

Last Sunday's Record - October 9, 2022

Sunday School: 215 Offering: \$30,675.81

January 1, 2022

Requirements: \$1,063,518.40

Receipts: \$ 990,249.41

Margaret Lackey: \$ 6,349.00

DEACON OF THE WEEK

October 9 - John Anderson, Sr.

October 16 - Tommy Cason

October 23 - Adam Foreman

October 30 - Tommy Hurtt

Deacon's Breakfast - October 23

8:00 a.m. Fellowship Hall

Sermon for Sunday, October 9

"...Like Seeing the Face of God" Genesis 33:1-10

Family Night Supper - Wednesday, October 12

Chili, Baked Potato with all the fixings,

Cornbread, Salad Bar and Dessert

KIDS: Same

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

SERVERS:

Benny Harrison, J.B. and Theresa Griffith, Bill Simcox

VOLUNTEER MINISTRY - October 9

PRAYER LINE Volunteer - Ben Webb

Preschool Ext. Session

Chet and Anniston
Williams

Launch

TBA

Worship Welcomers

Tommy and Marcia
Brewer
Joey and Melissa Mabry

Greeters

Greg and Kathryn
Monsour
Richard and Laura Abney

Security Team 1

Walter Rogers, Jr.
Justin Anders
Wallace Heggie
Neil Henry

Counting Committee

Sally Wilkinson,
chairman
John Morgan Mims
Susan Hill

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY, October 9

- 9:15 - Sunday School
- 10:30 - Morning Worship
- 3:00 - ACTEENS
- 4:30 - YOUTH BIBLE DRILLS
- 5:30 - CHILDREN'S BIBLE DRILLS

MONDAY, October 10

- 12:00 - Missions Luncheon

TUESDAY, October 11

- 7:00 - Youth Bible Study/Jack's
- 9:30 - TRUSTWORTHY/C. Laird, facilitator
- 4:30 - Ladies' Bible Study/R. Scarbrough

WEDNESDAY, October 12

- 10:30 - WMU Round Table/Crooks Suite
- 4:15 - ESL/Richard Grant
- 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/
Budget Discussion
- 6:30 - MISSIONS (G.A.s, R.A.s, and Mission Friends)
(R.A.s PUNT, PASS and KICK - Lamar)
- YOUTH WORSHIP
- 7:15 - Sanctuary Choir

THURSDAY, October 13

- 7:00 - Youth Bible Study/Piggly Wiggly

USHERS FOR OCTOBER

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,
Leslie Williams

Dr. Daniel P. Caldwell, Interim Pastor

Rev. David Bishop, Associate Pastor for Music

Noah Greer, Youth Minister

Caitlin Braud, Director of Children's Ministries

Dr. Raymon Leake, Pastor Emeritus

Rev. David McCubbin, Associate Pastor Emeritus

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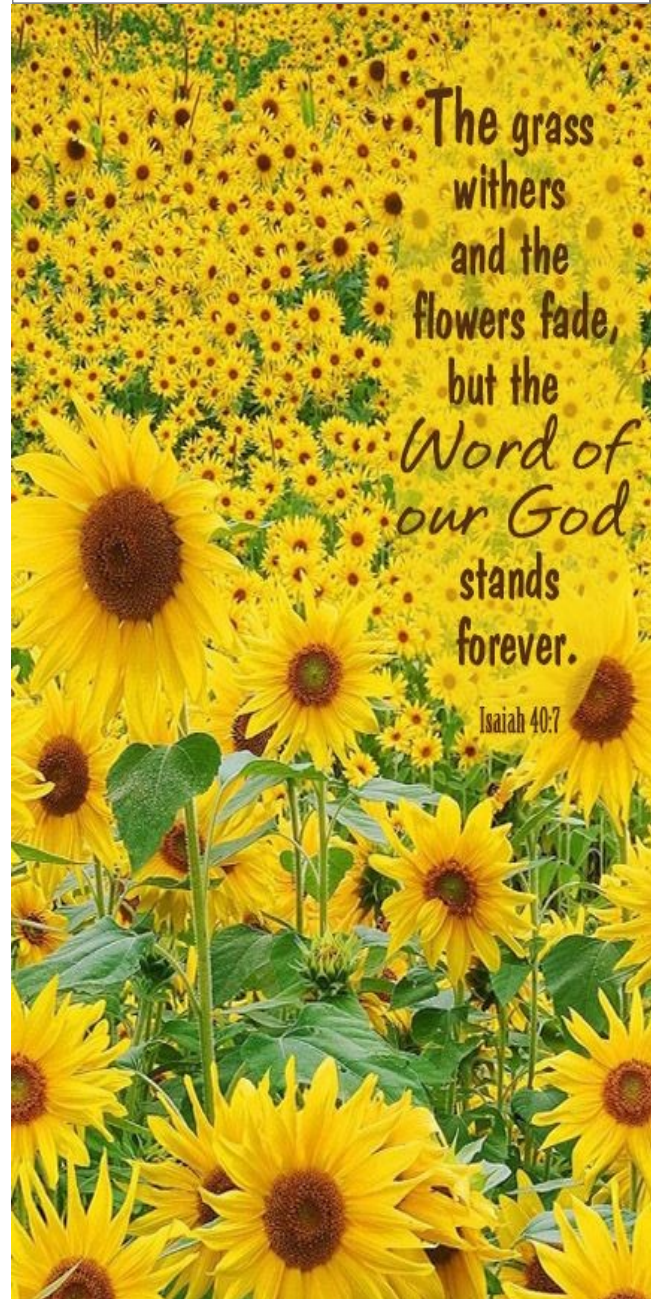


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GIVING OR TAKING?

“Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.”

Matthew 3:10b

In an effort to ease our guilt we frequently say to ourselves, “You’re a good person; you don’t steal, you don’t swear, and you wouldn’t think of killing anyone—at least most of the time.” We are telling only half of the story when we evaluate our life performance in terms of what we do not do. In this story about the barren tree, the tree was committing no crime. Yet, it was to be cut down because it bore no fruit. It was simply existing, using space and air, putting back very little in return. Unfortunately, many of us are guilty of the same problem. We are content to exist and give little concern to the fruit we should produce. We are satisfied to compare ourselves with thieves and murderers. We feel that since we are not guilty of those crimes, we pass the test.

Are we giving, or are we content to see life in terms of what we can take? Our form of taking is not necessarily illegal. We can never break a law and still be a “taker” in God’s eye. We all have opportunities of influence and input. We can seek to make a contribution, or we can just sit back and criticize the efforts of those who want to help. There are enough takers in this world, people who are content to watch a world of suffering and see it as someone else’s responsibility. Jesus said that if the tree does not bear fruit, it will be cut down. Our world desperately needs fruit. Choose to be a giver!

David Bishop



FBC FALL FESTIVAL

WEDNESDAY, October 26

5:30 to 7:00 p.m.

FBC Parking Lot

Fun for ALL Ages!

Rock Wall Dunking Booth
Inflatables Pumpkin Painting
Cupcake Walk FUN GAMES
Hot Dogs Soft Pretzels
Nachos Popcorn
Snow Cones
Funnel Cakes
Come and invite a friend!



CALLING ALL PARENTS OF 3rd – 6th Graders!
CENTRIKID INTEREST MEETING
Wednesday, November 2 – 5:30 p.m.
FBC Private Dining Room

Sympathies to...
Amy Barber and family in the death of her mother, Betty Barber.

Memorials...

Lottie Moon

In memory of: Tommy Davis

Margaret Lackey State Offering

In memory of: Tommy Davis

Benevolence Fund

In honor of:

The Tommy Davis Sunday School Class

Mark your calendars...
FIRST BUDGET DISCUSSION
Wednesday, October 12 - 6:15 p.m.
CHURCH CONFERENCE
Wednesday, November 2 - 6:15 p.m.

Pledge your support to one of our R.A.s

Wednesday, October 12

Lamar Field

Proceeds go to MISSIONS!!!

(Pledge Sheets are in the Welcome Center.)



FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON

Tuesday, October 25

12:00 p.m. Cost: \$5.00



FBC Pastor Search Committee

Please keep the Pastor Search Committee in your prayers.

Tommy Allen, chairman Fay Adkins
Kacey Bailey Elliot Brewer Leonard Cobb
Chris Lauderdale Joni Miller