

Last Sunday's Record - September 11, 2022

Sunday School: 203 Offering: \$29,243.69

January 1, 2022

Requirements: \$983,754.52

Receipts: \$906,290.46

Margaret Lackey: \$ 3,112.00

DEACON OF THE WEEK

September 18 - Leonard Cobb

September 25 - Leslie Dunn

Deacon's Breakfast - September 25

8:00 a.m. Fellowship Hall

Sermon for Sunday, September 18

"Open our Eyes"

2 Kings 6:8-19

Family Night Supper - Wednesday, Sept. 21

Teriyaki Chicken and Fried Rice, Glazed Carrots,
Hawaiian Roll, Salad Bar and Dessert

KIDS: Chicken Strips and Fries

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

SERVERS: Jim Williamson, Cathy Carpenter,
Bobby and Janet Berg

VOLUNTEER MINISTRY - September 18

PRAYER LINE Volunteer - Helen Follis

Preschool Ext. Session Chet and Anniston Williams	Launch Ben and Julie Webb
Worship Welcomers Landry and Fay Adkins Leslie and Jill Williams	Greeters Brian and April Sellers Christie Daugherty Debra Porter
Security Team 3 Clifford Holloway John Anderson Alan Lamar Jody Richardson Brad Garrett	Counting Committee Sharon McMullen, <i>chairman</i> Don Evans Daphne Calhoun

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY, September 18

- 9:15 - Sunday School
- 10:30 - Morning Worship
- 3:00 - ACTEENS
- 4:30 - YOUTH BIBLE DRILLS
 - UNINVITED/E. Holloway, facilitator
 - BIBLE & BOARD GAMES
- 5:30 - CHILDREN'S BIBLE DRILLS

MONDAY, September 19

11:30 - Beaman/Hodgins Luncheon/P. McCubbin's

TUESDAY, September 20

- 7:00 - Youth Bible Study/Jack's
- 9:30 - TRUSTWORTHY/C. Laird, facilitator

WEDNESDAY, September 21

- 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 (G.A.s, R.A.s, and Mission Friends)

R.A. Serve Night

(Windshield Washing for FBC Family)

- YOUTH WORSHIP

7:15 - Sanctuary Choir

THURSDAY, September 22

- 7:00 - Youth Bible Study/Piggly Wiggly
- 4:00 - All State Youth Choir Tryouts
- 4:30 - Ladies' Bible Study/R. Scarbrough

USHERS FOR SEPTEMBER

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

Dr. Daniel P. Caldwell, Interim Pastor
Rev. David Bishop, Associate Pastor for Music
Caitlin Braud, Director of Children's Ministries
Noah Greer, Youth Minister
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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September...is our month to supply the shelves of the LBA Crisis Center. Collection 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

Facts about the Crisis Center:

- Located at the LBA Associational office in Marion, MS, the LBA Crisis Center ministry is funded by local Baptist churches and their members, and is designed to help those who need assistance with **FOOD**.
- Crisis Center Director is **Datha Ray**. You can contact her at (601) 482-4230.
- In the month of AUGUST, the Crisis Center served **213 families** and **375 people**. Applicants must meet certain criteria to qualify and be residents of Lauderdale County.
- The Crisis Center distributes approximately **30 bags of food EACH DAY**.

WHY NOT BE MISERABLE???

“A glad heart makes a cheerful countenance, but by sorrow of heart the spirit is broken.”
Proverbs 15:13



We live in a free world and have the right to be unhappy if we choose. Therefore, you may want to consider the following four easy steps if you desire to be unhappy.

1. Develop a negative attitude, a great guarantee of misery. The negative attitude of the people of Israel was revealed in the early chapters of Genesis when Moses led them out of Egypt. It was demonstrated in the crises of the Red Sea and their food, water, and meat. Every time we sow negatives, we reap a harvest of negatives.

2. Develop the “I” personality. How many times do we use “I” in a two-minute conversation? When we think only of ourselves, we are preparing for unhappiness.

3. Develop the unforgiving spirit. We are to forgive not once or twice but an indefinite number of times. An unforgiving heart guarantees unhappiness.

4. Gossip about other people. A gossiping person is a very insecure person. Puritan Christians in early America tarred and feathered gossips...

By kicking the addiction of a negative attitude, the “I” personality, the unforgiving spirit, and the gossip habit, and remembering that we who have been “born again” are a new creation, the Holy Spirit will lead us in to divine new relationships. Happiness is the by-product of doing what God suggests we ought to do.

David Bishop

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for extending and affirming to me God’s call to full time youth ministry here at FBC. From the moment Kelsey and I arrived, you have made us feel welcomed and loved. I knew that answering God’s call meant that life would not always be easy. This call on my life was difficult as I left a church I had been a part of my entire life, but you have made it so much easier with your love and hospitality. We have a great group of teenagers here and I am blessed to be a part of what God is doing in their lives. I look forward to being a part of what God is doing in this church. We love you!

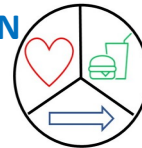
**For His Glory,
Noah Greer**

FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON

Tuesday, September 27

12:00 p.m.

Cost: \$5.00



Our Guest Speakers will be from the Palmer Home for Children... where hope still grows.

All are welcome to attend to hear about this wonderful Mississippi ministry.

*If you have **not already** made a reservation for our Fellowship Luncheon, please contact the church office to let them you know you will be attending.*

*If you are a regular attender at the luncheons, call only if you **cannot** come.*

601.484.4600

Memorials...

Music Fund

In memory of: Denny Behm
(Buddy and Gina Laughlin’s brother-in-law)

Jimmy Griffith
(Faye Bruner’s brother)

Missions and Ministry

In honor of: Lydia Sanders

MARGARET STATE LACKEY OFFERING
MISSISSIPPIANS ON MISSION



The Margaret Lackey State Offering is the primary funding stream for key mission efforts in many different areas of Mississippi: Garaywa Camp and Conference Center in Clinton, Central Hills Retreat near West, 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.

OUR FBC GOAL: \$12,000

Something new for ADULTS of all ages!
BIBLE & BOARD GAMES
Sundays from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Chapel
Bring your favorite game and join us!



R.A. SERVE NIGHT

Our R.A.s will be serving our church family **THIS** Wednesday night, September 21, by washing your windshields during Prayer Meeting.