



BRANCHES

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WORDS FROM THE PASTOR

The Lord is my Shepherdd (*that's relationship*), **I shall not want** (*that's source*). **He leads me beside still waters** (*that's rest*), **He restores my soul** (*that's healing*). **He guides me along paths of righteousness** (*that's direction*), **for His name sake** (*that's dedication*). **Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death** (*that's testing*), **I will fear no evil** (*that's protection*), **for you are with me** (*that's faithfulness*). **Your rod and staff comfort me** (*that's support*). **You prepare a table before me** (*that's provision*) **in the presence of my enemies** (*that's hope*). **You anoint my head with oil** (*that's divine purpose*), **my cup overflows** (*that's abundance*). **Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life** (*that's blessing*) **and I will dwell in the house of the Lord** (*that's security*) **forever** (*that's eternity*). After reflecting upon these insights, may Psalm 23 come alive in new ways. And as sheep of his flock, may the Good Shepherd hold you close in His arms of love as you listen to His voice and follow Him. I look forward to seeing you Sunday as we celebrate two new members profess their faith in believer's baptism and gather around the Lord's table to remember his gracious sacrifice for the world.

Blessings, PV

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **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.
- **Meals on Wheels:** **Volunteer needed!** We are looking for a volunteer to pick up the 2nd Friday of each month. Please reach out to Bess Stanford if you would like to fill this position.
- **Wednesday Night Suppers:** Everyone is invited to join the church meal - time and fellowship on Wednesdays at 5:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Reservations can be made through REALM or by contacting the church office.
- **Budget:** Be on the lookout for the budget! This will be mailed to FBC members, the vote will be held during the Church Conference on September 28th.
- **Jolly Agers:** Get ready! Jolly Agers will take their next day trip to The World of Coke in Atlanta GA on October 16th.
- **Boo Fest:** The Commerce Public Library will have their Boo Fest on October 30th located at the Commerce Public Library.

SERVANTS @ A GLANCE

Deacons: **September 14/** Randall Wardlaw & Matt Shirley
September 21/ Linda Nicholson Beard & Susan Harvin
Greeters: **September 14/** Beth Bray
September 21/ Daniel Hill
Ushers: **September 14/** William Westbrooks, Matt Shirley, Bill Hairston, Dakota Malcom, & Emerson King
September 21/ Terry Canup, Jimmy Bray, Jon Massey, Tricia Massey, & Pam Canup
Nursery Team: **September 14/** Rachel & Dakota Malcom
September 21/ Jennifer Sanders & Ann Shirley
Children's Worship: **September 14/** Mandy Byers & Stacey Hayes
September 21/ Mandy Byers & Ann Rhoads

BIRTHDAYS

9/12: Terry Minish
9/13: Lawrence George
9/14: Amanda Simmons & Jacob Woods
9/16: Dawn Suber
9/20: Douglas Goddard
9/22: Lisa Lathem
9/23: Mary Howard
9/24: Kennedy Totherow
9/25: Johnny Bridges & Lynn Greene
9/26: Geraldine Bridges
9/27: Genny Shirley & Colin Harvin



MEALS ON WHEELS

9/10: Beverly George
9/11: Carol Hodgkins
9/12: Janis Miller
9/15: Glenda Barron
9/16: Tracy Wilson
9/17: Ernie & Kathy Pruett
9/18: Mark & Barbara Beardsley
9/19: Renee Kelley
9/22: Bess Stanford & Ann Garner
9/23: Bess Stanford & Ann Garner
9/24: Patsy Simmons & Vickie McElroy
9/25: Susan Harvin
9/26: Randall & Karen Wardlaw



MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS

General Budget in memory of Pete Allen
Music Fund in memory of Pete Allen
Building Fund in memory of Mike Rhoads
General Budget in memory of Dr. Jon Milford
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General Budget in memory of Alice Griffin
General Budget in honor of Dr. Lawrence George

General Budget in memory of Mike Rhoads
General Budget in memory of Jim Farr
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Local Missions in memory of Dr. Jon Milford
Food Bank in memory of Dr. Jon Milford
Youth Passport in memory of Darce Chandler
Local Missions in memory of Darce Chandler

NEXT MEETING October 7, 2025

12:00 Noon in the Fellowship Hall
Event is FREE; Just bring something tasty to share, and invite a friend!



OCOTOBER DAY TRIP

World of Coke Museum and Lunch
October 16, 2025

MUST RSVP and Prepay by September 22nd
Cost: \$21 Entrance and your Food and Souvenirs
Will leave the Church at 10:30 AM



FOOD BANK DELIVERY VOLUNTEERS

Week of September 8: Ann Rhoads
Week of September 15: Sharon Highsmith
Week of September 22: Mark Beardsley
Week of September 29: Steve & Trell Wilson



IN OTHER NEWS

Our Fall Festival

October 26



FINANCIAL UPDATE

Monthly Giving Required: \$40,117
Monthly Giving as of Mid September: \$58,968
YTD Giving Required through September: \$455,000
YTD as of End September: \$450,791



Wednesday Night Supper Menus

RSVP via REALM or Contacting the church Office
\$8 Adults and \$5 Kids
Price increases October 1st

September 10th -Bar-B-Que Sandwiches, Brunswick Stew, Chips, Cole Slaw, & Dessert

September 17th -Taco Bar, Black Beans, Rice, Sweet Corn and Dessert

September 24th -TBD

Thank You from the Bottom of My Heart!

I just wanted to say thank you to everyone here at the church. I am so blessed to work alongside you all—you made me and my family feel truly seen and cared for.

When my husband, Richard, was in the hospital, your prayers, kind words, and support meant the world to us. It honestly brought so much comfort during a really tough time. We felt every bit of love you sent our way.

With love and gratitude,

Jennifer Renzetti

