

Last Sunday's Record

Sunday School: 209 Worship: 260
Offering: \$40,685.48
January 1, 2024
Requirements: \$ 398,425.72
Receipts: \$ 486,608.76
Annie Armstrong: \$ 15,713.24

DEACON OF THE WEEK

Apr. 14 - Fred Porter
Apr. 21 - David Webb Apr. 28 - Greg Snowden

Deacon's Meeting - April 21

8:00 a.m. Fellowship Hall

Sermon for Sunday, April 14

"The Cycle of Shame"
Romans 8:15-16

FAMILY NIGHT SUPPER - April 17

Spaghetti and Meat Sauce, Roasted Squash
and Zucchini, Bread Stick, Salad Bar and Dessert
KIDS: SAME
ADULTS: \$5 KIDS (12 and under): \$3 Family Maximum \$20
SERVERS: Jim Williamson,
Cathy Carpenter, Cary and Faith Vaughn

VOLUNTEER MINISTRY - APRIL 14

GREETERS - Brian and April Sellers/Debra Porter
PRAYER LINE - Ben Webb
PRESCHOOL EXT. Session - Dakota and Heather Cason
CHILDREN'S CHURCH - Caitlin Braud/Lynda Anders
WORSHIP WELCOMERS - Faye Bruner/DeeDee Fouts/
Bobby and Patty Ann Bogue
COUNTING - Sharon McMullen, *chmn*
Landry Adkins, Dana Foreman

MEDICAL RESPONSE - Emily Anders/Cassie Rogers
SECURITY - Walters Rogers, Jr., Justin Anders,
Wallace Heggie, Neil Henry, Leslie Williams, Jim Wink

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY, April 14

9:15 - Sunday School
10:30 - Morning Worship
2:00 - Bridal Tea Shower for
Anna Kate Henry and Eli Eakes
3:00 - Acteens
5:30 - Philippians/ S. Allison, E. Holloway, facilitators

MONDAY, April 15

11:30 - Beamon/Hodgins WMU Meeting
6:00 - Bonus Choir Rehearsal and Supper

TUESDAY, April 16

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

WEDNESDAY, April 17

5:00 - YOUTH BELLS
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 18

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

SATURDAY, April 20

8:30 - State Bible Drills/
Poplar Springs Drive Baptist Church

USHERS FOR APRIL

Tommy Allen, Bo Bailey, Will Carpenter, Adam Foreman,
Brad Garrett, Benny Harrison, Michael Jones, Dave Little,
Timothy Maloney, John Morgan Mims, Brian Sellers, Ron-
nie Smith, Allan Tolleson, Cary Vaughn, Leslie 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
Rev. David McCubbin, Associate Pastor Emeritus

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THE MESSENGER

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH MERIDIAN

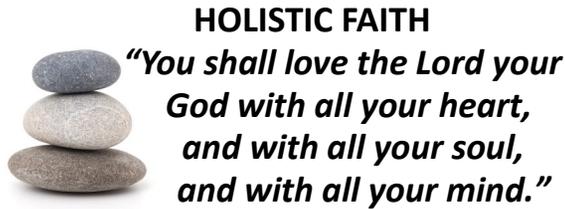
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The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry "Abba, Father." The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that...

WE ARE GOD'S
CHILDREN.

Romans 8:15-16



HOLISTIC FAITH

"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your 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.

DTB



ANNOUNCING OUR 2024 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

Raif Long Drew Mitchell
Anniston Monsour Alexandra Owens
Grace Rogers Ty Thomas

FBC Baccalaureate Sunday is May 5, 2024.

COLLEGE GRADUATES

If you have a College graduate that you would like to be honored in the Messenger, please call the church office with details.



Acteen Recognition will be Sunday, April 28 at 3:00 pm in the Chapel

and we are inviting our church family to come and see what our youth girls have accomplished this year in missions and ministry as they grow in their understanding of God, themselves and others.



Fellowship Luncheon

Tuesday, April 23

12:00 noon COST: \$5

(sign up NOW)

Join us for lunch and a special program with Rachel Foy, Fire Prevention Specialist with the Meridian Fire Department

Children's CHURCH Preschool 4 and Kindergarteners

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.



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

Memorials...

Lottie Moon

In memory of: Virginia McGinnis

Music

In memory of: Linda Pollard Bruner
(Dee Dee Fouts' sister)

Tim Rutland

(Ralph Severance's son-in-law)

Annie Armstrong

In memory of: Linda Pollard Bruner

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In memory of: Ellen Rogers



FBC Meridian is launching a new ministry called Embrace Life

for young single moms to find support, hope and joy...to not only survive in life but THRIVE and flourish in their relationships with God. If you would like to learn more about how you can get involved with this ministry, contact Erika Holloway. Gatherings will begin on Wednesday, May 1 at 6:00 p.m. here at FBC.