

### Last Sunday's Record

Sunday School: 235    Worship: 315  
Offering: \$ 34,680.42  
**January 1, 2024**  
Requirements:     \$540,720.62  
Receipts:             \$611,025.00

### DEACON OF THE WEEK

May 12 - Jimmy Wilson  
May 19 - Steve Gressett    May 26 - Jim Lauderdale

### Deacon's Meeting - May 19

8:00 a.m.    Fellowship Hall

### Sermon for Sunday, May 19

"Marriage and Money, Part 1"  
Proverbs 21:20

### Wednesday, May 22

*Ice Cream Social @ 6:30 p.m.*

### Wednesday, May 29

*Prayer Meeting/Activities ONLY*

### Wednesday, June 5

*Family Night Supper and all activities  
will resume*

### VOLUNTEER MINISTRY - May 19

**GREETERS** - Freddie Poitevent, Charles Naylor,  
Pam Maloney

**PRAYER LINE** - Van Goodman

**PRESCHOOL EXT. Session** - Elliot and Betsy Brewer

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH** - Candice Maloney,  
Susie Morgan

**WORSHIP WELCOMERS** - Diane Fairbanks,  
Alan and Lou Ann Lamar

**COUNTING** - Sally Wilkinson, *chmn*  
John Ellis, Leslie Dunn

**MEDICAL RESPONSE** - Emily Anders/Cassie Rogers

**SECURITY** - Walter Rogers, Jr., Justin Anders,  
Wallace Heggie, Neil Henry,  
Leslie Williams, Jim Wink

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

### SUNDAY, May 19

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

*Please Note: The May 19 Worship Service  
of First Baptist Church will be preempted by WTOK.  
Weekly broadcast of our service will resume May 26*

### TUESDAY, May 21

12:00 - Fellowship Luncheon  
6:00 - Prayer Shawl Ministry (*Aldersgate*)

### WEDNESDAY, May 22

6:00 - Embrace Life/E. Holloway, facilitator  
6:30 - Summer Kick Off Ice Cream Social  
for all Ages  
Introduction to our adopted Summer Missionaries  
Fellowship Hall

### SATURDAY, May 25

*Youth Choir leaves on Choir Tour*



*Pray for our Youth Choir and their sponsors as they  
travel through Tennessee, Kentucky and Ohio and  
minister through music as they stop along the way.*

### USHERS FOR MAY

Tommy Cason, Leonard Cobb, Chris Dean, Van Goodman,  
J.B. Griffith, Alan Lamar, Jim Lauderdale, Ben Leake,  
Joey Mabry, Davis Miller, Greg Monsour,  
Freddie Poitevent, Larry Roberts, Brad Sykes,  
Gary Wilkinson, Jim Williamson



*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

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# WEDNESDAYS IN THE SUMMER

kick off with a

**HOMEMADE**

**ICE CREAM SOCIAL!**

## Wednesday, May 22

6:30 p.m.

We will also introduce  
our adopted Summer Missionaries!

If you can bring a freezer of ice cream,  
call Amy Price and plan and join us!

## Fun for all ages!





The average American couple is waiting longer to marry. In 2023 the average age in the

southeast region of our country, according to [TheKnot.com](http://TheKnot.com), was 30. It was 28 in 2010. The average cost of a wedding is also increasing. According to the same website, the average amount spent on a wedding in Mississippi was \$33,000. We are all aware of inflation, but money is not just a part of the wedding, it is also a big part of marriage. It has the potential to lead to stress and anxiety, disagreements and turmoil, and quite possibly divorce. However, when handled correctly, money can be used as a wonderful gift, or tool, in marriage, not a weapon. It allows for saving to build a brighter future, providing the means to raise a family, and the opportunity to give generously to further God's Kingdom. Each partner brings their own set of values, habits, and attitudes towards money into the sacred bond of marriage. Whether shaped by upbringing, personal experiences, or societal influences, these beliefs can significantly influence how money is managed within the marital relationship.

Throughout our upcoming two-part sermon series, "Marriage and Money," we will delve into the intricacies of these beliefs and their implications on marital harmony. From contrasting approaches to budgeting and spending, to navigating financial goals from a Biblical worldview, to understanding and reconciling these differences is essential for fostering a healthy, unified partnership. Whether you are currently married, no longer married, or just thinking about marriage, you are invited to join us in learning how the Bible transforms us in building strong, lasting relationships!

**Will**



# MARRIAGE & MONEY

New 2-part sermon series begins

**begins Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>  
10:30 a.m.**



**Mark your calendars!**

**VBS 2024**

**JUNE 24 - 27**

**Breaker Rock Beach**

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

**For kids who have completed**

**Pre-K 4 to Sixth Grade!**

**CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!**

**We need YOUR gifts with BIBLE STUDY, CRAFTS, SNACKS, etc. Contact Caitlin or the church office if you can help.**



**GREAT MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY FOR FBC**

**to help rebuild Rolling Fork, MS  
after the tornado!**

**DATES: June 17 - 21 AND July 15—19**

**Skill Sets Needed: frame and finish carpentry, dry wall hanging and floating, painting, roofing, cooking, helpers and house keeping!**

**See John Temple or Adam Foreman for more details or to sign up. Forms in the church office.**

**Keep watching the Messenger for updates!**

## Memorials...

### Benevolence

In memory of:

Mel Bounds

Virginia McGinnis

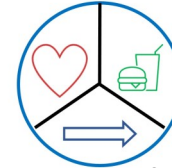
Linda Pollard Bruner

*(Dee Dee Fouts' sister)*

### Youth Fund

In memory of:

Justin and Brent Cobb



## Fellowship Luncheon

**Tuesday, May 21**

**12:00 noon COST: \$5**

**(sign up NOW)**

**Join us for lunch and a special program**

**featuring Stan Buckley**

**with But God Ministries**

**(updates on Haiti and Mississippi Delta)**



**SUNDAYS @**

**9:15 am**

**Room 112**

**Candice Maloney,  
facilitator**

## ATTENTION COLLEGE STUDENTS!

**J. G. And Mellie T. Repsher Scholarship**

**William B. Crooks Scholarship Brandon Scholarship**

Scholarship applications are available at the Welcome Center Desk or may be secured by e-mail. They must be completed and

returned to the church office

**on or before Sunday, June 16.**