



# THE MESSENGER

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**Online registration for VBS is live!**

**Use this  
convenient  
QR Code  
to register!**



**DID YOU KNOW THAT...** *adults who attend VBS have overwhelmingly positive memories of the experience?. 69% of American parents will encourage their child to participate in a VBS event at a church they don't attend if invited by one of their friends. AND...if you total it up - VBS results in 17.5 hours of intense discipleship, the gospel being shared daily, and 7 months of ministry in only 1 week! Beside the ministry potential, kids will have fun with VBS games while learning that Jesus guides us through all the twists and turns of our lives...important fact for them to know early in the "game".*

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

### SUNDAY, June 11

9:15 - Sunday School  
10:30 - Morning Worship

### TUESDAY, June 13

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

### WEDNESDAY, June 14

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

### THURSDAY, June 15

TBA - Children's Ministry trip to My Happy Place

**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.**



#### USHERS FOR JUNE

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. 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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### Last Sunday's Record

Sunday School: 222 Offering: \$25,967.52

#### January 1, 2023

Requirements: \$ 598,348.45  
Receipts: \$ 574,781.45

### DEACON OF THE WEEK

June 11 - Ward Calhoun

June 18 - Randy Carroll June 25 - Davis Miller

### Deacon's Meeting - June 25

8:00 a.m. Fellowship Hall

### Sermon for Sunday, June 11

**"Well Done"** Matthew 25:14-30  
John Temple

### 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 - June 11

PRAYER LINE Volunteer - Helen Follis

#### Preschool Ext. Session

Travis and Erin Whitt

#### Launch

Clifford and Erika  
Holloway

#### Worship Welcome

Brandon and Brittney  
Harrison  
Leslie and Susan Dunn

#### Greeters

John and Debra  
Anderson  
Penny McKinnis

#### Security Team 1

Walter Rogers, Jr.  
Justin Anders  
Wallace Heggie  
Neil Henry

#### Counting Committee

Neil Henry, *chmn*  
John Ellis  
Chris Lauderdale

Heart

## HOLISTIC FAITH

Jesus replied:

**Soul** *“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.”*

Mind

Matthew 22:37

No one can ever accuse Jesus of soft-peddling His words. He had the ability to cut right through to the heart of the matter. In one of His many encounters with the Pharisees, He moved right to the essence of religion when He quoted the first great commandment. As one writer stated, “A fully functioning faith that gives us the strength we need is a combination of using our heart and mind and strength.” All are a part of the way we love God.

The heart was considered by the Hebrews as the source of human emotions. To love God with our heart means that we love with all the emotion that is found within us. Emotions are the driving force for so much of what we do. Why shouldn't those same emotions drive us to express our love for God? Loving God with our mind keeps our heart and emotions in balance. Feelings may motivate and drive, but the mind is necessary to keep our emotions focused and integrated. Our mind is a gift from God and a part of our response to God. God does not want blind emotion. Commitment without the mind is short-lived.

Loving God with our strength implies resolve and commitment. Our faith must be more than blind emotion and good intention. Sooner or later it must find expression in how we live day-to-day. Our head and heart must have the help of the body to make our response of love to God find long-lasting, permanent, enduring expression.

**David Bishop**

Mark your calendars...  
**FBC Family Fish Fry**  
**Wednesday, July 19**  
**@ 5:30 p.m.**  
**Fellowship Hall**



Special Guests: Members of the Meridian Police Department and the Lauderdale County Sheriff's Office

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Teams are being assembled now to handle set-up, serving, frying fish, dessert making, handling take out plates, welcoming our guests, etc.

Call the church office (601-484-4600) to let us know how you will help and plan to join your church family for this fun event!



## Children's Ministry

**Parents...Mark Your Calendars for these**  
**Thursdays in June**



Mosaics at  
**My Happy Place**  
**Thursday, June 15**

TIME: TBA



**Hattiesburg Zoo**  
**Thursday, June 29**

TIME: TBA

## Memorials...

### Benevolence

In memory of: Janice Jones  
Mary Belle Rawlings  
Billy Robinson  
Maedelle Covert

**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

***this Sunday, June 11.***

## FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON

**Tuesday, June 27**

12:00 noon

Cost: \$5



### **Make reservations NOW**

**by calling the church office (601.484.4600)**  
**or signing the list in the Welcome Center.**  
**Please plan to come and bring a friend!**