

### Last Sunday's Record

Sunday School: 254    Worship: 264

Offering: \$35,211.81

### January 1, 2025

Requirements:        \$273,191.04

Receipts:                \$ 329,782.93

Annie Armstrong        \$ 6,168.32

### DEACON OF THE WEEK

Mar. 9 - Lee Rogers

Mar. 16 - Neill Porter        Mar. 23 - Larry Roberts

Mar. 30 - Jim Wink

### Deacon's Meeting - March 23

8:00 a.m.    Fellowship Hall

### Sermon for March 9

*"The Purpose of Luke's Gospel" Luke 1:1-4*

### Wednesday, March 12

There will be *No Family Night Supper*  
or regularly scheduled activities

due to Spring Break.

All activities will resume

**Wednesday, March 19**

### VOLUNTEER MINISTRY - Mar. 9

**GREETERS** - Glenn and Susan Jackson

James and Donna May

**PRESCHOOL EXT. Session** - David and Kayla Mowdy

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH** - Erika Holloway

Teresa Church

**MEDICAL RESPONSE** - Christy Wall, Marcia Brewer

**SECURITY** - Clifford Holloway, John Anderson,

Alan Lamar, Brad Garrett, Elliot Brewer

### USHERS FOR MARCH

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



Spring  
Forward  
DAYLIGHT  
SAVING TIME STARTS

**THIS SUNDAY, MARCH 9**

### WEEKLY CALENDAR

#### SUNDAY, March 9

9:15 - Sunday School

10:30 - Morning Worship

4:30 - Children's Bible Skills and Drills

- Youth Bible Drill and Supper

5:30 - FAMILY GAME NIGHT

#### TUESDAY, March 11

6:00 - Prayer Shawl Ministry (Aldersgate)

#### WEDNESDAY, March 12

9:30 - GriefShare

*No Family Night Supper  
or regularly scheduled activities  
due to Spring Break*

#### THURSDAY, March 13

12:00 - Lenten Luncheon/First Baptist Church Meridian

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



Join us **THIS WEEK, March 13 at 12:00 noon**  
for **Lenten Luncheon**  
**First Baptist Church Meridian**



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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# The Messenger

MARCH 9, 2025

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**SUNDAY,  
MARCH 9**

**FAMILY  
GAME  
NIGHT**

**5:30 TO 7:30 PM  
FBC GYM**



*"Let your roots grow down into Him, and let your lives be built on Him. Then your faith will grow strong in the truth you were taught, and you will overflow with thankfulness."*  
Colossians 2:7

God created us with an innate desire for relationships. Foremost, we are created to live in intimate relationship and connection with Him, our Creator. We also, however, were created to live in connection to one another. Life is best experienced in community with others, and doing life together is a key feature of the church: *"And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of His return is drawing near."* (Heb. 10:25) This is what our **Growth Groups** are all about.

I am excited to launch our first slate of **Growth Groups** for adults on **Wednesday, March 19, at 6pm**. Whether you are exploring the Christian faith, beginning a relationship with Christ, or growing and maturing in your faith, **Growth Groups** are for you! These small group Bible studies will cover a wide range of topics from Bible study, theology and apologetics to biblical stewardship and leadership. Regardless of the topic, the goal is to help you find your community and **grow** in your faith and in your knowledge and application of God's truth. Sign up for a **Growth Group** by scanning the QR code or visiting the Welcome Desk.




Speaking of connecting, maybe you haven't officially connected with FBC Meridian as a member yet. Whether you've been attending

FBC for a few weeks or a few years, now is a great time to connect with and officially join our church family. Our **Discover FBC** class is just for you! It's a great time to ask questions, get to know our pastoral team, learn our values, and, most importantly, to discover how your membership can be meaningful at FBC Meridian. Our next **Discover FBC** lunch is **Sunday, March 23, immediately following the morning worship service**, and we encourage you to scan the QR code to register by **Wednesday, March 19.**





*Lunch and childcare are provided!*

**CENTRIKID DONUT FUNDRAISER**   
**SUNDAY, MARCH 23**

Place your order in the Welcome Center OR be on the lookout for CentriKid campers to visit your SS Class to pre-order. Orders will be delivered to Sunday school classrooms on Sunday, March 23.

**PLAIN - CHOCOLATE - DONUT HOLES**  
by the **DOZEN**

**SPECIALTY OPTIONS**  
by the **1/2 DOZEN** 

 **FIVE DAY BIBLE READING** **WEEK 11: March 9 - 15**

- Numbers 26-29; Luke 2
- Num 30-33; Psalm 35; Luke 3
- Numbers 34-36; Luke 4
- Deuteronomy 1-3; Psalm 36; Luke 5
- Deuteronomy 4-5; Luke 6

**Parents NIGHT OUT**  
**FRIDAY, MARCH 21**  
**6:00 - 9:00PM**

**COST: \$5 PER CHILD (INCLUDES DINNER)**



**Memorials...**

**Annie Armstrong Offering**

In memory of: Mary Smith  
Lamar Reid

**Music**

In memory of: Kay Boren

The Church Family  
is cordially invited to attend a  
**Bridal Tea Shower**  
honoring  
**Kathleen Tabb**  
Bride Elect of Wesley Rollins  
**Sunday, March 16, 2025**  
2 to 3 o'clock p.m.  
First Baptist Church Welcome Center

**Received a TEXT from 22383?**

F.Y.I. If you receive a TEXT 22383 from First Baptist Church, you CAN respond. Even if there is no signature on the text (*due to limitations of characters*), you can still respond to that 22383 text and the system will automatically email your response to the person that originated the text.

**SPECIAL CALLED BUSINESS MEETING**

A Special Called Business Meeting will be held on  
**Wednesday, March 26 at 6:00 pm**  
to vote on retainage expenditures.