



BRANCHES

NEWSLETTER

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OPERATION IN AS MUCH - A DAY OF SERVICE SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24TH

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

Many of you may remember that several years ago, when Dr. Carlton Allen was our pastor, our church began Operation In As Much. It was a special day when church members came together to serve others throughout our community—to be the hands and feet of Jesus.

It was a wonderful ministry that our church participated in for quite a few years, and we are excited to begin Operation In As Much again! But we need you to help make it happen!

There will be a variety of mission projects taking place throughout the day, and we hope you'll find a project team that interests you. Some of the ideas we are discussing include:

- Light construction projects — such as repairing steps or building a ramp
- Yard work — helping with outdoor projects for those who need assistance
- Meal preparation — preparing meals to take to families experiencing illness or difficult circumstances
- Bud vases — creating small arrangements to deliver to our homebound members
- Nursing home visits — possibly providing music, interactive games,

We are still in the planning stages, so if you have an idea for a project—or know of someone in our community who could use a helping hand—please let us know! The more people who participate, the more people we can serve and the greater impact we can make in our community.

You'll be hearing more about Operation In As Much as we get closer to October 24th. Sign-up sheets will be available in the coming weeks, so be thinking about which project you would like to help with. There's a place for everyone!

The Local Missions Committee

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **August 24th - 28th** Deacon election absentee ballots available at church office.
- **August 30th - Deacon Elections & Church Conference**
- **Sept 1st - Welcome Back Jolly Agers!**
- **September 2nd - Wednesday Night Supper and Gathering.** The Gathering is reading *God won't leave you there: Joseph Stories* by Anne Graham Lotz; which is available on Amazon.
- **September 7th - Happy Labor Day!** Church office will be closed in honor of Labor Day.



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

\$22,497.17



MEMORIALS & HONORARIUM

Bus Fund In Memory of Reni Chitwood

Bus Fund In Honor of Church Office Staff:
Mary and Jennifer

Bus Fund in Memory of
Susan Butts Foster

FOOD BANK

DELIVERY VOLUNTEERS

Week of August 30th - Ann Rhoads
Week of Sept 6th - Sharon Highsmith
Week of Sept 13th - Mark Beardsley
Week of Sept 20th - Jeanie Whitener



MEALS ON WHEELS

8/26: Vickie McElroy & Patsy Simmons
8/27: Susan Harvin
8/28: Randall & Karen Wardlaw
8/31: Bob Harper
9/1: Bob Harper
9/2: Kim Ashe
9/3: Jon Massey
9/4: Marilyn & Michael Miller
9/7: Closed
9/8: Kathy Thomason & Janis Miller
9/9: Beverly George
9/10: Brenda Meadows
9/11: Beth Mattox



FINANCIAL UPDATE

Monthly Giving Required: \$39,500
Monthly Giving as To-Date: \$23,545
Year To Date Giving Required: \$440,012
YTD as of To-Date: \$352,978

Boys & Girls Club Commerce

Let's help stock the pantry for the new school year! Please bring donations to the church and place in boxes near the elevator. Suggested items are:

Ramen Noodles, applesauce cups, breakfast bars, Pop Tarts, Granola bars, juice boxes, Slim Jims, fruit snacks, Little Bites muffins, Rice Krispie treats, individual bags of crackers, Goldfish or chips

Thank you for supporting our mission projects!

SERVANTS @ A GLANCE

Deacons:

- Aug 30: *Linda Nicholson Beard & Susan Harvin
- Sept 6: *Joyce Bradshaw & Johnny Eubanks
*Sunday Morning Announcements

Greeters:

- Aug 30: *Beth Bray
- Sept 6: *Linda Bryant

Ushers:

- Aug 30: Marilyn Henderson, Ann Rhoads, Paula Langston, Bob Greco, Vickie McElroy, & Trell Wilson
- Sept 6: William Westbrooks, Bill Hairston, Donna Allen, & Susan Harvin

Nursery Team:

- Aug 30: Jennifer Sanders
- Sept 6: Jennifer Sanders

Counters:

- Aug 31: Karen Westbrooks
- Sept 8: David Sanders

Outreach:

- Month of September: Kathy Thomason



Welcome Back!



12:00 Noon in the Fellowship Hall
Guest Band - Sally and Sidekicks

Event is FREE; Just bring something tasty to share and invite a friend!

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



8/27: Connie Laflamme	9/4: Judy Farr
8/28: Jean Ford	9/6: Patsy Simmons
8/29: Steve Wilson	9/9: Chas Hardy III
8/30: William Rhoads	9/9: Carleigh Chandler
8/31: Merritt Shirley	9/10: Vickie Vaughn
9/1: Gloria Seabolt	9/11: Peter Harvin
9/1: Steven Beardsley	9/11: Johnny Eubanks
9/3: Vince Buchanan	9/11: John Terry Brown