

Last Sunday's Record

Sunday School: 256 Worship: 293
Offering: \$ 46,705.07

January 1, 2025

Requirements: \$182,127.36
Receipts: \$ 238,809.59

DEACON OF THE WEEK

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

Deacon's Meeting - February 23

8:00 a.m. Fellowship Hall

Sermon for February 16

"Jesus is Better than Angels" Hebrews 2:5-16

FAMILY NIGHT SUPPER - Feb. 19

Scrambled Eggs, Sausage Casserole, Bacon,
Biscuits, Cinnamon Rolls and Fruit

KIDS: SAME

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

SERVERS: Ranae Grantham, Cathy Carpenter,
Cary and Faith Vaughn

VOLUNTEER MINISTRY - Feb. 16

GREETERS - Tyler and Amy Covington
Steve and Cheryl Gressett

PRESCHOOL EXT. Session - Elliot and Betsy Brewer

CHILDREN'S CHURCH - Candice Maloney
Susie Morgan

MEDICAL RESPONSE - Bobby Berg

SECURITY - Jim Anderson, Leslie Dunn,
Brad Sykes, Bernie Mitchell, Allan Tolleson

USHERS FOR FEBRUARY

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

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY, February 16

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

TUESDAY, February 18

9:00 - The Daniel Prayer/J. Moseley, facilitator
6:00 - Prayer Shawl Ministry (Aldersgate)

WEDNESDAY, February 19

9:30 - GriefShare
5:00 - Family Night Supper
- Youth Bells
5:30 - Youth Choir
- Young Ringers
6:00 - Pastor's Bible Study
- 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, February 20

4:30 - Ladies Bible Study (Hebrews)/R. Scarbrough

SATURDAY, February 22

7:30 - MS Baptist Disaster Relief Regional Training
SCHEDULE: 7:30 - Registration
8:00 - Classes begin
5:00 - Classes conclude



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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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 training
Basic Chainsaw, Feeding,
Intro to Chaplaincy,
Cleanup/Recovery/Support
(flood recovery/blue tarp/ shower/laundry)



We are in the final days of our churchwide 40 Day Prayer Challenge, and I am excited about the benefits that our homes, our workplaces, our community, and our church will reap as a result of this season of intentional prayer. Whether you have been part of one of our small groups or not, I want to encourage you to remain steadfast in prayer in 2025. The prayer challenge has provided an opportunity to focus on some of the “how-to’s” of our prayer life, but let us remember that one of the great spiritual dangers we face is learning how but forgetting why. Like anything else in life, our prayers can become mindless expressions if we forget why they are so vital.

The psalmist implores us in Psalm 96:1 to sing a new song to the Lord. “In the same way, we need to sing a new song, we need to pray a new prayer. It’s easy to fall into a prayer rut and repeat all the prayer cliches we know followed by “Amen”. If we aren’t careful, we pray without thinking – and that is just as destructive as thinking without praying.” (Mark Batterson) Continue to pray fervently, intentionally, specifically, and brokenly! I’m hearing great testimonies about how these 40 days of prayer are encouraging and challenging those who are participating, and I know God is using this season to prepare FBC Meridian for big kingdom plans in the days ahead!

Our prayer challenge groups officially wrap up on Wednesday, February 19, and Sunday, February 23. I want to invite everyone to a special

night of multigenerational worship the following **Wednesday, February 26, at 6:00pm** in the Sanctuary for a night of worship, prayer, and testimony. This will give us a chance to celebrate what God has been doing already this year and provide a couple of glimpses into what He has in store in the coming months. The service will be for everyone, not just those who participated in the prayer challenge, so I hope you will make plans to join us! **JB**



MS BAPTIST DISASTER RELIEF requires **ALL VOLUNTEERS** to complete at a minimum the “Introduction to Southern Baptist Disaster Relief Ministry” course, which is being offered **this Saturday, February 22 at FBC.**

If you are interested in joining this ministry to bring help, hope, and healing in Jesus' name to those affected by disaster/crisis situations, come and, better yet, bring someone else with you! Registration is on site at 7:30 a.m.



STUDENTS

- Preschool - Canned Green Beans
- Grades 1 - 6 - Canned Green Beans
- YOUTH - Canned Sweet Peas
- ADULT 1 - Canned Chicken**
Calhoun Foreman Henry Mabry
Young Professionals College Young Couples
- ADULT 2 - Canned Tuna**
Fellowship Adkins
- ADULT 3 - Hearty Canned Soups**
Snowden, Davis/Williamson
and Seekers
- ADULT 3 - Canned Corn**
G. Leake Class
- ADULT 4 - Canned Pork & Beans**
Pilgrim Class

If you would like to help with a Bridal Tea Shower for Kathleen Tabb, bride elect of Wesley Rollins, please sign the sheet in the Welcome Center, call the church office or contact Merrie Smith. DATE: Sunday, March 16

	FIVE DAY BIBLE READING	WEEK 8: FEB. 16 - 22
<input type="checkbox"/>	Leviticus 8-11; Psalm 110; Hebrews 4	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Leviticus 12-14; Psalm 111; Hebrews 5	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Leviticus 15-18; Psalm 31; Hebrews 6	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Leviticus 19-20; Hebrews 7	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Leviticus 21-23; Hebrews 8	