

**Last Sunday's Record**

Sunday School: 239    Worship: 250  
Offering: \$33,057.28

**January 1, 2025**

Requirements:      \$ 91,063.68  
Receipts:            \$ 140,641.96

**DEACON OF THE WEEK**

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|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| Feb. 2 - Jim Lauderdale  | Feb. 9 - Alan Lamar     |
| Feb. 16 - Bill Carpenter | Feb. 23 - Tommy Hurtt   |
| Mar. 2 - Mike Jones      | Mar. 9 - Lee Rogers     |
| Mar. 16 - Neill Porter   | Mar. 23 - Larry Roberts |
|                          | Mar. 30 - Jim Wink      |

**Sermon for January 26**

“Joseph: A Picture of God’s Preservation”  
Genesis 45:1-8

**FAMILY NIGHT SUPPER - Jan. 29**

Chicken Spaghetti, Green Beans, Pear Salad,  
Breadstick, Salad Bar and Dessert

**KIDS:** Corndog and Chips

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

**SERVERS:** Pam Maloney, Nancy Gibson, and  
Micki Harrison

**VOLUNTEER MINISTRY - Jan. 26**

**GREETERS** - Brad Garrett, Kelly Swain

**PRAYER LINE** - Philip Price

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

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

**MEDICAL RESPONSE** - Jimmy Matthews

**SECURITY** - John Calhoun, Brad Henry, Ben Webb,  
Bobby Bogue, Clayton McInnis

**USHERS FOR JANUARY**

Tommy Allen, Bo Bailey, Will Carpenter, Adam Foreman,  
Brad Garrett, Benny Harrison, Michael Jones, Dave Little,  
Timothy Maloney, Sam McCorkle, John Morgan Mims,  
Brian Sellers, Ronnie Smith, Allan Tolleson,  
Cary Vaughn, Leslie Williams

**WEEKLY CALENDAR**

**SUNDAY, January 26**

9:15 - Sunday School  
10:30 - Morning Worship  
3:00 - Acteens  
4:30 - Children’s Bible Skills and Drills  
- Adult Small Group/40 Day Prayer Challenge  
- Youth Bible Drill and Supper

**MONDAY, January 27**

8:45 - Big Kid VBS

**TUESDAY, January 28**

8:45 - Big Kid VBS  
9:00 - The Daniel Prayer/J. Moseley, facilitator  
6:00 - Prayer Shawl Ministry (Aldersgate)

**WEDNESDAY, January 29**

8:45 - Big Kid VBS  
9:30 - GriefShare  
5:00 - Family Night Supper  
- Youth Bells  
5:30 - Youth Choir  
- Young Ringers  
- CentriKid Parent Meeting/Private Dining Room  
6:00 - Pastor’s Bible Study/CHURCH CONFERENCE  
- Preschool and Children’s Choirs  
- Adult Small Groups/40 Day Prayer Challenge  
- MasterLife/J. Temple, facilitator  
- Youth Worship  
6:30 - G.A.s, R.A.s and Mission Friends  
7:15 - Sanctuary Choir

**THURSDAY, January 30**

8:45 - Big Kid VBS  
4:30 - Ladies Bible Study (Hebrews)/R. Scarbrough



*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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**January 27-30**

*Generations*  
**BIG KID VBS '25**

*Beginning this Monday!*

**2025 VBS SCHEDULE**

**8:45 - Coffee/Snacks**

**9:00 - Opening Ceremony**

*Pledge and Prayer*

**9:15 - MUSIC/DEVOTION**

*(Youth Room)*

**9:35 - BREAK**

**9:50 - RECREATION**

**10:30 - BREAK**

**10:45 - MUSIC/**

**GUEST SPEAKERS**

**11:30 - Dismiss for LUNCH**

*(Fellowship Hall)*

**11:45 - DRAWING**

*(Fellowship Hall)*



The staff of First Baptist Meridian had the incredible opportunity to step away for a two-day soul-care and planning retreat this past week, led by Dr. Rob Futral. This dedicated time allowed us to focus on our purpose as a church, renew our spiritual strength, and seek God's guidance in how we lead and serve. As we reflected on our mission, we were reminded that ministry is both a great privilege and a significant responsibility. Every person in our congregation has unique gifts, perspectives, and preferences, which can sometimes present challenges in leadership. However, we believe these differences are part of God's beautiful design for the body of Christ. Our goal as church leaders is to shepherd well by uniting our church family under the common purpose of loving God and serving others.

As we continue seeking God's will for the future, we also want to celebrate all that He has done in the past 185 plus years of First Baptist Church Meridian. We are grateful for the faithful generations who have come before us, paving the way for ministry in our city. Looking ahead, our vision remains clear: we desire to offer HOPE to our city – Hospitality, Obedience to God's Word, Prayer, and Engagement with the community. Every decision we make and every ministry we lead should reflect these priorities. We left our time together feeling encouraged and confident that God is working in and through First Baptist Church. Thank you for your prayers and support as we continue to follow His leading with faith and purpose! I also want to specifically thank Jim and Louise Williamson for graciously serving as guest receptionists on Thursday. They answered the phones and "manned" the office in our absence, and we are grateful.

*Will*

**PARENTS NIGHT OUT**

Register NOW for our February Parents Night Out on Friday, February 14, 6:00 - 9:30pm!

Deadline to register is Wednesday, February 12!

QR code and First Baptist Meridian logo.

**CHURCH CONFERENCE**  
**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29**  
**6:00 p.m.**

**UN-COMPROMISE**  
**DNOW FEBRUARY 7-9**

**FBC will host this county-wide youth event and YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!!!**  
**Volunteer at the Welcome Center desk.**

**2025**

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

**MS Baptist Disaster Relief Regional Training**  
**February 22, 2025**  
**hosted by FBC Meridian (Region 4)**  
**COST: \$25**

**Registration at 7:30 am - Classes begin at 8:00 am and conclude by 5:00 pm**

All participants will complete **Introduction to SBC Disaster Relief Ministry** (Required of all MSDR Volunteers) and **one specialty** (Basic Chainsaw, Feeding, Intro to Chaplaincy, Cleanup/Recovery/Support (flood recovery/blue tarp/ shower/laundry.)

**Memorials...**

**Benevolence**

In memory of: James Mann  
 Virginia Buchanan (*Gay Williams' mother*)

**FEBRUARY MISSIONS LUNCHEON**

Monday, February 10 12:00 noon

Guest Speaker: **April Pogue**

**God's Hand in a Chinese Love Story**

**If you would like to put flowers in our FBC Sanctuary in honor or memory of someone, the following dates are open:**

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|-------------|---------|------------|
| February 2  | May 18  | August 24  |
| February 16 | June 1  | August 31  |
| February 23 | July 20 | November 2 |
| March 30    |         |            |

**FIVE DAY WEEK 5: JAN. 26 - FEB. 1**  
**BIBLE READING**

- [ ] Exodus 1-3; Galatians 5
- [ ] Exodus 4-6; Galatians 6
- [ ] Exodus 7-9; Psalm 105; Ephesians 1
- [ ] Exodus 10-12; Ephesians 2
- [ ] Exodus 13-15; Psalm 114; Ephesians 3

**2024 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS**  
 have been emailed earlier this week to all who have email addresses on file. If you did not have an email on file, you were mailed a hard copy.