Last Sunday's Record

Sunday School: 249 Worship: 276 Offering: \$28,379.30 January 1, 2024 \$1,337,572.11 Requirements: Receipts: \$1.282.591.23

DEACON OF THE WEEK

Dec. 1 - Scott Sills Dec. 8 - Tommy Allen Dec. 15 - Greg Snowden Dec. 22 - Fred Porter Dec. 29 - David Webb

> **Deacon's Meeting - December 1** 8:00 a.m. Fellowship Hall

Sermon for December 1

"How it Happened" Matthew 1:18-25

FAMILY NIGHT SUPPER - Dec. 4

Baked Chicken Breast, Scalloped Potatoes, Sweet and Sour Green Beans. Roll. Salad Bar and Dessert **KIDS**: Pizza and Chips ADULTS: \$5 KIDS (12 and under): \$3 Family Maximum \$20 SERVERS: Shayne Garrett, Cheryl Gressett, Sylvia Follis

VOLUNTEER MINISTRY - Dec. 1

GREETERS - Leslie and Jill Williams Jimmy and Rhonda Wilson **PRAYER LINE -** Helen Webb PRESCHOOL EXT. Session - Leslie and Jill Williams **CHILDREN'S CHURCH** - Erika Holloway Kelcey and Clayton McInnis **MEDICAL RESPONSE** - Pam Maloney Dana Foreman SECURITY - Van Goodman, Landry Adkins,

Davis Miller, Greg Monsour, Armond Williams

USHERS FOR DECEMBER

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

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY, December 1 9:15 - Sunday School 10:30 - Morning Worship 5:00 - FAMILY CHRISTMAS KICKOFF **MONDAY**, December 2 10:30 - Week of Prayer Program/Room 108 **TUESDAY, December 3** 7:00 - YOUTH Bible Study/Jack's 6:00 - Praver Shawl Ministry (Aldersaate) WEDNESDAY, December 4 5:00 - YOUTH BELLS 5:15 - FAMILY NIGHT SUPPER 5:30 - YOUTH CHOIR/Young Ringers 6:00 - Preschool and Children's Choirs 6:30 - Prayer Meeting and Bible Study Lottie Moon Christmas Offering Emphasis with *Rose and Grover, field workers in Southeast Asia - G.A.s, R.A.s, and Mission Friends - YOUTH WORSHIP 7:30 - Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal **THURSDAY**, December 5 2:00 - WMU to Brookdale 2:30 - WMU to The Oaks SATURDAY, December 7 5:00 - YOUTH CHRISTMAS PARTY

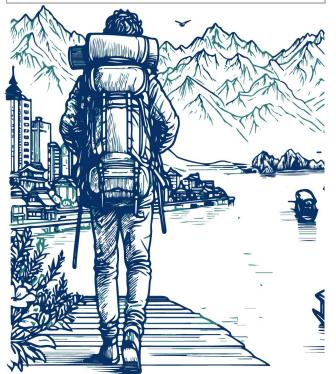


All families of children & youth are invited to kick off the Christmas season with a night of food & fun in the Fellowship Hall. Come dressed in your Christmas PJ's and enjoy a Christmas pancake feast. holiday family games, and a Christmas devotional time.



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 701 26th Avenue Meridian, MS 39301 601.484.4600 www.fbcmeridian.org





Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

Join the Great Pursuit and make Jesus known among the nations. Week of Prayer for International Missions December 1 - 8 FBC Offering Goal: \$75,000



Better Get Ready!

"This day shall be a day of remembrance for you.

You shall celebrate it as festival to the Lord." Exodus 12:14a

Advent is the special time set aside by the church for the preparation to celebrate Christmas. A natural question is, "Why all the fuss about preparation? Let's just do Christmas." But preparation is ever so important if celebration is to be meaningful.

The Jewish people of the Old Testament would never think of moving into a time of festivities without giving attention to a time of preparation for that celebration. Remember the eleventh chapter of Exodus that deals with the event of the Passover. The children of Israel always celebrated that great event and sought never to lose sight of what God had done for them through the experience. They learned something that most of us have never discovered: the degree of meaning of an event is very much related to the degree of preparation for that event. God forbid that we move into this season of Christmas in our usual condition of huffing and puffing, frustration and total exhaustion.

Instead, I hope that we will move into this great season with a new sense of commitment, to one another and to God, and that we will open ourselves to new experiences that will add a depth of meaning to this beautiful time of year. The time to begin this preparation is right now! DTB



Welcome to our newest member... Thomas Hardin

Sympathies to... The Family and Friends of Nancy Ray

Memorials... <u>Benevolence</u> In memory of: John Culpepper Cecil Johnson <u>Music Fund</u> In memory of: Betty Williams (Mark Williams' mother)





SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15 6:00 P.M.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH SANCTUARY CHOIR AND ORCHESTRA

YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S CHOIRS ENSEMBLES

with