

### Last Sunday's Record

Sunday School: 215 Worship: 292  
Offering: \$20,382.42  
**January 1, 2024**  
Requirements: \$ 683,015.52  
Receipts: \$ 714,124.96

### DEACON OF THE WEEK

June 23 - Mike Jones  
June 30 - Jeremy Hill

### Deacon's Meeting - June 23

8:00 a.m. Fellowship Hall

### Sermon for June 23

"The Reconciliation of Christ"  
Colossians 1:21-29

### FAMILY NIGHT SUPPER

No Regularly Scheduled Family Night Supper,  
Bible Study, Children or Youth Activities  
**this week** due to VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL.

**Family Night Supper and All Activities  
will resume July 10**

### VOLUNTEER MINISTRY - June 23

**GREETERS** - Lydia Sanders, Jena Sims, Susan Hill  
**PRAYER LINE** - Faith Vaughn  
**PRESCHOOL EXT. Session** - Tyler and Amy Covington  
**CHILDREN'S CHURCH** - Erika Holloway, Janet Berg  
**WORSHIP WELCOMERS** - Benny Harrison,  
Bill Simcox, Denise Lewis  
**COUNTING** - Marcia Brewer, *chmn*  
Don Evans, Scott Sills  
**MEDICAL RESPONSE** - Emily Anders, Cassie Rogers  
**SECURITY** - Walter Rogers, Jr., Justin Anders,  
Wallace Heggie, Neil Henry,  
Leslie Williams, Jim Wink

### WEEKLY CALENDAR

#### SUNDAY, June 23

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

#### MONDAY, June 24

8:30 - Vacation Bible School

#### TUESDAY, June 25

8:30 - Vacation Bible School  
6:00 - Prayer Shawl Ministry (*Aldersgate*)

#### WEDNESDAY, June 26

8:30 - Vacation Bible School  
5:30 - Volunteer Training and Supper

#### THURSDAY, June 27

8:30 - Vacation Bible School  
11:30 - VBS Rally (includes parents)



**Learn this year's VBS music on any  
of your favorite apps!!**

#### USHERS FOR JUNE

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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# THE MESSENGER

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## **THIS WEEK! AT FBC!**



**GOD'S ROCK-SOLID TRUTH IN A  
WORLD OF SHIFTING SANDS**  
ROMANS 12:2

## **JUNE 24 - 27**

**8:30 am to 12:00 noon**

**For kids who have completed  
Pre-K 4 to Sixth Grade**

**PARENTS... join us  
for a VBS Rally at 11:30 am  
on THURSDAY to see  
what your kids have  
been up to!!!**





### “Service with a Smile”

At First Baptist Meridian, we understand that a warm welcome can make all the difference for first-time guests. When visitors walk through our doors, they are not just entering a building; they are stepping into a community of faith and love. The importance of hospitality in our church cannot be overstated. A friendly greeting sets the tone for the entire worship experience, creating an atmosphere where newcomers feel valued and appreciated. It reflects the teachings of Christ, who welcomed all with open arms and a loving heart. By extending a heartfelt welcome, we embody the spirit of our faith and demonstrate our commitment to being a beacon of **HOPE** in downtown Meridian.

Yes, **HOPE!** I believe we should value:

- Hospitality,
- Obedience to God’s Word,
- Prayer, and a mission to
- Engage our community.

For our city and church to move forward, we must offer **HOPE**.

People often seek out friendly churches because they are looking for a place where they can belong, grow, and find solace. In today’s fast-paced world, genuine human connection is more precious than ever. Many visitors come with anxieties of “not fitting in”, or not being kindly received. We want to provide a place where one can find a supportive church community that feels like family. People look for churches where their presence is acknowledged, and their participation is encouraged. When we greet first-time guests with warmth and hospitality, we not only make them feel at home but also offer them a

glimpse of the love and support that our congregation is known for. This simple act of kindness can be the first step in a transformative spiritual journey, leading them to discover the deeper joys of fellowship and faith within our historic First Baptist Meridian.

Join me on Wednesday evening, June 26<sup>th</sup>, at 5:30pm for a time of Greeter Training. If you are part of our Greeters, Security, Preschool Extended Session, Children’s Church, Medical Response, or Family Night Supper Serving Teams or you are looking for a place to serve, we would encourage you to attend. We will provide a meal and a short training on how to better offer hospitality to those who may be new to our campus. Sign up today!

**Will**



**TEAM #2 will be heading out to the ROLLING FORK RISING project July 15—July 19.**

**If you can go either all week or just for a few days, please let Adam Foreman know ASAP and he can add you to the list! Call the church office or email [adam@fbcmeridian.org](mailto:adam@fbcmeridian.org).**

### Memorials...

#### Benevolence

In memory of: Betty Cady

**WORLD CHANGERS**  
*is coming to Meridian and FBC will be feeding 150 kids and sponsors!*



Please help us put together lunch on July 17.

#### **We need the following:**

- \*Bagged Chips (Variety boxes from SAMS, etc.)
- \*Prepacked Cookies (individual servings)
- \*Cutie Oranges (bag)
- \*Welch’s fruit snacks

If your Sunday School class or groups want to help, please bring the items listed or a cash donation and we can do the shopping. If you would like to help put together the bags or deliver to the job sites, please contact the church office or Amy Price.



**FBC VOLUNTEER TRAINING**  
**Wednesday, June 26**  
**5:30 pm**

All members of our FBC family who are currently serving as **VOLUNTEERS** on our Greeters, Security, Preschool Extended Session, Children’s Church, Medical Response, and Family Night Supper Serving Teams are invited to attend. Please join us so that we will all be on the same page to make a good first impression on our guests and provide a safe and secure environment in which to worship!

*(Light Supper Provided)*  
**TRAINING LOCATION: Fellowship Hall**  
**Sign up in the Welcome Center**