

Last Sunday's Record - December 12, 2021

Offering: \$24,798.34
Sunday School: 227

January 1, 2021

Requirements: \$1,324,038.50
Receipts: \$1,367,768.76
Lottie Moon: \$25,236.00

2022 OFFERING ENVELOPES ARE HERE!
They are now available in the Welcome Center for you to pick up. Thank you.

Deacon of the Week

12/19 - James May 12/26 - Don Evans

Sermon for Sunday, December 19

"The Reason for the Season"
John 3:16

Family Night Supper

Family Night Supper and all regularly scheduled activities will be suspended during the Christmas Holidays and will resume Wednesday, January 12.

VOLUNTEER MINISTRY - December 19

Preschool Ext. Session

Erin Whitt

Launch

Timothy and Candice Maloney

Worship Welcomers

Landry and Fay Adkins
Leslie and Jill Williams

Greeters

Debra Porter
Christie Daugherty

Security Team 4

Van Goodman, Landry Adkins, Davis Miller, Michael Thompson, Greg Monsour

Counting Committee

Louise Williamson, *chairman*
Henry Wilson, Ryan Haarala, Chris Lauderdale

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY, December 19

9:15 - Sunday School
10:30 - Morning Worship

WEDNESDAY, December 22

*No Family Night Supper
or regularly Scheduled Activities*

THURSDAY, December 23

10:00 to 12:30 - Smoked Meat Pick-up

FRIDAY, December 24

5:00 - Christmas Eve Communion Service

*Church office will be closed
December 23, 24 and 27 and December 30 and 31.*

NOTE: Schedule for Sunday, December 26

10:30 - Morning Worship Service ONLY
(We will not have Sunday School.)

The Disciple's Study Calendar
Week 52 (Dec. 20-24) Isaiah 53

RE M I N D E R

*All 2021 contributions must be
received in the offering plate
by Sunday, December 26th
or paid ONLINE or postmarked by
Friday, December 31st
*in order to be included in your
2021 contribution statement. Thank you.**

USHERS FOR DECEMBER

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

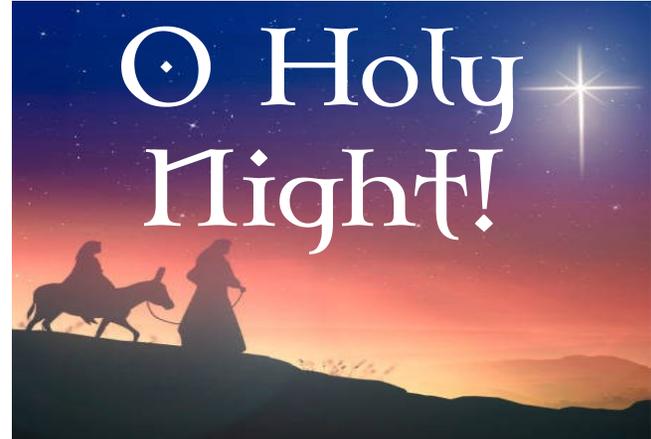
Dr. Nathan VanHorn, Pastor
Rev. David Bishop, Associate Pastor for Music
Zach DePriest, Minister of Youth Caitlin Braud, Director of Children's Ministries
Dr. Raymon Leake, Pastor Emeritus
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THE MESSENGER

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH MERIDIAN

DECEMBER 19, 2021 VOLUME 93, NUMBER 52



**Christmas Eve
Communion Service**

Friday, December 24th
5:00 p.m.

*For God so loved the world,
that He gave
His only begotten Son,
that whosoever believeth in Him
should not perish,
but have everlasting life.*

John 3:16



*The beautiful poinsettias
in the Sanctuary are
in memory of...*

Harmon S. Dickson *by Tommy and Marcia Brewer*
 Juan Jordan *by Amy and Neill Porter*
 Charles LaPrade Porter *by Amy and Neill Porter*
 Carolyn George Porter *by Amy and Neill Porter*
 Charles and Ruth Ferrell *by Cornelia Laird*
 Arthur Goodman *by Van and Barbara Goodman*
 Cecil Bowen *by Van and Barbara Goodman*
 Ellen Rogers *by Walter Rogers*
 Ken Little *by Celeste Little*
 Myles Frank *by Celeste Little*
 Edwin and Cecille Lewis *by Robert Lewis*
 Jack Jackson *by Betty Jackson*
 Bill and Marcelle Porter *by Fred and Debra Porter*
 S.C. and Ida Florence Harbour

by Fred and Debra Porter

Justin and Brent Cobb *by Betsy and Leonard Cobb*
 Dr. and Mrs. Hueston Adkins

by Landry, Fay and Brianna Adkins

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Barfield

by Landry, Fay and Brianna Adkins

Bill Duncan *by Floy Duncan*

Dewayne Walker *by Jill Grant Walker*

Ruth Naylor *by Charles Naylor*

Ward Calhoun, Jr.

by the Ward and John Calhoun Families

Ella Lea Calhoun

by the Ward and John Calhoun Families

Mike Rivers *by Denise Lewis*

Jack Lewis *by Denise Lewis*

S. P. and Beverly Harrell

by Gaines and Carolyn Harrell

Harry and Ruby Chester

by Gaines and Carolyn Harrell

Ileen Carroll *by Randy and Melanie Carroll*

And in honor of:

Frances Dickson *by Tommy and Marcia Brewer*
 Blanche Harmon

by Messenger/Prayergram Ministry

Rose Ellen Reid

by Messenger/Prayergram Ministry

Nell Goodman *by Van and Barbara Goodman*

Helen Bowen *by Van and Barbara Goodman*

Delores Hassell *by Prayer Shawl Ministry*

Floy Duncan *by Prayer Shawl Ministry*

Cassie Rogers *by Walter Rogers*

Melissa Rogers *by Walter Rogers*

Pat McCubbin *by David McCubbin*

Susan Johnson *by David McCubbin*

Melanie Carroll *by David McCubbin*

Laurie Alford *by David McCubbin*

Connie Calhoun *by David McCubbin*

*It's almost time for our sanctuary
renovation to begin and we need **YOU!**
Mark your calendars for:
Sunday, January 2
3:00 to 5:00 p.m.
Sign up through your Adult Sunday
School Classes to help...packing up
hymnals, preparing pews,
etc., etc., etc.
There is something for everyone to do.
You can even volunteer to deliver a
crockpot of soup or chili (Fellowship Hall
by 5:00 p.m.) to feed our hungry workers
at the end of the day!
Contact David Bishop for more info
or sign up **THIS** Sunday in your SS Class.*



**UNBROKEN
FAITH**
Our Chrismon to
be highlighted this
week is
Unbroken Faith

This beautiful circle of gold beads and white pearls represents the Eternal God and our Enduring Faith. Make sure you make the time to see our beautiful tree and enjoy the richness of the Advent season.

Sympathies to...

Michael and Rebecca King,
Randall and Karen Hicks,
John and Jan Hicks and families
in the death of Lucile Hicks.

Dorothy Little and family
in the death of Harry Little.

John and Gaile Culpepper and family
in the death of Gaile's cousin,
Donna Rainey.

Memorials...
Lottie Moon Christmas Offering
 In honor of: JoAnn Braddock
 Joe Kieronski Stephen Johnson
 Nathan VanHorn David Bishop
 Caitlin Braud Zach DePriest
 Miriam Chesney Barry Germany
 John Temple
 In memory of: Lynn Combest
 Esther Northam
Trinidad Christmas Fund
 In memory of: Ellen Rogers



CENTRI-KID SMOKED MEAT FUNDRAISER

Pickup on December 23
from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.