

### Last Sunday's Record

Sunday School: 232    Worship:

Offering: \$16,331.17

### January 1, 2024

Requirements:     \$ 455,343.68

Receipts:            \$ 524,874.02

Annie Armstrong:    \$ 20,535.74

### DEACON OF THE WEEK

Apr. 28 - Greg Snowden

May 5 - Jim Williamson    May 12 - Jimmy Wilson

May 19 - Steve Gressett    May 26 - Jim Lauderdale

### Sermon for Sunday, April 28

“He Covers Our Shame”

Galatians 4:4-7

### FAMILY NIGHT SUPPER - May 1

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:** Shayne Garrett, Helen Follis,  
Sylvia Follis

### VOLUNTEER MINISTRY - APRIL 28

**GREETERS** - Greg and Kathryn Monsour,

Richard and Laura Abney

**PRAYER LINE** - Helen Follis

**PRESCHOOL EXT. Session** - Brandon and Brittney  
Harkins

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH** - Caitlin Braud, Kelley Davis

**WORSHIP WELCOMERS** - Adam and Dana Foreman,  
Jimmy and Tammy Matthews

**COUNTING** - Melissa Mabry, chmn,

Davis Miller, Lee Rogers

**MEDICAL RESPONSE** - Christy Wall, Marcia Brewer

**SECURITY** - Clifford Holloway, John Anderson,

Alan Lamar, Brad Garrett, Elliot Brewer

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

### SUNDAY, April 28

9:15 - Sunday School

10:30 - Morning Worship

3:00 - Acteen Recognition/Chapel

### MONDAY, April 29

6:00 - Sanctuary Choir Bonus Rehearsal and Supper

### TUESDAY, April 30

7:00 - YOUTH Bible Study (*Jack's*)

9:00 - Ladies' Bible Study/Jane Moseley, facilitator

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

### WEDNESDAY, May 1

5:15 - FAMILY NIGHT SUPPER

5:30 - YOUTH CHOIR

- Young Ringers

6:00 - Preschool and Children's Choirs

- Embrace Life/E. Holloway, facilitator

6:30 - Prayer Meeting and Bible Study

- G.A.s, R.A.s, and Mission Friends

- Youth Worship

7:30 - Sanctuary Choir

### THURSDAY, May 2

7:00 - YOUTH Bible Study (*The Pig*)

4:30 - Ladies' Bible Study/Rachael Scarbrough

### SATURDAY, May 4

8:30 - MAGNOLIA CEMETERY CLEAN-UP Day

**WHAT TO BRING:** Gardening gloves, rakes,  
hand held pruners or trimmers, garbage bags,  
bucket, a gallon of water/old rags

### 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,  
Ronnie 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

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*The First Baptist Church  
Family*

is

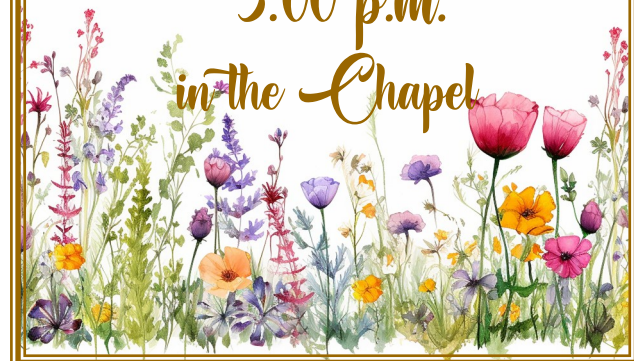
*cordially invited to attend*

*Acteen  
Recognition*

*Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup>*

*3:00 p.m.*

*in the Chapel*





### HEART-FELT FAITH

*"About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them."  
Acts 16:25*

Today's verse is taken from the experience of Paul and Silas in prison, but only after they had been dragged to the marketplace, whipped, and then thrown into prison. Look at their response. They were praying and singing hymns. What a powerful witness to those who were observing them. I continue to be intrigued by this description. Amazing strength, phenomenal spirit - they were praying and singing hymns in spite of all that was happening.

Did this strength come from a sound theology? After all, no one could ever accuse Paul of not being orthodox in his faith. Paul's theology was very sound. Did it account for this unusual strength and hope? It certainly did not come from having all his theological t's crossed. You can read every book ever written and know every word that Jesus spoke, but has He invaded your soul? Have you felt His presence? In the final analysis, head knowledge alone will not be enough. Faith involves more than just knowing the facts.

The primary reason for Paul's spirit was a faith that not only made sense, but one that he felt. Faith is not just a matter of the head. Hopefully, you will not have to sing hymns in prison this week like Paul and Silas did, but you might need them somewhere else.

DTB

**A SYMPHONY OF PRAISE**  
**SUNDAY, MAY 5<sup>TH</sup>**  
**6:00 PM**  
**FBC SANCTUARY CHOIR**  
**AND ORCHESTRA**  
**YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S CHOIRS**  
**ENSEMBLES**

**Spring Sing**  
**Wednesday, May 8**  
**6:30 pm FBC Sanctuary**  
**presented by the**  
**Children's and Preschool Choirs**  
**and Young Ringers**

**COLLEGE SUNDAY SCHOOL**  
**NEW CLASS BEGINS SUNDAY, May 12**  
**@ 9:15 am Room 112**

**Memorials...**  
Annie Armstrong  
In memory of:  
Linda Pollard Bruner  
(Dee Dee Fouts' sister)

**BACCALAUREATE SUNDAY**  
**MAY 5, 2024**  
HONORING OUR  
**2024 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES**  
ANNA KATHERINE DAVENPORT  
TREY LITTLE  
RAIF LONG                      DREW MITCHELL  
ANNISTON MONSOUR      ALEXANDRA OWENS  
GRACE ROGERS                      TY THOMAS

**COLLEGE GRADUATES**  
*If you have a College graduate that you would like to be honored in The Messenger on Baccalaureate Sunday, please call the church office with details.*

**ATTENTION COLLEGE STUDENTS!**  
*J. G. And Mellie T. Repsher Scholarship*  
*William B. Crooks Scholarship*  
*Brandon Scholarship*  
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 16.**

 **MISSIONS LUNCHEON**  
Monday, May 13  
12:00 noon  
Guest Speaker: Darron Byrd  
Baptist Children's Village - Juvenile Detention