

Last Sunday's Record

Sunday School: 275 Worship: 229
Offering: \$21,179.80

January 1, 2024

Requirements: \$1,081,441.24
Receipts: \$1,052,210.55
Margaret Lackey: \$9,475.95

DEACON OF THE WEEK

Sept. 29 - Gary Wilkinson

Oct. 6 - Ronnie Smith Oct. 13 - Randy Chesney
Oct. 20 - Landry Adkins Oct. 27 - Ward Calhoun
Nov. 3 - Randy Carroll Nov. 10 - Davis Miller
Nov. 17 - Freddie Poitevent
Nov. 24 - Walter Rogers

Sermon for September 29

Dr. Corey Fontan

Lauderdale Associational Mission Strategist

FAMILY NIGHT SUPPER - October 2

Breakfast - Scrambled Eggs,
Hashbrown Casserole, Sausage/Bacon,
Biscuits, Cinnamon Rolls and Fruit

KIDS: SAME

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

SERVERS: Rachael Scarbrough,
Helen Follis and Sylvia Follis

VOLUNTEER MINISTRY - Sept. 29

GREETERS - Pam Gray

John and Gaile Culpepper

PRAYER LINE - Melissa Mabry

PRESCHOOL EXT. Session - Clayton and Kelcey
McInnis

CHILDREN'S CHURCH - Erika Holloway
Sharon Schwan

MEDICAL RESPONSE - Bobby Berg

SECURITY - Jim Anderson, Leslie Dunn, Brad Sykes,
Bernie Mitchell and Allan Tolleson

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY, September 29

9:15 - Sunday School
10:30 - Morning Worship
2:00 - The Battle Plan for Prayer/Janet Berg, facilitator
3:00 - ACTEENS
4:00 - Surviving the Holidays
4:30 - YOUTH Bible Drills
- Children's Bible Skills and Drills

TUESDAY, October 1

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, October 2

4:00 - WMU Council Meeting
5:00 - YOUTH BELLS
5:15 - FAMILY NIGHT SUPPER
5:30 - YOUTH CHOIR/Young Ringers
- CENTRIKID Interest Meeting/Private Dining Room
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 - NO Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, October 2

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

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS!  INVITE A FRIEND!

FIRST FAMILY

FALL COOKOUT

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27

CITY HALL LAWN

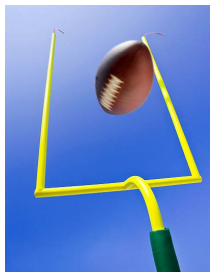
4:00 to 6:00 pm

FREE FOOD - GAMES - FUN!

Featuring Music by

COUCH IN THE WOODS





CONVERSION

“Immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized.”

Acts 9:18

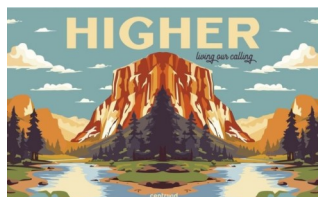
Something is wrong at the very heart of humanity—something sick, something twisted, something perverted. The Bible calls it sin. What is the solution? Conversion is the answer to our dilemma.

A Sunday School class of first graders was being quizzed by the pastor on the meaning of certain religious words such as baptism and repentance. The pastor asked one of the little boys, “What is conversion?” The little boy thought for a moment and gave the only definition that he knew: “It’s the extra point that’s kicked after a touch-down.”

Conversion is a biblical word that means change of direction. Conversion is about change. There doesn’t have to be a blinding light or visitation by angels, but there must be change. Our verse today is taken from the experience of Paul’s conversion. For him it was a radical change, from one who persecuted the followers of Christ to one who was an advocate of Christ.

Are you an advocate of Christ? There is no neutral position; we are either for Him or against Him. We do not have to experience a blinding light on the Damascus road, but at some point in time we must totally and completely give ourselves to Christ. To make that commitment to Him is the essence of conversion. To do so is to kick the extra point that wins the game! **DTB**

A GriefShare Event
Surviving
the Holidays
Sunday, September 29
at FBC **4 to 6 pm**
Room 108



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!

Help fill the shelves at
the
LBA CRISIS CENTER

MARGARETSTATE LACKEY OFFERING
MISSISSIPPIANS ON MISSION
FBC Goal: \$10,000
We have given:
\$9,475.95

Last Sunday to collect is September 29!

YOUTH
5TH QUARTER FELLOWSHIP
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18
TIME: 8:30PM TO MIDNIGHT
FBC GYM
BRING A FRIEND!!!

 Welcome to our newest members...
Larry and Sandy Anderson
Rebekah Allison
Jason and Capri Brooks
Posey Brooks

Memorials...

Margaret Lackey

In memory of: Jim Sanders
Charlene Clayton (*Amy Price's mother*)

Benevolence

In memory of: Albert Alston

*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.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13
6:00 TO 9:00 PM
Parents Night Out
FOR KIDS BIRTH TO SIXTH GRADE
**MAKE RESERVATIONS BY CONTACTING
JULIE HOLLOWAY BY SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6**