

**Last Sunday's Record**

Sunday School: 270    Worship: 285  
Offering: \$18,924.72

**January 1, 2024**

Requirements:     \$1,052,982.26  
Receipts:            \$1,031,030.75  
Margaret Lackey:     \$8,370.95

**DEACON OF THE WEEK**

Sept. 22 - Tommy Cason  
Sept. 29 - Gary Wilkinson  
Oct. 6 - Ronnie Smith    Oct. 13 - Randy Chesney

**Deacon's Meeting - September 22**

8:00 a.m.    Fellowship Hall

**Sermon for September 22**

*"The Confessing Faith of Peter"*  
*Matthew 16:13-20*

**FAMILY NIGHT SUPPER - September 25**

Country Fried Steak and Gravy,  
Mashed Potatoes, Turnip Greens, Cornbread,  
Salad Bar and Dessert

**KIDS:** Hot Dogs and Tater Tots

*ADULTS: \$5    KIDS (12 and under): \$3    Family Maximum \$20*

**SERVERS:** Micki Harrison,

Melissa Mabry and Rachael Scarbrough

**VOLUNTEER MINISTRY - Sept. 22**

**GREETERS** - Bo and Kacey Bailey

Jena Sims, Susan Hill

**PRAYER LINE** - Helen Follis

**PRESCHOOL EXT. Session** - Tyler and Amy  
Covington

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH** - Erika Holloway

Janet Berg

**MEDICAL RESPONSE** - Pam Maloney

Dana Foreman

**SECURITY** - Van Goodman, Landry Adkins,

Davis Miller, Greg Monsour and Armond Williams

**WEEKLY CALENDAR**

**SUNDAY, September 22**

9:15 - Sunday School  
10:30 - Morning Worship  
3:00 - ACTEENS  
4:00 - The Battle Plan for Prayer/Janet Berg, facilitator  
4:30 - YOUTH Bible Drills  
- Children's Bible Skills and Drills

**TUESDAY, September 24**

7:00 - YOUTH Bible Study/Jack's  
9:00 - Ladies Bible Study/Jane Moseley, facilitator  
9:30 - GriefShare/John Temple, facilitator  
12:00 - Fellowship Luncheon  
6:00 - Prayer Shawl Ministry (*Aldersgate*)

**WEDNESDAY, September 25**

5:00 - YOUTH BELLS  
5:15 - FAMILY NIGHT SUPPER  
5:30 - YOUTH CHOIR/Young Ringers  
6:00 - Preschool and Children's Choirs  
- MASTERLIFE/John Temple, facilitator  
6:30 - Prayer Meeting and Bible Study  
- G.A.s, R.A.s, and Mission Friends  
- YOUTH WORSHIP  
7:30 - Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

**THURSDAY, September 26**

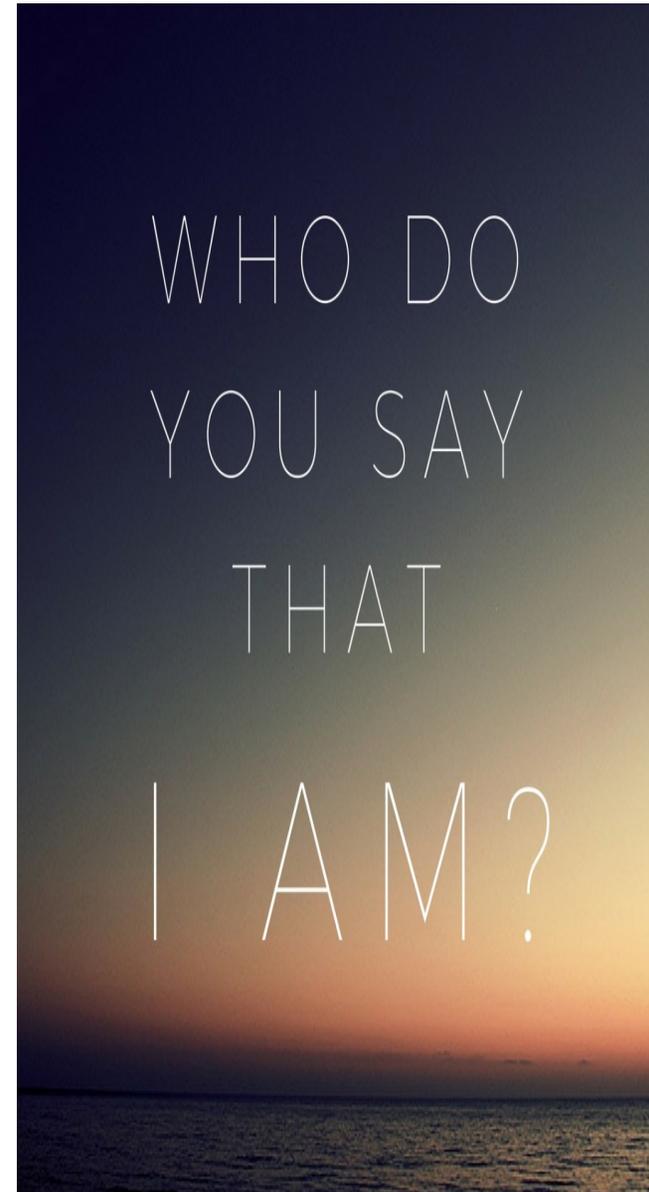
7:00 - YOUTH Bible Study/Piggly Wiggly  
4:30 - Ladies' Bible Study/Rachael Scarbrough

**USHERS FOR SEPTEMBER**

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*  
*Dr. Jason Brooks, Associate Pastor for Discipleship*  
*and Membership*  
*Rev. Noah Greer, Student Minister*  
*Caitlin Braud, Director of Children's Ministries*  
*Dr. Raymon Leake, Pastor Emeritus*  
*Rev. David McCubbin, Associate Pastor Emeritus*

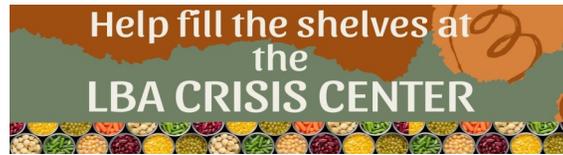




First of all, on behalf of my family, thank you so much to everyone in the FBC family for all the kindness, graciousness, hospitality, and love you've shown us over the past weeks. We are so blessed by your prayers and encouragement as we navigate the ongoing process of transitioning to Meridian. Please continue to pray for us in the coming days as we try to sell our home in Oxford and find a new one here in Meridian!

I had the privilege of being with our students in the Youth Ministry this past Sunday morning during the Sunday School hour, and I want to share with you a snippet of the Bible study we walked through because I feel it's applicable to every one of us. We looked at two different steps of faith in the Old Testament: Moses at the Red Sea (Exodus 14) and Joshua at the Jordan River (Joshua 3). Both instances required different degrees of faith and trust to see God work and fulfill His purposes. For Moses, the Lord parted the water and gave them dry ground prior to their first steps. Joshua and the Israelites, however, were instructed to put their feet in the flooded Jordan **before** He separated the water and led them forward.

I'd be willing to bet most of us would rather have the waters in front of us parted on the front end so we can see the clear path of the Lord's plan. However, the Lord most often asks us to get our feet wet first and trust Him with wherever our next step lands. I don't know what "river" you're standing in front of that is keeping you from following and trusting the Lord in total obedience and surrender, but I do know firsthand that we often get stuck in life waiting for God to part the river in front of us while He is waiting for us to get our feet wet. Faith is not a noun – it's an action verb. My prayer for our church family in the coming days is that we would be a people with wet feet as we follow the Lord with complete trust and abandon. Grab your waders!



### STUDENTS

Preschool - Canned Green Beans  
 Grades 1 - 6 - Canned Green Beans  
 YOUTH - Canned Sweet Peas

### ADULT 1 - Canned Chicken

Calhoun Foreman Henry Mabry  
 Young Professionals College Young Couples

### ADULT 2 - Canned Tuna

Fellowship Adkins

### ADULT 3 - Hearty Canned Soups

Snowden, Davis/Williamson  
 and Seekers

### ADULT 3 - Canned Corn

G. Leake Class

### ADULT 4 - Canned Pork & Beans

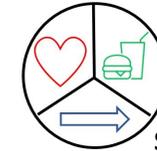
Pilgrim Class



### A GriefShare Event

## Surviving the Holidays

Sunday,  
 September 29 4 to 6 pm  
 at FBC Room 108



### Fellowship Luncheon

**Tuesday, September 24**

12:00 noon COST: \$5

Sign up in the Welcome Center  
 or call the church office

Speaker: Kate Cherry Meridian Museum of Art

If you would like to help with a  
 Bridal Tea Shower for  
 Caroline Garrett,



bride elect of Charlie Ballou,  
 please sign the sheet in the Welcome  
 Center, call the church office  
 or contact Fay Adkins at 601.616.2020.

**DATE: Sunday, November 3**

2:00 - 3:00 p.m.



If you would like to help with a  
 Bridal Tea Shower for  
 Grace Goodman,

bride elect of Tyler Alexander,  
 please sign the sheet in the Welcome  
 Center, call the church office  
 or contact Merrie Smith.

**DATE: Sunday, November 10**

2:00 - 3:00 p.m.



**centrikid**  
 camps

CAMP DATE:  
 June 30 - July 4  
 FOR: 3rd-6th Graders

### CENTRIKID INTEREST MEETING

Wednesday, October 2 5:30pm

Private Dining Room

INFO on CENTRIKID Camp, [AND](#) Fundraisers!