

October, 2018



Hello Folks,

I hope that all of you are enjoying God's blessings in your life.

Looking into the month of October, I begin to think of the harvest celebrations that we use to have when I was a child. People would come together at churches or civic centers and we would play games, eat good food, and enjoy fellowship. It was a time that we all took a breath and relaxed. For us, as Christians, there is never a time to slack off our goal of the great commission. We may harvest fruit and vegetables only once a year, but we must always look for souls who are seeking the truth. Jesus told his disciples in John 4:35 "Don't you say, 'There are four more months and then comes the harvest?' I tell you, look up and see that the fields are already white for harvest!" The fields are still white and we are the workers God has called to go into those fields and share the gospel. I have heard people say before that they were not good at explaining the gospel. Remember how God gave Moses the words to say? God will give you what to say. Trust Him to send the Holy Spirit to work in each situation. Sometimes you do not even have to say anything. A smile, a kind word, or a helping hand can show the gospel to someone who is seeking hope. Never fail to look to the fields. Our enemy, Satan, wants to destroy us. He does not want you to share the good news with anyone. Be encouraged the fields are truly ready for the harvest and God will equip you to gather in the souls. Be blessed and have a great day. Brother Clint

Deacon Family Ministry

Deacon Name	Your Family Last Name
	<u>Begins with:</u>
Sam Ashley	A - C, W
Pat Sherrill	D - G
Steve Snyder	H - K
Robin Roberts	L - O
Paul Allen	P - R
Bob Lowery	S - V, Y

Please contact your Deacon directly with any concerns or questions you may have. They will gladly direct your information to the correct ministry.



Brotherhood Breakfast

Sunday, October 21 8:00 a.m.

All men & boys are invited.

In Memoriam

A donation was given to the Blessing Box Ministry of James Memorial in memory of Estelle Arrington by the Mary Magdalene (Polly Smith) Sunday School Class.

A donation was made to the Backpack Ministry Fund in memory of Estelle Arrington by the Ed Slaten Sunday School Class.

A donation was given in memory of Sandra McNair to the JMBC General Fund by the Pat Sherrill Sunday School Class.

In Sympathy

The Staff and James Memorial Church Family extends Christian sympathy to Mrs. Marzell Lasseter in the death of her daughter, Cecilia Clement. Mrs. Clement passed away Wednesday, September 5, 2018.

The James Memorial Baptist Church and Staff extends Christian sympathy to the family of Sandra McNair. Mrs. McNair passed away on September 20, 2018.



WOM will be participating in the Chonda Pierce Outing on October 27. No Meeting will be held at the church this month.

Thank you so much for all the prayers and support you have given our family these past weeks during our Mom's illness.

Craig Arrington Family, Chita Kite, Caitlin, Brandi, Brooke & Blake

Homecoming week at Gaston School was a couple of weeks ago, and although I did not graduate from Gaston, Julie and I had a chance to think about days gone by. Some memories seem very crisp and fresh, others very distant and foggy. Some memories make us wish we were still that young and care free, others remind us how far we have grown. Memories in our Christian lives are similar. It is important that we often think back to the days before we surrendered to Christ, recognize where He brought us from, and thank Him for where He is leading us still. Ephesians 2:1-2a "And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked." We need to remember the state we were in prior to experiencing the grace of Christ. Eph. 2:4-8 "But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, 5 even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— 6 and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, 7 so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. 8 For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God," Let us all consider with great joy the fact that we are once sinners who have been redeemed by the boundless grace of Christ.



Fall Festival

Wednesday, October 31

6 - 8 p.m.

Candy Collection - Women on Mission and Brotherhood are now collecting candy donations for the Fall Festival. Please place candy in designated boxes in the Welcome Center.


Coat Donations - It's not too early to start donating coats for the school children this year!



Chonda Pierce in Concert Saturday, October 27 7:00 p.m.

For more details, see info sheets /sign up sheet in the Welcome Center.

Proposed 2019 Budget - Copies of the proposed 2019 Budget will be made available at the church beginning October 24. If you would like to receive a copy thru the mail, please call the church office. The **2019 Budget Vote** will take place on Sunday, November 4.

Just A Note 

There are about 107 references in the Old Testament and 42 in the New Testament to "fear not". Anything mentioned that many times must be important. God wants His children to trust Him and fear not. There are many things that can cause fear in us. It could be what a person thinks of us or says about us or it could be a life and death situation; simple to complex... The children of Israel faced a very complex situation and had every reason to be utterly terrified. They were not facing going back into bondage, but the impending slaughter of their families, their little ones, their aged parents. There was no human escape. These were good reasons for fear, but even better ones for remaining confident. They had God on their side. He had sent lightning and locusts and many other plagues upon the Egyptians. God was saying to them: "Get a grip. Reel in your runaway emotions. Bring yourself under control. Work your way from fear to faith. Trust Me, for I am going to take care of this. I'm going to fight for you." What peace! Sweet peace! "Be strong and of good courage, do not fear nor be afraid of them; for the Lord your God, He is the One who goes with you. He will not leave you nor forsake you." Deut. 31:6 Whatever you are facing today, whoever you are facing today it is God who will fight for you. "No weapon formed against you shall prosper; And every tongue that accuses you in judgment you will condemn. This is the heritage of the Lord, and their vindication is from Me." declares the Lord." Isaiah 54:17

Myra Reagan

October Meetings and Events

- ◆ **Deacons' Meeting**, October 7, 8:30 a.m.
- ◆ **Quarterly Business Meeting** October 10, 6:30 p.m
- ◆ **Brotherhood Breakfast**, October 21, 8:00 a.m.
- ◆ **Chonda Pierce Event**, October 27, 7:00 p.m.
- ◆ **Fall Festival**, October 31, 6:00 p.m.

Financial Statements If you would like a copy of the monthly financial statement, you may come by the office to pick one up or have one mailed to you. For security reasons, we no longer post the financial information in the Messenger or Sunday Bulletin.

From the Children's Department: Thanks to Craig Ford for providing pizza once a month for the children on Wednesday nights.

Samaritan's Purse - Begin now collecting items to place in a shoe-box for a child. Deadline for collection is Wednesday, November 14.

Deacons - Security/Greeters

Oct. 7 Donny Hunter - 256-504-8820, Paul Allen - 256-458-3683

Oct. 14 Bob Lowery - 256-390-1208, Steve Snyder - 256-546-7557

Oct. 21 Robin Roberts - 256-393-9415, Sam Ashley - 256-504-8224

Oct. 28 Pat Sherrill - 256-543-7742, Paul Allen - 256-458-3683

Sunday Counting

Donny Hunter, Karen Johnson

Ushers

Oct. 7 - Alexander Allen, Gene Johnson
Robin Roberts, Sam Ashley

Oct. 14 - Bryant Allen, Pat Sherrill, Bob Lowery,
Rickey Frasier, Robby Robertson

Oct. 21 - Alexander Allen, Gene Johnson
Robin Roberts, Sam Ashley

Oct. 28 - Bryant Allen, Pat Sherrill, Bob Lowery,
Rickey Frasier, Robby Robertson

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In God We Trust
 Psalms 56:4

VITAL STATISTICS

Sunday, September 2, 2018

Sunday School Attendance	66
Worship Attendance	72

Sunday, September 9, 2018

Sunday School Attendance	67
Worship Attendance	83

Sunday, September 16, 2018

Sunday School Attendance	64
Worship Attendance	86

Sunday, September 23, 2018

Sunday School Attendance	59
Worship Attendance	92

JMBC Staff

Clint Moon	.Pastor
Matt (Julie) Johnson	Minister of Youth
Myra Reagan	Choir/Music Director
Marjorie Hall	Organist
Marie Barnes	Guest Pianist
Rachel Chaney	Secretary
Murray McBurnett	Custodian

Miss a Service? You can live stream the service on Facebook.

Blessing Box/Food Pantry

Items are needed for the Blessing Box/Food Pantry. Place items directly in the Box or put in plastic container in the Welcome Center. Thanks for your help!

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**Exalting the Savior, Equipping the Saints,
Evangelizing the Sinner”**