

Last Sunday's Record

Sunday School: 271 Worship: 489
Offering: \$20,617.48
January 1, 2024
Requirements: \$ 369,966.74
Receipts: \$ 445,923.28
Annie Armstrong: \$ 15,200.84

DEACON OF THE WEEK

Apr. 7 - Mark Williams Apr. 14 - Fred Porter
Apr. 21 - David Webb Apr. 28 - Greg Snowden

Deacon's Meeting - April 21

8:00 a.m. Fellowship Hall

Sermon for Sunday, April 7

"Where Does Shame Come From?"
Genesis 3:1-13

FAMILY NIGHT SUPPER - April 10

Chicken Enchiladas, Mexican Rice,
Refried Beans, Salad Bar and Dessert
KIDS: Soft Tacos and Nacho Chips
ADULTS: \$5 KIDS (12 and under): \$3 Family Maximum \$20
SERVERS: Benny Harrison,
J.B. and Theresa Griffith, Bill Simcox

VOLUNTEER MINISTRY - APRIL 7

GREETERS - David and Helen Webb,
Benny Harrison and Earl Laird
PRAYER LINE - Van Goodman
PRESCHOOL EXT. Session - Tyler and Amy Covington
CHILDREN'S CHURCH - Caitlin Braud/
Cynthia and Stephen Dyess
WORSHIP WELCOMERS - Faye Bruner/ Dee Dee Fouts
Joey and Melissa Mabry
COUNTING - Louise Williamson, *chmn*
Greg Monsour, Melanie Carroll and Ryan Haarala
MEDICAL RESPONSE - Bobby Berg
SECURITY - Jim Anderson, Leslie Dunn, Brad Sykes,
Bernie Mitchell and Allan Tolleson

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY, April 7

9:15 - Sunday School
10:30 - Morning Worship
3:00 - Acteens
1:30 - Associational Bible Drill at FBC
5:30 - Philippians/ S. Allison, E. Holloway, facilitators

MONDAY, April 8

12:00 - Missions Luncheon

TUESDAY, April 9

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, April 10

5:15 - FAMILY NIGHT SUPPER
Centri-Kid Parent Meeting/Private Dining Room
5:30 - YOUTH CHOIR
- Young Ringers
6:00 - Preschool and Children's Choirs
6:30 - Prayer Meeting and Bible Study
- G.A.s, R.A.s, and Mission Friends
- Youth Worship
7:30 - Sanctuary Choir

THURSDAY, April 11

7:00 - YOUTH Bible Study (*The Pig*)
4:30 - Ladies' Bible Study/Rachael Scarbrough

FRIDAY, April 12

6:00 - PARENTS' NIGHT OUT

SATURDAY, April 13

2:00 - Backyard Masters @ the Foremans'

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, Ron-
nie 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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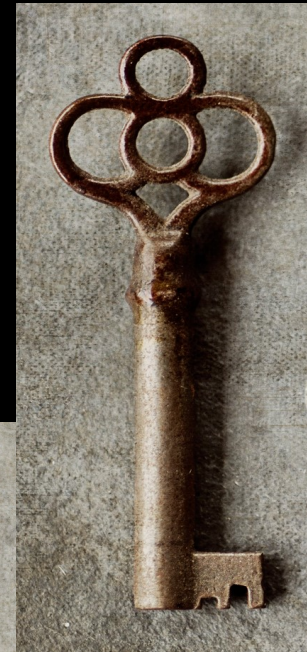
THE MESSENGER

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH MERIDIAN

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Sermon series beginning
April 7th



Freedom from
Guilt and Shame



Church Family,

Read this illustration from Steven Cole:

A little boy visiting his grandparents was given his first slingshot. He practiced in the woods, but he could never hit his target. As he came back to Grandma's back yard, he spied her pet duck. On an impulse he took aim and let fly. The stone hit, and the duck fell dead. The boy panicked. Desperately he hid the dead duck in the wood pile, only to look up and see his sister watching. Sally had seen it all, but she said nothing. After lunch that day, Grandma said, "Sally, let's wash the dishes." But Sally said, "Johnny told me he wanted to help in the kitchen today. Didn't you, Johnny?" And she whispered to him, "Remember the duck!" So Johnny did the dishes. Later Grandpa asked if the children wanted to go fishing, Grandma said, "I'm sorry, but I need Sally to help make supper." Sally smiled and said, "That's all taken care of, Johnny wants to do it." Again she whispered, "Remember the duck." Johnny stayed while Sally went fishing. After several days of Johnny doing both his chores and Sally's, finally he couldn't stand it. He confessed to Grandma that he'd killed the duck. "I know, Johnny," she said, giving him a hug. "I was standing at the window and saw the whole thing. Because I love you, I forgave you. I wondered how long you would let Sally make a slave of you."

Are you a slave to guilt and shame? Do you listen to the voices in the dark that speak to your worth and value? Join us during the month of April as we look to the Bible for answers to find freedom from guilt and shame. In this four-part series, I will use Scripture to uncover timeless wisdom and practical strategies for breaking free from the shackles that hold us back. Each sermon will offer insights into understanding the root causes of guilt and shame, while also providing guidance on how to embrace forgiveness, acceptance, and

restoration in the light of God's grace. Together, we will discover how divine love and redemption pave the path to healing and spiritual renewal. I can't wait to see what the Lord will do when we surrender our hearts and mind to Him!

Will Wall

And I will give you pastors according to mine heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding.
Jeremiah 3:15

On April 1, 2024, Dr. Will Wall began his second year as pastor of First Baptist Church. We are so grateful to Will for the leadership that he provides and for the support and encouragement of Christy and their sons, Jackson and Carter.

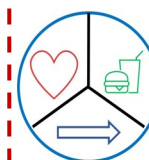


Children's CHURCH  **Preschool 4 and Kindergarteners begins THIS SUNDAY, APRIL 7**

After the Children's Sermon during morning worship, Preschool 4 and Kindergarteners are invited to join their leaders for an extended session in **Room 123** of the Children's wing. We will have fun, age-appropriate worship and Bible study. You may pick up your children at the end of morning worship.



Annie Armstrong Easter Offering
Our goal: \$20,00
We have given **\$15,200.84**



Fellowship Luncheon

Tuesday, April 23

12:00 noon COST: \$5 (sign up NOW)

Join us for lunch and a special program with Rachel Foy, Fire Prevention Specialist with the Meridian Fire Department.



Friday, APRIL 12 - 6:00 to 9:00 pm

***for members, prospects and guests Birth through 6th Grade**

YOU MUST make reservations by contacting Julie Holloway @ 601-934-0803 by **Sunday, April 7.**