

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF
MERIDIANVILLE**

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WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

February 28	220
March 7	236
March 14	220
March 21	241

OFFERINGS

	General Fund	Building Fund
Feb 28	\$ 18,219.07	\$ 150.00
March 7	\$ 31,133.27	\$ 1,395.00
March 14	\$ 12,085.42	\$ 0.00
March 21	\$ 13,092.20	\$ 150.00
Total	\$ 74,529.96	\$ 1,695.00

50K Water Project

Given to Date:	\$ 120,899.90
Misc. Expenses:	\$ (15,787.21)
Water Systems	\$ (66,885.25)
50K Balance:	\$ 38,227.44

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Address Service
Requested

MAY 2021

- May 1 Community Food Pickup**
- May 2 Student Cornhole Tournament & Cookout**
- May 3 Whitney's Birthday**
- May 9 Mother's Day**
- May 16 CentriKid Parent Meeting
WEE Care Graduation**
- May 23 Baccalaureate Service**
- May 25-26 Madison County Graduations**
- May 28 Madison County Last Day of School**
- May 31 Memorial Day (Office Closed)**

NEW CHURCH MEMBERS



Newsletter

GATHER

GROW

GIVE

GO

APRIL 2021

EASTER SERVICES

He is Risen! We'll be hosting three worship services at 8, 9:30, and 11 AM, on Easter Sunday, April 4th. Three services will allow us to spread out in our Worship Center and leave plenty of room for visitors! Nursery, Wiggle Worship, and Kids Worship will all be offered during the 9:30 and 11 AM services, but not at the 8am service. We won't have Sunday School that day. All three services will be livestreamed. Please register for the service that you and your family plan to attend by going to the Events tab on our website or calling the church office.



WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER & BIBLE STUDY

Starting April 7, we will resume Wednesday Night Supper from 4:45-6 PM and Bible Study at 6:00 PM. We hope you will join us for fellowship! Supper costs \$5 per adult and \$4 per child, with a max of \$20 per family. You can sign up on the Events tab of our website or the Church Center app and pay online, or on the Wednesday Night Supper bulletin board and pay upon arrival. We will not be taking standing reservations at this time. Contact Cristall with any questions.

ANNIE ARMSTRONG EASTER OFFERING

We have almost reached our goal of \$4,000 given to the Annie Armstrong East Offering! So far, we have given \$3,488 to fund North American missionaries! Thank you for your generosity.

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Dear Church Family

Excited? Yes! Thankful? Yes! We are starting to see some normalcy return to our church schedule as Sunday School/small groups are beginning to meet again and as our children and youth ministries are expanding back to a fuller schedule of Bible study and activities. I'm also thankful that for those who cannot return to in person meetings quite yet that our internet services are available to all of us as well. We are "getting there," slowly but surely, we are! Thank you Lord!

Excited? Yes! Thankful? Yes! Easter is the first Sunday in April and I cannot wait to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, with each of you! We plan to offer multiple services that day, so that we can accommodate everyone who desires to attend. "He is risen!" "He is risen, indeed!" I cannot wait!

Excited? Yes! Thankful? Yes! I drive down roads that I don't normally drive down on a regular basis these days. I do that in order to maintain an awareness of just how much building is going on

in our community. I don't think that in my wildest dreams that I could ever imagined that so many people would be moving into our community. We have a tremendous opportunity before us to impact our world for Christ—and the Lord is sending them right to our doorstep! Amy Grant used to sing a song many years ago entitled "Faith Walking People" and we are going to have to walk by faith in order to do all that the Lord desires us to do. Just as we have done in the past! Thank you Lord!

Finally, I often tell myself, "These are the best years of our lives." Right now-these days that are before us. With all the challenges. With all the uncertainty. With everything that each of us is facing. This is a great time to be alive because God Almighty is with us. Life and circumstances change but He never does! Thank you for serving Him, following Him, obeying Him, and telling others about Him the way that you do. It is an absolute honor to serve alongside each of you!

Love in Christ, Bro. Tommy

A Word from Your Associate Pastor

Have you ever felt in the midst of a present short-term or long-term trial that God has forgotten you and that He is seemingly incapable of delivering you? If you're like me, we could be spiritual sounding and answer with a resounding NO! But that would not be true because we all know we have felt forgotten by God at times. When in doubt about present circumstances, its always a good idea to default to the truth. One truth that screams out to me is found in John 8:58 where Jesus says, "I tell you the truth, before Abraham was born, I am." The phrase, "I am" is a verb in the present tense and has continuing action. What Jesus is saying is, I am who I have always been and I will be who I have always been.

So, what does that say about Jesus and our present-day sufferings? Friends, Jesus is not

some past-tense Savior who can do nothing for you now. Also, He is not some future-tense coming King who has no power and authority over your present circumstances. All that Jesus was in the past, He is in the now, and all that He will be in the future, He is now!

Just think about it. Jesus is the Eternal One who became a man and stepped into the world He created because it was broken by sin to be our redeemer. Jesus is the beginning and end of time and space. He is the beginning and end of our faith, our hope and our purpose. He is the first chapter of our life and He will be the semi-colon of the last chapter of our time on earth and the beginning of our eternal life in heaven!

So my friends, journey on with the promise and assurance that Jesus is in control!!

Your Fellow Pilgrim,
Bro-D

STUDENTS

Weekly Schedule

Sundays – 9 am Donuts & Devotions
5 pm Small Groups
Wednesdays – 6pm Worship

Upcoming Events

April 2 – Good Friday Family Night of Worship
April 2-3 – Volunteering for "Egg My Yard"
April 11 – FUGE Camp Registration Deadline
May 2 – Cornhole Camptionship and Cookout
May 23 – Baccalaureat Service
July 7-12 – FUGE Camp

FBCM KIDS

Weekly Schedule

Sundays – 9:00 Sunday School
10:15 Kids Worship
Wednesdays – 6 pm AWANA

Volunteers Needed

We are in need one helper for our 3rd Grade Sunday School. This commitment is for the rest of the Sunday School year, which runs until August. Please contact Kirsten if you are available and willing to serve in this way! Email km.fbcm@gmail.com

Upcoming Events

April 16 – VBS Training Night 6-7:30 PM
May 16 – CetnriKid Parent Meeting

FBCM LITTLE KIDS

Weekly Schedule

Sundays – 9 am Sunday School
10:15 am Nursery (0-2s)
10:15 am Wiggle Worship (3s and 4s)
Wednesdays – 6pm AWANA (Puggles & Cubbies)

Volunteers Needed

We are still in need of volunteers for nursery during Sunday morning worship on a rotating basis, at most every 4 weeks. Please contact Becca if you are available and willing to serve our families in this way! Email nurseryfbcm@gmail.com

MISSIONS

Guatemala Trip Interest Meeting

Our summer trip is scheduled for July 10-16. If you are interested in going on this trip, we will have another meeting on April 11 at 4:30 in the Elizabeth classroom or you can email kimhutto@att.net or David at dhfbc@gmail.com for more information.

Sponsorship Sunday

Thank you for all of the donations and sponsorships for the community or San Antonio Guatemala. We look forward to seeing how God uses us and these funds to meet needs and share the gospel in San Antonio!

WEE CARE

Registration Open

We are now registering for the 2020-21 school year which begins in August. Weekday Early Education classes are available for ages 18 months- 4 years. For more information check the WEE Care page on our church website or call Kim Hutto at (256) 348-3531.

Hiring

We are also looking for teachers who would like to be a part of our WEE Care ministry. These are part time, paid positions. We are looking for loving, Christian teachers who desire to work with preschool children during the week. For more information contact Kim at (256) 348-3531 or kimhutto@att.net.

HOLIDAYS & BIRTHDAYS

Mar 29 - Apr 2	Madison County Spring Break (Quiet Week)
April 4	Easter
April 8	Brother David's Birthday