

# BRANCHES

## NEWSLETTER

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### FEBRUARY WEDNESDAY NIGHT GATHERINGS

February often brings cold nights and icy winds, and it can be tempting to stay tucked away at home. But this season, we hope you'll consider bundling up and joining us on Wednesday evenings for something truly special. Throughout the month of February, our Wednesday Night Gathering will feature a month-long guest speaker, Max Briggs. He brings thoughtful, encouraging messages that speak to faith, perseverance, and God's presence in every season of life. Max is an ordained minister, having been ordained while serving in ministry leadership roles and staff positions at Grove Level Baptist Church in Banks County for over seven years. He currently teaches the Betherean Adult Sunday School class at Colbert Baptist Church in Madison County. After a career of more than 25 years in law enforcement and public safety, Max now serves as a Vice President with Chesley Brown International in Atlanta. Max and his wife, Sheila Allen Briggs, live in Jefferson, Georgia. They are blessed with five grown children and ten grandchildren. He is passionate about bringing God's Word to the forefront of believers' lives through in-depth study and illustrative preaching and teaching. One of his greatest joys is helping believers discover something new about Jesus and guiding those who do not yet know Him into a relationship with Christ. Our church may be cold this time of year, but the fellowship is warm and the message meaningful. Whether you attend every Wednesday or are able to join us for just one evening, we believe you will be blessed by Max Briggs' teaching and the opportunity to gather together as a church family. We look forward to welcoming you this February.

### CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Rescheduled Church Conference: Sunday February 1, Directly after Worship Services**
- **Congregational Conversation: Sunday, February 1, In the FELLOWSHIP CENTER** starting directly after January's rescheduled Church Conference. We'd like to hear from as many voices as possible. So please mark your calendars and plan to join us and bring a covered dish to share! Everyone is encouraged to attend, Church Members and Non-Members.
- **Jolly Agers meeting is February 3rd at noon.** Come for the fun, stay for the prizes, and enjoy some warm fellowship with friends. Don't miss it!
- **Valentine Gift Bags:** Church Community Mission Project, Donations needed by Sunday February 8.
- **Spaghetti Dinner & Cake Auction – Sunday, February 15 at 6pm Ticket are available at the Church Office**
- **Baked Goods Needed!** Our youth are hosting a Cake Auction to help support upcoming activities and trips, and we need your help! If you enjoy baking, please consider donating a cake, pie, or other homemade dessert for the auction. Your baked goods are a meaningful way to support our students and encourage the next generation. Sign-up details and drop-off information will be shared soon. Thank you for your generosity and continued support of our youth ministry!
- **Men's Community Breakfast:** All men are invited to join us for the Men's Community Breakfast on **Sunday, February 22.** Enjoy a great meal, meaningful fellowship, and encouragement as we gather together. Bring a friend and come hungry!
- **Food Bank:** We need your help! Food bank is in need of canned goods and boxed food. Drop off at FBC during church office hours, food can be dropped off in the bins near the elevator.

### Valentine Gift Bags

#### HELP US SHARE GOD'S LOVE

Please bring any of these items to put in our Valentine gift bags by Sunday, February 8

Collection Boxes are located near the elevator.

Items Needed:

Hand Sanitizer	Note Paper & Pen
Lotion	Puzzle Books
Kleenex	Chapstick
Nail Clippers	Devotional Books
Emery Boards	Socks



### BIRTHDAYS



1/27: Oliver Pratt	2/3: Carolyn Golden
1/27: Lily Head	2/3: Katie Sinquefield
1/28: Ann Brown	2/4: Deborah Adams
1/29: Macie Fouché	2/5: Janice Minish
1/30: Mattie Canup	2/8: Anna Hardy
2/2: Cole Spear	2/15: Amy Halley

### FINANCIAL UPDATE

Monthly Giving Required: \$39,500  
Monthly Giving as End January: \$24,056  
Year To Date Giving Required: \$178,250  
YTD as of End January: \$166,479

### MEALS ON WHEELS

1/28: Vicky McElroy & Patsy Simmons  
1/29: Janis Miller  
1/30: Glenda Barron  
2/2: Beth Mattox  
2/3: Bob Harper  
2/4: Brittany Piltcher  
2/5: Jon Massey  
2/6: Marilyn & Michael Miller  
2/9: Bob Greco & Susan Harper  
2/10: Kathy Thomason & Janis Miller  
2/11: Beverly George  
2/12: Brenda Meadows  
2/13: Randall & Karen Wardlaw

### FOOD BANK DELIVERY VOLUNTEERS

Week of February 1<sup>st</sup>: Mark Beardsley  
Week of February 8<sup>th</sup>: Jeanie Whitener  
Week of February 15<sup>th</sup>: Ann Rhoads  
Week of February 22<sup>nd</sup>: Sharon Highsmith

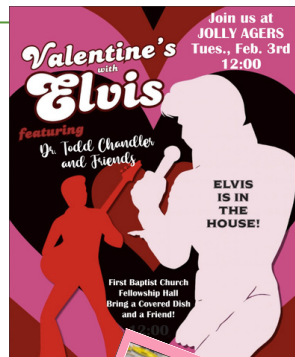
### THANK YOU

Thank you FBC for all the kindness, support, food, and love you have given me and my family. It is greatly appreciated. With Love, Deborah Burell

### NEXT MEETING FEB 3



**12:00 Noon in the Fellowship Hall**  
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!



### SERVANTS @ A GLANCE

#### Deacons:

- February 1: \*Cameron Shirley and Bob Harper
  - February 8: \*Harold Ward and Terry Canup
- \*Sunday Morning Announcements

#### Greeters:

- February 1: William Westbrooks
- February 8: Paula Langston

#### Ushers:

- February 1: \*William Westbrooks, Dakota Malcom, Matt Shirley and Emerson King
- February 8: \*Terry Canup, Jon Massey, Tricia Massey, Jimmy Bray, and Pam Canup

#### Nursery Team:

- February 1: Jennifer Sanders & Pam Canup
- February 8: Tricia Massey & Jennifer Sanders

### MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS

Music Fund in Memory of Linda Hendrix  
General Budget in Memory of Elizabeth Long  
General Budget in Memory of Linda Hendrix  
Flower Fund in Memory of Linda Hendrix  
General Budget in Memory of Donie Driver  
Local Missions in Memory of Linda Hendrix  
Food Bank in Memory of Donie Driver  
General Budget in Memory of Martha Gillis

### LOCAL MISSIONS ACTIVITY SNACK BAGS FOR STREET LOVE MINISTRIES HOMELESS

