

Last Sunday's Record

Sunday School: 208 Offering: \$20,819.92

January 1, 2023

Requirements: \$ 546,318.15

Receipts: \$ 530,276.19

DEACON OF THE WEEK

May 28 - Landry Adkins

June 4 - Leonard Cobb June 11 - Ward Calhoun

June 18 - Randy Carroll June 25 - Davis Miller

Sermon for Sunday, May 28

"All Stirred Up!"

John 5:1-17

Wednesday Nights in the SUMMER

5:30 p.m.

*Prayer Meeting and Bible Study plus Youth Worship and Fellowship and Children's Activities.

(*Nursery available.)



VOLUNTEER MINISTRY - May 28

PRAYER LINE Volunteer - Philip Price

Preschool Ext. Session

Leslie and Jill Williams

Launch

James and Donna May

Worship Welcome

Jimmy and Tammy Matthews
Neil and Amanda Henry

Greeters

Benny Harrison
Earl Laird
David and Helen Webb

Security Team 4

Van Goodman
Landry Adkins
Davis Miller
Greg Monsour

Counting Committee

Melissa Mabry, *chmn*
Leslie Dunn
Lee Rogers

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY, May 28

9:15 - Sunday School

10:30 - Morning Worship

MONDAY, May 29

*Church Office Closed
in Observance of Memorial Day*

TUESDAY, May 30

6:00 - Prayer Shawl Ministry (*Aldersgate*)

WEDNESDAY, May 31

5:30 - Prayer Meeting and Bible Study
-Youth Worship and Fellowship
- Children's Activities
(Nursery Available)

SATURDAY, June 3

Youth Choir RETURNS from Choir Tour to Washington, D.C.

USHERS FOR MAY

Tommy Cason, Leonard Cobb, Chris Dean, Van Goodman, J.B. Griffith, Alan Lamar, Jim Lauderdale, Ben Leake, Joey Mabry, Davis Miller, Greg Monsour, Freddie Poitevent, Larry Roberts, Brad Sykes, Gary Wilkinson, Jim Williamson



Dr. Will Wall, 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

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Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Highest will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord, "He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust."

Psalm 91:1-2 (NIV)

On this Memorial Day...remember our soldiers, troops and all who serve and protect our nation...Ask God for protection, wisdom, health and strength for them and for their families.



LESSONS FROM THE VINEYARD

“Then he began to speak to them in parables. ‘A man planted a vineyard, put a fence around it.’”
(Mark 12:1a)

- Our verse is taken from Jesus’ well-known parable of the tenants. This parable must have been important to Jesus and the recorders of the Gospels because it is found not only in Mark’s recording but also in Matthew and Luke—exactly the same story. Here are some truths from the parable.
- God is generous. The vineyard was equipped with everything that was necessary to make the work of the cultivators easy and profitable. God also gives us all that we need.
- God trusts us. The owner left the cultivators to run the vineyard themselves. God trusts us enough to give us freedom to run much of life as we choose.
- God is patient. Not once or twice, but many times the master gave the cultivators the chance to pay the debt they owed. He treated them in a way they did not deserve. God gives us more chances than we deserve.
- God’s justice will ultimately triumph. People might take advantage of the patience of God, but in the end will come judgment and justice. God may bear long with disobedience and rebellion, but in the end God acts.
- God gives us the freedom of rejection. Forced love is never love at all.

DTB



Vacation Bible School

June 19 - 23

8:30 am to 12:00 noon
For kids who have completed
Pre-K 4 to Sixth Grade

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!

We need **YOUR** gifts with
BIBLE STUDY, CRAFTS, etc.
Contact Caitlin or the church office
if you can help.



INTERACTIVE PRAYER MEETING

WEDNESDAYS @ 5:30 p.m.

Our new format for Wednesday nights during the summer is underway. Our goal is to have an interactive experience as we strive to discover where we've been, where we are now and, most importantly, where we're going. We need **everyone's prayerful input and combined experience** to be able to make plans for God's good future at First Baptist Church.

Sympathies to...

The family and friends of
Mary Belle Rawlings

PRAY... for our
Youth Choir and Sponsors
as they travel on
CHOIR TOUR
to Washington D.C. May 27-June 3



J. G. And Mellie T. Repsher Scholarship
William B. Crooks Scholarship
Brandon Scholarship

FBC Scholarship Applications
Scholarship applications are available at the
Welcome Center Desk or may be secured by
e-mail. They must be completed and
returned to the church office on or before
Sunday, June 11.

Let's Go to Paris and Normandy, France!



June 9-18, 2024
DEADLINE TO SIGN UP
Friday, June 16
More info or to sign up,
contact David Bishop.

FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON

Mark your Calendars!

NEW SUMMER SCHEDULE

June 27 July 18
August 22