

Last Sunday's Record

Sunday School: 227 Worship: 258
Offering: \$25,436.30

January 1, 2024

Requirements: \$341,507.76
Receipts: \$425,305.80
Annie Armstrong: \$ 11,335.26

DEACON OF THE WEEK

Mar. 31 - Tommy Allen Apr. 7 - Mark Williams
Apr. 14 - Fred Porter Apr. 21 - David Webb
Apr. 27 - Greg Snowden

Sermon for Sunday, March 31

“Blessed are the Persecuted”
Matthew 5:10 - 12

FAMILY NIGHT SUPPER - April 3

Fried Chicken, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy,
Cut Corn, Biscuit, Salad Bar and Dessert
KIDS: Chicken Strips and French Fries
ADULTS: \$5 KIDS (12 and under): \$3 Family Maximum \$20
SERVERS: Shayne Garrett,
Helen Follis and Sylvia Follis

VOLUNTEER MINISTRY - March 31

PRAYER LINE Volunteer - Philip Price

Preschool Ext. Session Sharon Schwan Christie Daugherty	Medical Response Team Pam Maloney Dana Foreman
Worship Welcome Celeste Little Pam Gray Don and Donia Evans	Greeters Pam Maloney Kelly Swain
Security Team 4 Van Goodman, Landry Adkins, Davis Miller, Greg Monsour, Armond Williams	Counting Committee Kathy Stehle, <i>chmn</i> John Anderson Susan Hill

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY, March 31

9:15 - Sunday School
10:30 - Morning Worship
*No afternoon or evening activities at FBC
in observance of Easter.*

TUESDAY, April 2

7:00 - YOUTH Bible Study (*Jack's*)
9:00 - Ladies' Bible Study/Jane Moseley, facilitator
9:30 - GriefShare/John Temple, facilitator
6:00 - Prayer Shawl Ministry (*Aldersgate*)

WEDNESDAY, April 3

5:15 - FAMILY NIGHT SUPPER
5:30 - YOUTH CHOIR
- Young Ringers
6:00 - Preschool and Children's Choirs
6:30 - Prayer Meeting and Bible Study
- G.A.s, R.A.s, and Mission Friends
- Youth Worship
7:30 - Sanctuary Choir

THURSDAY, April 4

7:00 - YOUTH Bible Study (*The Pig*)
4:30 - Ladies' Bible Study/Rachael Scarbrough

SATURDAY, April 6

2:00 - CPC Ministry Art Project/Sydney Harrison

Effective April 5, 2024,
the FB Church Office will begin closing
at noon on Fridays.

USHERS FOR MARCH

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



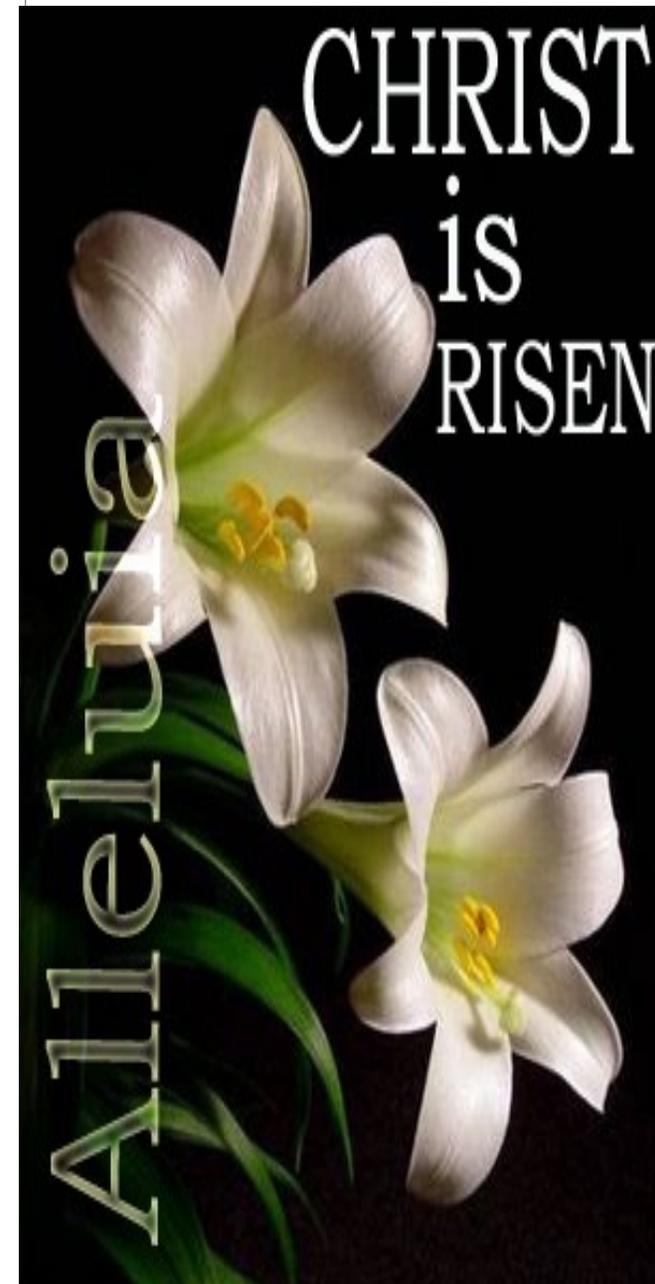
Dr. Will Wall, Pastor
Rev. David Bishop, Associate Pastor for Music
Rev. Noah Greer, Student Minister
Caitlin Braud, Director of Children's Ministries
Dr. Raymon Leake, Pastor Emeritus
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Why is Good Friday "Good"?

Good Friday is an interesting title for a day that is filled with such darkness!

I've often been asked, "why do we call Good Friday good?" No one really knows the origin of the title, but many believe that it is derived from an old translation of "God's Friday". According to our faith, Good Friday marks the culmination of Jesus' earthly ministry, as He willingly underwent crucifixion as the ultimate sacrifice for humanity's sins. This day is seen as the fulfillment of Old Testament prophecies, where Jesus, as the Messiah, offered himself as a sacrificial lamb to atone for the sins of humanity. Christians view Good Friday as a solemn day of reflection, repentance, and gratitude for the immense love and sacrifice demonstrated by Jesus on the cross. And that is GREAT news!

Central to Christian theology is the belief that Jesus' death on the cross was not merely a historical event but a pivotal moment in the redemption of humanity. Christians understand Jesus' crucifixion as a substitutionary atonement, where Jesus, the sinless Son of God, bore the punishment that humanity deserved for its sins. Through His sacrificial death, we acknowledge that Jesus reconciled humanity with God, bridging the gap caused by sin and offering the gift of salvation to all who believe in him. Thus, the work accomplished on the cross is crucial for sin to be paid for, providing the means for believers to be forgiven and restored into a right relationship with God,

ultimately leading to eternal life. Sin has been paid, death has been defeated, the tomb is empty, and eternal life has been promised!

Come celebrate the risen Savior with us on Easter morning at FBC Meridian.

Will Wall



**Annie Armstrong
Easter Offering**

**MAKE
JESUS
KNOWN**

**Annie Armstrong
Easter Offering
for North American
Missions**

Our goal: \$20,000
We have given
\$11,335.26



MISSIONS LUNCHEON
Monday, April 8 12:00 noon
Guest Speakers:
Charlie and Teresa Seelen, retired/Japan

Children's CHURCH

for Preschool 4 and Kindergarteners begins on **SUNDAY, APRIL 7**

After the Children's Sermon during morning worship, Preschool 4 and Kindergarteners are invited to join their leaders for an extended session in **Room 123** of the Children's wing. We will have fun, age-appropriate worship and Bible study. You may pick up your children at the end of morning worship and **PLEASE** ask them to tell you what they have learned this week in Children's Church!



The FBC Church Family is cordially invited to attend a Bridal Tea Shower honoring Anna Kate Henry bride elect of Eli Eakes Sunday, April 14, 2024 2:00 to 3:00 o'clock in the afternoon FBC Welcome Center

Sympathies to...

Tony and Dee Dee Fouts and family in the death of her sister, Linda Pollard Bruner.



G.I.F.T. will now be known as PARENTS' NIGHT OUT

***for members, prospects and guests Friday, APRIL 12 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. Birth through 6th Grade MUST make reservations by contacting Julie Holloway @ 601-934-0803 by Sunday, April 7.**



Church family...remember to bring fresh flowers for the cross on Easter Sunday, March 31! PHOTOS AT THE CROSS

Caroline Calhoun will again assist your family in taking pictures from 10:00 to 10:20 am and again immediately following the service. REMEMBER TO TAG @FBCMeridian on your social media when you post your pictures.