



THE MESSENGER

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH MERIDIAN

APRIL 3, 2022

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Last Sunday's Record - March 27, 2022

Sunday School: 183 Offering: \$15,993.67

January 1, 2022

Requirements: \$345,643.48

Receipts: \$391,570.26

Annie Armstrong: \$16,456.66

Deacon of the Week

April 3 - Brian Sellers April 10 - Ronnie Smith
April 17 - Allan Tolleson April 24 - Gary Wilkinson

Deacon's Breakfast - April 24

8:00 a.m. CHAPEL

Sermon for Sunday, April 3

"Worth Remembering" Philippians 1:3-8

Family Night Supper - April 6

Chicken Fajitas, Refried Beans, Spanish Rice,
Salad Bar, Tres Leches Cake

KIDS: Chicken Soft Tacos, Nacho Chips & Cheese

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

SERVERS

Jim Williamson Cathy Carpenter
Benny Harrison

VOLUNTEER MINISTRY - APRIL 3

Preschool Ext. Session

Leslie and Jill Williams

Launch

Lee and Melissa Rogers

Worship Welcomers

Celeste Little
Pam Gray
Don and Donia Evans

Greeters

Greg and Kathryn
Monsour
Richard and Laura Abney

Security Team 4

Van Goodman
Landry Adkins
Davis Miller
Greg Monsour

Counting Committee

Sharon McMullen,
chairman
Dana Foreman
John Anderson
Susan Hill

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY, April 3

9:15 - Sunday School
10:30 - Morning Worship
3:15 - Acteens
4:30 - Bible Drills (Youth)
5:30 - Bible Skills and Drills (Children)
Bible Study-Confronting Injustice/
Sarah Allison (CHAPEL)

MONDAY, April 4

6:00 - Sanctuary Choir Bonus Rehearsal and Supper

TUESDAY, April 5

9:30 - Ladies Bible Study/Laird

WEDNESDAY, April 6

9:45 - WMU Round Table/Chapel
5:00 - FAMILY NIGHT SUPPER
- YOUTH BELLS
5:30 - YOUTH CHOIR
- Young Ringers
6:00 - Preschool and Children's Choirs
6:15 - Prayer Meeting/Bible Study
6:30 - MISSIONS (G.A.s R.A.s, and Mission Friends)
- YOUTH WORSHIP
7:15 - Sanctuary Choir

THURSDAY, April 7

12:00 - Lenten Luncheon/First Baptist Church

FRIDAY, April 8

6:00 - G.I.F.T.

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

Caitlin Braud, Director of Children's Ministries

Dr. Raymon Leake, Pastor Emeritus

Rev. David McCubbin, Associate Pastor Emeritus

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BEGINNING
TUESDAY, APRIL 19,
WE WILL BEGIN
SOMETHING NEW!
SENIOR ADULT
FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON

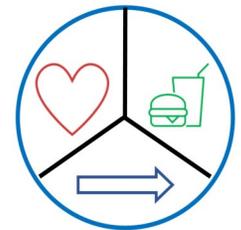
12:00 P.M.
COST: \$5.00

AND...MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR
FUTURE 4TH TUESDAY LUNCHEONS
THROUGHOUT THE SUMMER
(MAY 24, JUNE 28, JULY 26
AND AUGUST 23)

AM I A SENIOR?

ALL FBC MEMBERS AND FRIENDS 70+
YEARS OLD ARE ENCOURAGED TO
PARTICIPATE IN THE FELLOWSHIP
LUNCHEON AND MINISTRY.
ALL FBC MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED
TO HELP IN HONORING OUR SENIORS.

WATCH FOR OUR
MONTHLY
OPPORTUNITIES
TO HONOR...
TO FELLOWSHIP...
AND TO SERVE!



Church Family,

Last Sunday, March 27, I preached in view of a call as pastor at First Baptist Church of Corinth, MS. Sunday night, the committee announced that the ballots had been counted, the call had been extended, and that I had accepted the ministry position. I will begin serving as pastor in Corinth on Resurrection Sunday, April 17.

This news is not altogether surprising following our announcement during morning worship on Sunday, March 20. What is more surprising, however, is that over the course of last weekend, no less than fifty of you called or texted Haley and me to offer your love, your encouragements, and—most importantly—your prayers. I truly have no words. You remain who and what you have been from the first moment. You are gracious and loving and encouraging. You have been and continue to be a blessing to our family. Words fail me, so I will borrow from the apostle Paul:

"I give thanks to my God for every remembrance of you, always praying with joy for all of you in my every prayer, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. I am sure of this, that he who started a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. Indeed, it is right for me to think this way about all of you, because I have you in my heart, and you are all partners with me in grace."

You will never know this side of eternity the love and gratitude that we have for all of you. Anyone would be truly blessed to be entrusted with shepherding this congregation. You have our prayers and our love moving forward, both individually and as a church. You are welcome at our table any time.

In pursuit of God's leadership, I tenure my resignation as your pastor, effective after Palm Sunday, April 10.

*In Christ,
Nathan VanHorn*



LENTEN LUNCHEON
THIS Thursday, April 7th
First Baptist Church
12:00 noon



*PARENTS...make your plans to come
and invite a friend or family
Children's Easter Egg Hunt
Saturday, April 16 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.*

*at the home of
Ronnie and Merrie Smith
8437 Russell Topton Road*



HE IS RISEN!

Remember to bring fresh flowers to adorn the cross on Easter Sunday, April 17th.

Please remember to bring some flowers from your yard (or your neighbor's) on Easter morning to place on our Flower Cross in front of the church. This tradition was started at our church in 1988 and has been our gift to the community every Easter since then. It is a beautiful tribute to our Risen Lord and Savior.

Sympathies to...

Tommy and Mary Emma Allen in the death of Tommy's brother-in-law, Ted Rayborn.

Memorials...

Missions and Ministry Fund

In memory of: JoAnn Braddock

Annie Armstrong

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Harry and Dorothy Little
Lucile Hicks



**Annie Armstrong
Easter Offering
for North American
Missions**

FBC Goal: \$16,000.00

We have given: \$16,456.66



This Easter season, our sanctuary will be filled with beautiful Easter lilies that will be available for you to purchase for **\$10 each** in honor

or in memory of someone special. *Please send in this order form with your payment.*

Number of Lilies: _____

In Memory
of: _____

In Honor
of: _____

BY: _____