

Last Sunday's Record - December 18, 2022

Sunday School: 182 Offering: \$82,127.73

January 1, 2022

Requirements: \$1,355,985.96

Receipts: \$1,357,491.29

Lottie Moon : \$ 23,914.13

DEACON OF THE WEEK

Dec. 25 - Allan Tolleson

Jan. 1 - Steve Gressett Jan. 8 - Alan Lamar

Jan. 15 - Benny Harrison Jan. 22 - Tommy Brewer

Jan. 29 - George Hill

(Note 2023 schedule change)

FAMILY NIGHT SUPPER -December 21

There will be no Family Night Supper or regularly scheduled Wednesday Night activities due to Christmas Holiday schedule.

*Family Night Supper and All Activities will resume **Wednesday, January 11***

VOLUNTEER MINISTRY - December 25

PRAYER LINE Volunteer - Philip Price

Security Team 2

John Calhoun Steve Gressett

Brad Henry Ben Webb

Please consider joining the

Remote Worship Interaction Team.

This is the group that mans the telephone on Sunday morning as people call with comments or prayer requests. You will only serve once every ten weeks. If you would like more information or to volunteer, please call the church office or contact Philip Price

philip@priceengineering.net



Sunday, December 25th
Morning Worship Only 10:30 a.m.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY, December 25

10:30 - Morning Worship

FBC Holiday Schedule

Church Office will be closed
Monday, December 26th
through Friday, December 30th.

RE M I N D E R

All 2022 contributions must be received in the offering plate by Sunday, December 25th or paid ONLINE or postmarked by Saturday, December 31st in order to be included in your 2022 contribution statement. Thank you.

USHERS FOR DECEMBER

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
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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THE MESSENGER

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH MERIDIAN

DECEMBER 25, 2022 VOLUME 94, NUMBER 47

"The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth."

— JOHN 1:14

Join your FBC Family in Morning Worship on Christmas Sunday, December 25th 10:30 a.m. to celebrate our newborn King!



FBC CHRISMON TREE

Each year, our FBC Flower Committee puts up the beautiful Chrismon Tree in the Welcome Center. These ornaments have all been hand made with love and care through the years by members of First Baptist Church dating back to the 1980s. If you have not already had the time, please take a moment to look at the unique ornaments and reflect on their symbolism. It adds to our spirit of worship and of family, as the Christmas tree becomes a focal point in many of our FBC family Christmas pictures each year. "Chrismon" is a combination of parts of two words: **CHRIST** and **MONogram**. A Chrismon is just that, a monogram of Christ and created using sketches found of Chrismons that were designed, carved or drawn by some of the earliest Christians. These early Christians used these symbols to identify themselves to one another, to designate meeting places of the church, and sometimes, to show unbelievers where they stood. Using these early symbols of our faith on our beautiful tree, we show the real reason we celebrate Christmas.

We have added a new Chrismon to the top of the tree in 2022, the large gold crown known as The Crown of Ten Commandments. It symbolizes the Kingship of Jesus Christ, the King of Kings. The ten points of the Crown represent the Ten Commandments given to Moses by GOD. May this, and the other symbols placed on our tree continually be a reminder of God's greatest gift to us, Jesus Christ.



"THE GREATEST PROBLEM FACING HUMANITY IS NOT A NATURAL DISASTER, A HUMANITARIAN CRISIS, OR POLITICAL INSTABILITY. THE GREATEST PROBLEM IN THE WORLD IS LOSTNESS."

International Mission Board



Congratulations to ...

Jimmy and Tammy Matthews on the birth of their new grandson, Jack Lawrence Crowe.

Proud parents are Michael and Mary Lawrence Crowe.

Bill and Jennie Hannah on the birth of their new grandson, Sai Isa Hannah. Proud parents are Wilson and Sruthi Hannah.

Dear Church Family,

Noah and I want to thank each of you for thinking of us during this time in our lives.

We were overwhelmed with the sweetest shower from FBC for our Heidi. We can't thank each of you enough for blessing us immensely. You all mean so much to us and are so blessed to be apart of such a loving church family. In the short time we've been at FBC, we've seen God's goodness all over our lives through this church. We love each of you and can't thank you all enough!

Love,

Noah, Kelsey, and Heidi Greer



Sympathies to...

Jim and Louise Williamson
in the death of her brother, Skip Haley.

Memorials...

Lottie Moon

In memory of: Margaret Harrison
*Joan and Miller Deweese
*Johnny Neal *Brown Green
(*Willard and Marilyn Green's parents)
J.W. Jones
**Lucile and J.B. Hicks
**Merle and B.R. King
(*Michael and Rebecca King's parents)

In honor of: Janice Deweese Jones
Benny Harrison
Martha Jean Neal
Mike and Janice Covert
Philip and Amy Price
Leslie and Susan Dunn
Willard and Marilyn Green
Carole Lewis
Landry and Fay Adkins
Carroll and Ingrid Price

In honor of: First Baptist Church Staff
John and Donna Temple
Daniel Caldwell David Bishop
Caitlin Braud Miriam Chesney
Barry Germany Noah Greer

Benevolence Fund

In memory of: Gary Davison
Alton Foreman (*Adam Foreman's father*)



MISSIONS LUNCHEON

Monday, January 11 12:00 noon

**Speaker: Sydney Harrison,
Summers Missions**