

BRANCHES

NEWSLETTER

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OPERATION INASMUCH - DAY OF SERVICE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2026

"In as much as you have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, you have done it unto me."
Matthew 25:40

Join us for a day of service as we show God's love and lend a helping hand to our neighbors in our community! There are several service teams to choose from, so sign up for the team that interests you. There's something for everyone! All teams will meet at the church at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday and then head out to serve in our community.

SERVICE PROJECTS:

Visiting Our Homebound, Sick, and those in Assisted Living or Nursing Homes. We will visit, share smiles, and take flowers and goody bags to brighten someone's day. The Tree House; Commerce - The Tree House is a nonprofit Child Advocacy Center that helps children and families heal from abuse. We will help refresh the children's therapy rooms, including cleaning, possible painting, organizing, and restocking toys and supplies. Yard Work - Help with general yard cleanup, including trimming shrubs, pulling weeds, cutting grass, spreading mulch, and other outdoor chores. Home TLC - Help with small household chores such as cleaning, changing light bulbs, checking fire alarms, and other simple tasks that can make a big difference. Helping Build a Handicap Ramp. Help with the construction of a handicap ramp for an elderly woman with mobility challenges. Provide frozen meal for church freezer - This activity can be done any day!

These meals will be taken to folks during sickness, bereavement, etc.

Come serve, fellowship, and make a difference in our community!

Let's show Christ's love—one act of service at a time!

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

- October 11th - Deacon's Meeting
- October 14th - Wednesday Night Supper & Gathering
- October 24th - Operation In As Much - A Day of Service
- October 25th - Church Conference
- October 29th - Boo Fest hosted by The Commerce Library
- November 3rd - Jolly Agers Meeting
- November 8th - Raffle Drawing for Quilt Ministry - remember to purchase your ticket!



NEXT MEETING NOV 3rd

12:00 Noon in the Fellowship Hall
Just brink something tasty to share and invite a friend!

If you bring a new guest, you will receive an extra raffle ticket!

Operation Christmas Child

All boxes are due by:
November 15th



Lord's Supper
October 11, 2026
during worship services

Ongoing Prayer & Praise List

How can we pray with you—and celebrate with you?

We want to stay connected as a church family through both the difficult seasons and the joyful ones. If you or someone in our church family is facing a health challenge, grief, a major life transition, or another need for prayer, please let us know.

We also want to hear your praises! Has God answered a prayer, provided in an unexpected way, brought healing, opened a door, or given you something to celebrate? Share it with us so we can rejoice together and give God the glory.

Send us your prayer requests and praises so we can pray, encourage, and celebrate together as a church family.

Our 2026/2027 Deacons:

Linda Nicholson Beard
Joyce Bradshaw
Terry Canup

Johnny Eubanks
Lawrence George
Bob Greco

Bob Harper
Kathy Pruett
Ann Rhoads

David Sanders
Jennifer Sanders
Randall Wardlaw

Autumn Glory

By Marriage After God

Autumn has arrived again
The glory of Your hand revealed
In the changing of the colors
To the harvest in the fields
Brilliance rages across the earth
An explosion of fiery shades
A season to remind us
Of the life You gave to save



Prayerfully I Walk

Time alone in an autumn wood,
I stroll on a mosaic carpet
of moist multicolored leaves--
rust brown, yellow, crimson.
I ponder the deep red patches,
scattered every step of my way.
Silently they speak of our Savior's
redemptive, sacrificial blood---
blessing each pace on the path of life.



Quilting Ministry Fundraising Raffle

Fundraiser for the New Bus!
Quilt Ministry to Raffle One of Their Quilts
Tickets available at the church office or from a Quilter
\$10.00 each. Receive yours today!
The Raffle will be November 8th



Faith In Motion

Goal: \$52,000

\$25,307.17



FINANCIAL UPDATE

Monthly Giving Required: \$31,383

Monthly Giving as To-Date: \$6,894

Year To Date Giving Required: \$376,600

YTD as of To-Date: \$6,894



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

10/8: Joan Witherington 10/21: Greg Perry
10/9: Clare Lin Spear 10/23: Cody Braselton
10/10: Jimmy Bray 10/24: Sandra MacDonald



MEMORIALS & HONORARIUM

Bus Fund In Memory of Steve Wilson
General Fund In Memory of Rusty Wehunt
General Fund In Memory of Dr. Pete Gilbert
General Fund in Memory of Joann Holton
General Fund in Memory of Susan Barrier

SERVANTS @ A GLANCE

Deacons:

- Oct 11: *Linda Nicholson Beard and Kathy Pruett
- Oct 18: *Ann Rhoads and David Sanders
- *Sunday Morning Announcements

Greeters:

- Oct 11: Paula Langston
- Oct 18: Beth Bray

Ushers:

- Oct 11: Terry Canup, Jimmy Bray, Pam Canup, & Trell Wilson
- Oct 18: Mark Beardsley, Bob Harper, Johnny Eubanks, & Janis Miller

Nursery Team:

- Oct 11: Jennifer Sanders
- Oct 18: Jennifer Sanders

Counters:

- Oct 12: Karen Westbrooks
- Oct 19: Deborah Adams



MEALS ON WHEELS

10/7: Kim Ashe
10/8: Brenda Meadows
10/9: Renee Kelley
10/12: Bob Greco & Susan Harper
10/13: Kathy Thomason & Janis Miller
10/14: Beverly George
10/15: Mark & Barbara Beardsley
10/16: Beth Mattox
10/19: Glenda Barron
10/20: Tracy Wilson
10/21: Kathy & Ernie Pruett
10/22: Marilyn & Michael Miller
10/23: Randall & Karen Wardlaw

Pastor Search Committee Report:

We've posted our ad in a variety of CBF and non-CBF resources throughout the Southeast, and asked several trusted contacts for recommendations for candidates.

We've had 26 (or so) submissions from prospective candidates. Of those, we've scheduled interviews with eight. Of the eight, four had second interviews. We eliminated one, one withdrew, we had a third interview with one, and we're trying to schedule a third with another. We have two serious candidates: one is a single man in his mid-thirties, and the other is a married woman in her mid-thirties with two young children. It will be a first senior pastor posting for either.

We consider them to both be capable, and to finish our process we need to hold the third interview with one and view a recent sermon from the other.

If one of these candidates leads to a recommendation from the committee to move forward, we should know that within a few weeks.

We are very grateful for your prayers and your patience.

Dylan Wilbanks, Donna Allen, Todd Chandler, Wesley Henson, Kathy Pruett, Jennifer Sanders, Karen Wardlaw

FOOD BANK DELIVERY VOLUNTEERS



Week of Oct 11th - Mark Beardsley

Week of Oct 18th - Jeanie Whitener

Week of Oct 25th - Ann Rhoads

Week of Nov 1st - Sharon Highsmith