

Last Sunday's Record - August 29, 2021

Offering: \$17,241.40

Sunday School: 229

January 1, 2021

Requirements: \$926,826.95

Receipts: \$911,103.38

Deacon of the Week

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

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

Deacon's Breakfast

Sunday, September 19

8:00 a.m. Fellowship Hall

Family Night Supper

Wednesday, September 8

Chicken Enchiladas, Mexican Rice,

Refried Beans, Tres Leches Cake

KIDS: Soft Chicken Taco, Nacho chips and Cheese

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

VOLUNTEER MINISTRY - September 5

Preschool Extended Session

Reed and Priscilla Scarbrough

Launch

James and Donna May

Worship Welcomers

Gary and Sally Wilkinson

Larry and Sheila Roberts

Greeters

Debra Porter Jeremy and Kristen Hill

Security - Team 4

Van Goodman, Landry Adkins, Davis Miller,

Michael Thompson, Greg Monsour

Counting Committee

Sally Wilkinson, chairman

Leslie Dunn, John Morgan Mims,

Greg Monsour

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY, September 5

9:15 - Sunday School

10:30 - Morning Worship

MONDAY, September 6

Church Office Closed in celebration of Labor Day

TUESDAY, September 7

7:00 YOUTH BIBLE STUDY/Jack's

WEDNESDAY, September 8

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 9

6:45 YOUTH BIBLE STUDY/Piggly Wiggly-Collinsville

The Disciple's Study Calendar

Week 37 - (September 6 - 10) Titus 2-3

Sunday School Lesson for September 12

USHERS FOR SEPTEMBER

Landry Adkins, Justin Anders, John Anderson,
Tyler Covington, Leslie Dunn, John Ellis, Riley Garrett,
Ryan Haarala, Wallace Heggie, George Hill, Joe Pettey,
Lee Rogers, Walter Rogers, Jr., Scott Sills, and
Brad 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

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH MERIDIAN

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Fall Bible Studies begin ...



SUNDAY NIGHTS

@ 5:30 p.m.

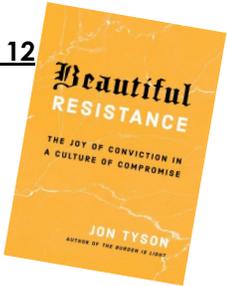
beginning September 12

Women's Study

BEAUTIFUL RESISTANCE

by Jon Tyson

Haley VanHorn, facilitator

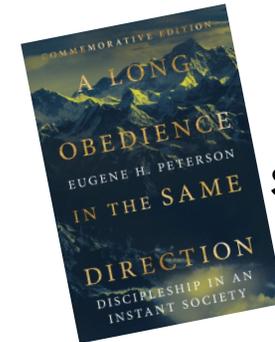


Men's Study

A LONG OBEDIENCE IN THE SAME DIRECTION

by Eugene Peterson

Nathan VanHorn, facilitator



TUESDAY MORNINGS

Ladies Bible Study

@ 9:30 a.m.

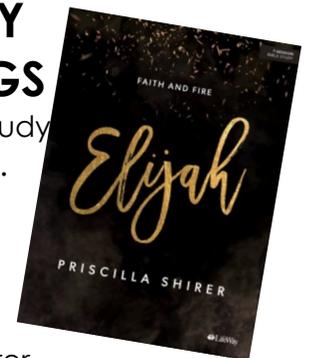
beginning

September 14

ELIJAH

by Priscilla Shirer

Cornelia Laird, Facilitator





Church Family,

At the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention in Nashville, TN earlier this summer, a friend of mine—Pastor John Blackmon of Meansville Baptist Church (GA)—made a motion during one of the business meeting sessions to raise the priority of ministries to the deaf community. At first glance, this may seem like an odd request—only four percent of Christians are deaf, so most churches don't have a deaf ministry. But how we frame the numbers matters. Globally, there are somewhere between 250 and 300 million deaf people. While only four percent of Christians are deaf, **ONLY TWO PERCENT** of deaf people are Christians. That means ninety-eight percent of a 250-to-300 million population group do not have the hope of heaven at present because they do not know Jesus as Savior and Lord.

What can we do about this? I, for one, only know a handful of symbols from the American Sign Language system. The good news is that we are doing something about this *already*—maybe we just did not realize it. Deaf ministries (including evangelism) are one of the many ministries supported by our annual **Margaret Lackey State Missions offering**. This offering also supports Christian camps, church multiplication, disaster relief, criminal justice ministries, collegiate outreach (like our local BSU at MCC), Christian Women's/Men's Job Corps (which our church will begin hosting this fall), cross-cultural evangelism, and other ministries. We will be taking up this special offering throughout the month of September with a church goal of \$9,500 toward our state goal of \$2.1 million. Please prayerfully consider how you—and we—can help minister to people we may never meet this side of Heaven. Everyone needs to "hear" the Gospel of Jesus Christ, including those who "hear" it differently than I/you/we did.

Blessings,
Nathan VanHorn



September ...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

Co-Ed 1, Mabry 5 lbs. cornmeal
 Foreman, Henry 5 lbs. plain flour

Adult II

Fellowship, Adkins 48 oz. oil

Adult III

Snowden, Davis/Williamson Money for Meat
 Leake, Seekers 5 lbs. sugar

Adult IV

Pilgrim Class 100 tea bags/24 family



Salad Luncheon

for the Hodgens and Beaman WMU Groups

Monday, September 20 at 11:00 a.m.

Bring a salad to share...at Pat McCubbin's.

Deacon Recommendations

The Committee on Committee is seeking your input as they nominate persons to serve on the Deacon Body for the coming year. A card will be in the Order of Worship on **Sunday, September 12** for this purpose. If you will be unavailable at this time, you may pick up a card at the Welcome Center Desk or call the church office (601.484.4600) with your recommendations **prior to September 19.**

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

Memorials...

Benevolence

In memory of: Owen Jones Jim Cady
 Ben Harmon (*Blanche Harmon's son*)

Music Fund

In memory of: Sonny Rush Jim Cady

Margaret Lackey Offering

In memory of: 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.



If you have **NOT** been photographed for our Church Directory, you can now submit a photo in JPEG or TIF format to

Connie Calhoun (cc81464@gmail.com)

DEADLINE: September 19

to be included in our new directory. Thank You.