



Last Sunday's Record

Sunday School: 216 Worship: 285

Offering: \$22,213.58

January 1, 2024

Requirements: \$ 739,933.48

Receipts: \$ 754,935.78

DEACON OF THE WEEK

July 7 - Neill Porter

July 14 - Joe Kieronski July 2 - Jim Wink

July 28 - Joey Mabry

Sermon for July 7

"Warnings for the Church"

Colossians 2: 9 - 23

FAMILY NIGHT SUPPER - July 10

Chicken Alfredo Penne Pasta, Broccoli, Breadstick, Salad Bar and Dessert

KIDS: Pizza and Fruit Cup

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

SERVERS: Benny Harrison,

J.B. and Theresa Griffith, Bill Simcox

VOLUNTEER MINISTRY - July 7

GREETERS - Pam Gray and Pam Maloney

PRAYER LINE - Helen Webb

PRESCHOOL EXT. Session - Leslie and Jill Williams

CHILDREN'S CHURCH - Caitlin Braud,

Cynthia and Stephen Dyess

COUNTING - Sally Wilkinson, *chmn*

Leslie Dunn, Daphne Calhoun

MEDICAL RESPONSE - Christy Wall

Marcia Brewer

SECURITY - Clifford Holloway, John Anderson,

Alan Lamar, Brad Garrett, Elliot Brewer

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY, July 7

9:15 - Sunday School

10:30 - Morning Worship

MONDAY, July 8

FBC YOUTH leave for SUPER SUMMER

Mississippi College/Clinton, MS

TUESDAY, July 9

6:00 - Prayer Shawl Ministry (*Aldersgate*)

WEDNESDAY, July 10

5:15 - Family Night Supper

6:30 - PRAYER MEETING and BIBLE Study

- Children's ACTIVITIES

7:30 - Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

FRIDAY, July 12

6:45 - Mayor's Prayer Breakfast

6:00 - G.I.F.T.



Friday, July 12

6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Birth - 6th Grade

Make reservations by contacting Julie Holloway @ 601-934-0803 by **Sunday, July 7.**

USHERS FOR JULY

Tommy Allen, Bo Bailey, Will Carpenter, Adam Foreman, Brad Garrett, Benny Harrison, Michael Jones, Dave Little, Timothy Maloney, John Morgan Mims, Brian Sellers, Ronnie 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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Send resumes for Associate Pastor Candidates to fbcsearch@gmail.com



Pray for Noah Greer, our Youth and their sponsors at

SUPER SUMMER

MISSISSIPPI

Leadership Conference

Mississippi College, Clinton, MS

July 8 - 12

Students:

Gina Garrett

Macie Holloway

Francie Long

Sarah Marks

Anniston Monsour

Stelynn Monsour

Grace Rogers

Raif Long

Cooper Sellers

Wyatt Spence

Carter Wall

Sponsors:

Noah Greer

Kelsey Greer

Erika Holloway



Over the next few weeks, you will be reminded of our deacon election process at First Baptist Meridian.

Deacons provide leadership in the service-oriented and administrative matters pertaining to the physical needs of the church (Acts 6:1-4; 1 Timothy 3:8-13). Based on the scriptural qualifications, men who are called to be deacons serve in areas like finances (1 Timothy 3:8), administration (1 Timothy 3:12), visitation (1 Timothy 3:11), and ministering to the needs of the church family (Acts 6:1-4). According to the church's constitution and bylaws, First Baptist Church Meridian must maintain an active deacon body of 36 members. Each year, twelve deacons rotate off, and twelve new deacons are elected to serve a three-year term. This rotation allows for continuous renewal and fresh perspectives within the deacon body, while also providing experienced deacons the opportunity to rest and reflect before being eligible for re-election. During the month of August, church members are invited to suggest potential deacons. This is an opportunity for the congregation to identify individuals who exemplify the qualities described in 1 Timothy 3. After this initial nomination phase, the pastor, current deacons, and the Committee on Committees engage in conversations with the potential candidates to further assess their suitability. This vetting process ensures that those nominated are well-prepared and committed to serving the church with integrity and dedication.

In 1 Timothy 3, the Apostle Paul outlines specific qualifications for individuals who aspire to serve as deacons in the church. These qualifications are essential for maintaining the integrity and effectiveness of church leadership. Paul empha-

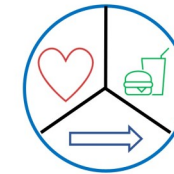
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!
TEAM #2 will be heading out to the ROLLING FORK RISING project
July 15 - July 19.
If you can go ALL WEEK or just for A FEW DAYS, please let Adam Foreman know ASAP and he can add you to the list!
 Call the church office or email: adam@fbcmeridian.org



sized that a deacon must be dignified, not double-tongued, not given to excessive drinking, and not greedy for dishonest gain. They must hold to the mystery of the faith with a clear conscience, demonstrating their commitment to the teachings of Christianity. Additionally, they should first be tested and found blameless before taking on the responsibilities of a deacon. Paul also highlights the importance of family life in the qualifications for deacons. A deacon must be faithful to their spouse and manage their children and household well. This reflects the idea that those who serve in the church should also exhibit strong moral and ethical standards in their personal lives. The role of a deacon is one of service and support within the church, and these qualifications ensure that those who are chosen are capable of upholding the values and mission of the church effectively. By adhering to these guidelines, the church can select leaders who will serve with integrity, dedication, and a clear commitment to their faith. I would encourage you to prayerfully consider which names you will submit during this process.

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Memorials...
Benevolence
 In memory of: Betty Cady
 Linda Pollard Bruner
 (DeeDee Founts' sister)



Fellowship Luncheon

Tuesday, July 23

12:00 noon COST: \$5

(sign up NOW)

PROGRAM:

SUMMER HYMN SING

David McCubbin, coordinator

with Barry Germany and David Bishop



CHURCH CONFERENCE
Wednesday, July 24
6:30 p.m. - FBC Sanctuary



WORLD CHANGERS

is coming to Meridian and FBC will be feeding 150 kids and sponsors on Wednesday, July 17!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO:

1. Deliver lunches to the job sites
 2. Prepare the lunch bags for delivery
 3. Provide the following items for the bags
 - ***Bagged Chips** (Variety boxes from SAMS, etc.)
 - ***Prepackaged Cookies** (individual servings)
 - ***Cutie Oranges** (bag) ***Welch's fruit snacks**
 (These items can be dropped off at any time!)
- Check with your Sunday School class or other groups and call the church office if you can help.

NOTE: We especially need help with delivery teams to cover 18 sites.